

KANE (HUGH) PAPERS

The Hugh Kane Papers consist of journals, reports, notes, and correspondence on publishing in Canada from 1955 to 1981 written and compiled by Hugh Kane (1911-1984) during his career at McClelland and Stewart Publishing Company and at Macmillan Company of Canada. They include journals from his coast-to-coast business trips; correspondence with authors such as Constance Beresford-Howe, John Diefenbaker, Bruce Hutchinson, Dennis Lee, Thomas Raddall, and business associates such as Jack McClelland and John Gray; and notes and correspondence on censorship.

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The Hugh Kane Papers were donated to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library in December 1984 by Mrs. Lorna Kane.

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- 1911 September Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Hugh Smiley Kane, a sea captain, and Alice Harvey Pyper; moved to Canada when he was a child.
- 1922-28 Attended Rothesay Collegiate School, near Saint John, New Brunswick, where his family lived during the winter
- 1928-1929 Worked for Sun Life Assurance Company in Montreal where his family lived during the summer
- 1929-31 (?) Lived in New York with his uncle who was an actor
- 1936 Moved to Toronto and worked for Reginald Saunders' book distributing firm
- 1937-1969 Worked for McClelland and Stewart, except for his service in the Royal Canadian Air Force, 1942-1946; in 1955 Dorothy, his first wife, died and in 1955 married Lorna Elizabeth Would; in 1955 he became vice president.
- 1962-1963 Chairman of the Book Publishers' Association of Canada
- 1963-1966 President of the Co-operative Book Centre of Canada
- 1966-1967 President of the Canadian Book Publishers' Council
- 1969-1972 President of Macmillan Company of Canada
- 1972-1976 Vice Chairman of Macmillan after MacLean-Hunter bought it in 1972
- 1973 Published Joseph Smallwood, I Chose Canada
- 1974 Published Gwendolyn MacEwen, Magic Animals; Hugh MacLennan and John Visser, Rivers of Canada; and Dennis Lee, Alligator Pie.
- 1975 Published the first volume of Our Canada, by John Diefenbaker
- 1976-1982 President and managing director, Natural Science Library, McClelland Stewart
- 1984 October Died in Stratford, Ontario

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BOX 1

McClelland & Stewart

- Journals of selling trips across Canada, 1955-1964. Typescripts.
- McClelland & Stewart policy and procedures. Typescripts.

BOX 2

McClelland & Stewart Correspondence.

- Letters received and some letters written while Kane was an editor with McClelland and Stewart including authors such as Thomas Raddall, Constance Beresford-Howe, John Diefenbaker, Bruce Hutchinson, Dennis Lee and William Arthur Deacon.
- General Correspondence with business associates: Jack McClelland, John Gray, 1969-80.
- Office memos exchanged between Kane and Jack McClelland.

BOX 3

Macmillans of Canada correspondence.

- Letters received by Kane on his appointment to Macmillans of Canada, 1969.
- General Macmillan correspondence, 1968-1983.
- Correspondence and contracts relating to the publicity of various books: John Diefenbaker's Memoirs and Dennis Lee's Alligator Pie and Nicolas Knock, Onah McFee Sandbars and Child of the Morning.
- Memorabilia relating to Gray's retirement, 1973. John Gray's biographical notes.
- Thank you letter from Hugh Kane to Macmillan staff
- Frank Whitehead's correspondence with Macmillan's staff, John Gray & Hugh Kane, 1971-1973.

BOX 4

Macmillans of Canada.

- Selling trips to Western Canada, 1970. Typescripts.
- Personal correspondence, 1972-74. Typescript.
- Macmillan memoranda when Kane left in 1976. Xerox copies.
- Correspondence with Kane when he was President of Friends of the Osborne Collection, 1975.
- Supplementary notes to the Royal Commission on Book publishing from the Macmillan company of Canada. 1971. Xerox copy.
- Typescript of Trade Division The State of the Union.
- Macmillan staff salaries 1975.
- Policy and Procedure of the Macmillan company of Canada. Typescripts.

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BOX 5

Book & Periodical Development Council, 1980-81.
 - Typescripts of reports
 - Censorship files kept by Kane includes newspaper clippings, and letters.
 - Ms & ts of notes on Panel Discussions on Book censorship May 1961 by Canadian Book Sellers Assoc.

BOX 6

Manuscripts and typescripts of copies of Kane's speeches 1946 - 1965; 1966 - 1975.

BOX 7

Bruce Hutchinson's Uncle Percy's Wonderful Town edited by Kane, 1981.
 - Correspondence between Bruce Hutchinson and Hugh Kane relating to the editing of Hutchinson's book.
 - Related material: memorandum of agreement, biographical material on Bruce Hutchinson, book reviews, dust jackets, illustrations, additions to galley proofs, Emerald Vale notes, correspondence with T.H. Best Printing Company.

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BOX 8

Correspondence and memos between Jack McClelland and Hugh Kane including copies of Kane's correspondence, 1948, 1962-1976, 1979-1983. Financial statements and reports for McClelland and Stewart, and correspondence between Jack McClelland and Lorna Kane and Sean Kane, 1985-1987 are also included.

BOX 9

NSL-Natural Science of Canada. Correspondence and memos to and from Kane as president of NSL. Copies of his correspondence, 1980-1983. Financial statements, 1977-1980.

BOX 10

Macmillan Company of Canada Limited. Correspondence and memos between Kane, editors, and writers. Includes correspondence about Alberta novels, 1973-1975, and from individual writers such as Morley Callaghan, Robertson Davies, John Diefenbaker, Grattan O'Leary; confidential correspondence, 1972-1976. Copies.