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## Finding Aid - J.R. Dymond fonds (SC71)

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# J.R. Dymond fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Royal Ontario Museum
<b>Title:</b>	J.R. Dymond fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	SC71
<b>Accession [8403 29] :</b>	8403 29
<b>Accession [8403 12] :</b>	8403 12
<b>Date:</b>	1921 - 1969 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	3 boxes of textual records
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	2/17/2023 E. Thomas (Creation)

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

John Richardson Dymond was born in Middlesex, Ontario, 1887, his father being a farmer from England. He completed high school in Strathroy, 1906 and taught school until he entered Victoria College, U of T 1908. On graduation he was employed by seed branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture. He returned to U of T in 1920 for his MA, on animal feeds of grains plus weed seeds. In 1950, University of British Columbia conferred the degree of Doctor of Science on J.R. Dymond in recognition of his distinguished work.

Dymond was appointed lecturer of Systematic Biology. In 1922 he began a long association with the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, as secretary to director. His specialty being taxonomy of fishes, he expanded the collections, which became the basis of much subsequent work. Professor Dymond was appointed Head of Biology in 1948. His many years of administration at the ROM contributed to Diamond being a popular and able Head. He was concerned especially with the conservation of renewable resources and saw the role of the department as conducting the graduate level research, which would underpin conservation.

Professor Dymond had a great interest in students and was quick to help when needed. The bibliography of Dymond publications (1962) listed 19 on fish and wildlife topics, including monographs on lakes Erie, Nipigon, Abitibi, Ontario and Canada east of Rocky Mountains. Taxonomic groups of greatest interest were salmonids, coregonids, and centrarchids. In 1964 he published "History of Ichthyology in Canada". The two central themes of Professor Dymond's professional life were the taxonomy plus biology of fishes and the conservation of fish and wildlife via public education. He was a founder of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and in demand as an organizer of nature studies. He served on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission as chair of the Advisory Committee of Fisheries and Wildlife Research, Ontario and was named Officer of the British Empire for his many services to the Government of Canada.

As Head of Biology JR Dymond was able to expand the faculty with new hires, but the department was constrained greatly by lack of laboratory, teaching and office space. He began the process of defining

these requirements plus preliminary plans for a new building and was effective at communicating to the university administration this need of the Biology Department. Professor Dymond retired in 1956 and died in 1964.

## Custodial history

Material donated to the ROM by Dr. E.J. Crossman in March 1984.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of J.R. Dymond's research, correspondence, and related material, primarily in the field of ichthyology.

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## Notes

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### Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions of access.

### Note [General]

The ROM holds 13 bird specimens collected by Dymond in northern Ontario, Toronto, Quebec, and British Columbia.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
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## Collection holdings

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### File: SC71-1 - Correspondence and notes

Title: Correspondence and notes

Reference code: SC71-1

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1941-1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of notes and correspondence regarding the Guelph Conference on the Conservation of Natural Resources in Ontario, 1947.

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

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**File: SC71-2 - Report on Sturgeon Stages to B.A.A.S.**

Title: Report on Sturgeon Stages to B.A.A.S.

Reference code: SC71-2

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: August 1924 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

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**File: SC71-3 - History of attempts to develop artificial propagation of sturgeon, inc. Lake Nipigon Work, pages 200-300**

Title: History of attempts to develop artificial propagation of sturgeon, inc. Lake Nipigon Work, pages 200-300

Reference code: SC71-3

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: [1926?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

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**File: SC71-4 - Notes from a research trip to Lake Nipigon**

Title: Notes from a research trip to Lake Nipigon

Reference code: SC71-4

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: [1923-1942?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: Includes photographs and hand-drawn maps of Lake Nipigon and environs.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records  
63 photographs : b&w prints ; 25.3 x 20.5 cm or smaller

Physical condition: Some photographs are glued to sheets and others loose.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
  - Graphic material (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-5 - Correspondence**

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: SC71-5

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1923-1960 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File includes correspondence and hand drawn maps of Gull River, near Lake Nipigon.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-6 - Sturgeon study**

Title: Sturgeon study

Reference code: SC71-6

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1924-1969 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records  
71 photographs : b&w prints : 25.3 x 20.6 cm or smaller

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
  - Graphic material (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-7 - Research notes – productivity**

Title: Research notes – productivity

Reference code: SC71-7

Box number [alternative]: 1

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-8 - The Sturgeon: *Acipenser fulvescens* Rafinesque / William J.K. Harkness, pages 200-330 [carbon copy, inc. hand-written table of contents]**

Title: The Sturgeon: *Acipenser fulvescens* Rafinesque / William J.K. Harkness, pages 200-330 [carbon copy, inc. hand-written table of contents]

Reference code: SC71-8

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-9 - Sturgeon distribution – completed**

Title: Sturgeon distribution – completed

Reference code: SC71-9

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1942-1944 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-10 - History in various waters [inc. map of North Bay, Ontario, 1934, with markings by Dymond of research areas]**

Title: History in various waters [inc. map of North Bay, Ontario, 1934, with markings by Dymond of research areas]

Reference code: SC71-10

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1934-1960 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-11 - Photographs and negatives of research expeditions**

Title: Photographs and negatives of research expeditions

Reference code: SC71-11

Box number [alternative]: 1

Physical description: 40 photographs : b&w prints ; 25.3 x 20.5 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-12 - Conservation issues history**

Title: Conservation issues history

Reference code: SC71-12



Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: [1960?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-13 - References**

Title: References

Reference code: SC71-13

Box number [alternative]: 1

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-14 - Artificial Propagation**

Title: Artificial Propagation

Reference code: SC71-14

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1956-1957 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-15 - Research notes and articles**

Title: Research notes and articles

Reference code: SC71-15

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1924-1942 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-16 - Correspondence – Lake sturgeon publication**

Title: Correspondence – Lake sturgeon publication

Reference code: SC71-16

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-17 - Research note on eggs –numbers, size, WT caviar**

Title: Research note on eggs –numbers, size, WT caviar

Reference code: SC71-17

Box number [alternative]: 1

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-18 - Notes on periodicity in spawning**

Title: Notes on periodicity in spawning

Reference code: SC71-18

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1942-1958 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-19 - Behaviour notes - size of spawning sturgeon, life history**

Title: Behaviour notes - size of spawning sturgeon, life history

Reference code: SC71-19

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: [1951?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-20 - Correspondence – State of Wisconsin Conservation Department**

Title: Correspondence – State of Wisconsin Conservation Department

Reference code: SC71-20

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1942-1960 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-21 - Notes on the history of causes of population decline**

Title: Notes on the history of causes of population decline

Reference code: SC71-21

Box number [alternative]: 1

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-22 - Research on length and weight of sturgeon**

Title: Research on length and weight of sturgeon

Reference code: SC71-22

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1941-1958 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of notes, clippings, correspondence and photographs on the length and weight of sturgeon.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,  
10 photographs : b&w prints ; 12.6 x 18.2 cm or smaller

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-23 - Research on age and growth of sturgeon**

Title: Research on age and growth of sturgeon

Reference code: SC71-23

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1941-1958 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of research notes, articles, and correspondence on age and growth of sturgeon.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-24 - Notes on size of spawning sturgeon**

Title: Notes on size of spawning sturgeon

Reference code: SC71-24

Box number [alternative]: 1

Scope and content: File consists of notes on the beds, behavior, associated fish, time, temperature, size of spawning sturgeon.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-25 - The speckled trout and its conservation / W.E. Ricker and Gregory Clark The small-mouthed black bass and its conservation / J.R. Dymond Map – “#28 Geographical Townships in Ontario”**

Title: The speckled trout and its conservation / W.E. Ricker and Gregory Clark The small-mouthed black bass and its conservation / J.R. Dymond Map – “#28 Geographical Townships in Ontario”

Reference code: SC71-25

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1931, 1933, 1959 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-26 - Correspondence between W.J.K. Harkness and W.A. Clemens**

Title: Correspondence between W.J.K. Harkness and W.A. Clemens

Reference code: SC71-26

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1922-1942 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-27 - General correspondence on sturgeons**

Title: General correspondence on sturgeons

Reference code: SC71-27

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1922-1942 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-28 - Report by the Ontario Fisheries Research Laboratory re hatching of sturgeon [handwritten manuscript]**

Title: Report by the Ontario Fisheries Research Laboratory re hatching of sturgeon [handwritten manuscript]

Reference code: SC71-28

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1922 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-29 - Spawning: life history, reproduction / W.J.K. Harkness**

Title: Spawning: life history, reproduction / W.J.K. Harkness

Reference code: SC71-29

Box number [alternative]: 1

Scope and content: File consists of a manuscript of Spawning: Life History, Reproduction by WJK Harkness.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-30 - Research and notes on caviar**

Title: Research and notes on caviar

Reference code: SC71-30

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1959 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-31 - Family history notes**

Title: Family history notes

Reference code: SC71-31

Box number [alternative]: 1

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-32 - Notes on age and weight of Lake Trout and Whitefish I**

Title: Notes on age and weight of Lake Trout and Whitefish I

Reference code: SC71-32

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1952-1961 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-33 - Notes on age and weight of Lake Trout and Whitefish II**

Title: Notes on age and weight of Lake Trout and Whitefish II

Reference code: SC71-33

Box number [alternative]: 1

Date: 1944-1959 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records,

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-34 - Early history of the Ontario Fisheries Research Laboratory**

Title: Early history of the Ontario Fisheries Research Laboratory

Reference code: SC71-34



Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: March 23, 1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-35 - History notes**

Title: History notes

Reference code: SC71-35

Box number [alternative]: 2

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: SC71-36 - Algonquin Park history notes**

Title: Algonquin Park history notes

Reference code: SC71-36

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: 1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Algonquin Park history notes, correspondence, and a text on early hotels and holiday resorts.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-37 - Sturgeon spawning [inc An Investigation of the Sturgeon, 1926]**

Title: Sturgeon spawning [inc An Investigation of the Sturgeon, 1926]

Reference code: SC71-37

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: 1921-1926 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-38 - Research re parasitology**

Title: Research re parasitology

Reference code: SC71-38

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: 1960-1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-39 - Notes re fish production and natural mortality**

Title: Notes re fish production and natural mortality

Reference code: SC71-39

Box number [alternative]: 2

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-40 - Black Bass research**

Title: Black Bass research

Reference code: SC71-40

Box number [alternative]: 2

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-41 - Yellow Perch Notes**

Title: Yellow Perch Notes

Reference code: SC71-41

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: [1961?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-42 - Million Dollar Fish From Manitoba / K. Stewart**

Title: Million Dollar Fish From Manitoba / K. Stewart

Reference code: SC71-42

Box number [alternative]: 2

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-43 - Correspondence re specimen donations to the ROM**

Title: Correspondence re specimen donations to the ROM

Reference code: SC71-43

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: 1934-1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-44 - Correspondence re specimens**

Title: Correspondence re specimens

Reference code: SC71-44

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: 1934 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-45 - Unnatural History of Ontario / J.R. Dymond [mock-up with coloured illustrations]**

Title: Unnatural History of Ontario / J.R. Dymond [mock-up with coloured illustrations]

Reference code: SC71-45

Box number [alternative]: 2

Date: 1934 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-46 - Certificate of an award for public service through conservation from The Order of the Spirit of Algonquin**

Title: Certificate of an award for public service through conservation from The Order of the Spirit of Algonquin

Reference code: SC71-46

Box number [alternative]: 3

Date: July 11, 1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-47 - The Staff of the Department of Biology, University of Toronto [with illustrations]**

Title: The Staff of the Department of Biology, University of Toronto [with illustrations]

Reference code: SC71-47

Box number [alternative]: 3

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-48 - Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Federation on Ontario Naturalists**

Title: Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Federation on Ontario Naturalists

Reference code: SC71-48

Box number [alternative]: 3

Date: February 20, 1960 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-49 - Certificate of the Julian T. Crandall Conservation Trophy awarded by the Canadian Tourist Association**

Title: Certificate of the Julian T. Crandall Conservation Trophy awarded by the Canadian Tourist Association

Reference code: SC71-49

Box number [alternative]: 3

Date: October 1, 1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-50 - Certificate of J.R. Dymond's appointment as Commissioner for Canada of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission**

Title: Certificate of J.R. Dymond's appointment as Commissioner for Canada of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission

Reference code: SC71-50

Box number [alternative]: 3

Date: September 21, 1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-51 - Certificate granting J.R. Dymond life membership in the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters**

Title: Certificate granting J.R. Dymond life membership in the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

Reference code: SC71-51

Box number [alternative]: 3

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: SC71-52 - Photograph of J.R. Dymond from his tenure from Secretary to Director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology**

Title: Photograph of J.R. Dymond from his tenure from Secretary to Director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology

Reference code: SC71-52

Box number [alternative]: 3

Date: [ca. 1922-1949] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

1 photograph : b&w print, 24.7 x 32.4 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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