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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Columbia River Treaty audio collection
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Date:	1974 (date of creation)
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records 14 sound recordings
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	The finding aid for this collection was prepared by Lisa Beitel in March 2007; revised by Michelle Curran to integrate accrual of transcripts (November 2011); revised with new numbering system applied to items (August 2012); revised again in 2015 by Kelly Stewart.

Scope and content

Collection consists of records available in multiple formats relating to the 14-lecture series "Canadian-American Relations: Perspectives on the Columbia River Treaty" held at Simon Fraser University in 1974.

The Columbia River Treaty was an agreement between Canada and the United States for flood control and the construction of dams for the generation of hydroelectricity. Four dams were constructed - three in Canada (Mica, Arrow, and Duncan) and one in the United States (Libby). The treaty was signed in 1961 but was not ratified by the Canadian Parliament. The treaty was so controversial that a Protocol was drawn up, which eventually defined the monetary terms and operational procedures without changing any of the physical plan. The Protocol was agreed upon in 1964.

The lecture series was organized through the combined efforts of the Canadian Studies Program, the Department of Continuing Studies, and the Alumni Association and was chaired by Professor George Cook of the History Department. Each lecture was given by a person who had been closely connected to the Columbia River Treaty. Admission to attend the lectures was free. All lectures were held in the East Concourse Cafeteria, SFU (Burnaby campus).

Collection consists of audio recordings of the Columbia River Treaty lecture series advertised by Simon Fraser University as "a series of talks and panels designed to increase public understanding of this issue in Canadian-American relations on the international, national, regional and local levels and from the political, legal, economic, geographic and social aspects." The collection also consists of transcripts compiled by BC Hydro (Dania Robinson) in 2011 from the audio recordings of the Columbia River Treaty lecture series. Due to variable audio quality, the transcripts are not a full disclosure of the lectures. Researchers are advised to review access copies of the original audio recordings.

Document types include reel to reel, audio cassette tapes, digital (mp3 format) as well as transcripts (paper and PDF formats) of the audio recordings.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of the collection.

Immediate source of acquisition

Audio reels were transferred to the Archives from the SFU Audio Visual Centre. In 1996 copies of the audio reels were made to audio cassette for reference purposes. In 2009 digital copies were made from the audio cassettes. Transcripts of the lectures were created by BC Hydro and donated to the Archives in 2011 (series 2).

Arrangement

Collection was originally arranged as a listing of sound recordings. With the donation of the transcripts, the collection was arranged into two series, with separate series for audio recordings (F-227-1) and transcripts (F-227-2). In 2015, the digitized sound recordings and born-digital transcripts were ingested into Archivematica and DIPs were delivered to Atom. The series were collapsed into files once more.

Restrictions on access

The records in this collection are open with no restrictions.

Related material

For records relating to hydroelectricity and the Columbia River Treaty, please see the finding aid for the W.A.C. Bennett fonds (F-55). The Archives holds two other collections relating to two of the speakers for this lecture series: see the James W. Wilson regional planning collection (F-132); and the Hugh Keenleyside interview collection (F-137).

For published material on the treaty, please see the book "The Sociology of Natural Resources" by John Elliott (published in 1981 by Butterworth & Co. (Canada) Ltd.) which contains a chapter entitled "The Columbia River Treaty: Growth Versus Development and the Implications."

Accruals

As of November 2011, all accessions have been processed. Corrected transcripts from BC Hydro are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Revised
- **Physical description:** Includes 14 audio reels (originals), 27 audio cassettes (copies), and 32 DVDs (copies).

Access points

- BC Hydro
- Cook, George (subject)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (digitized) (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (born-digital) (documentary form)
- Environment (subject)
- Government (subject)
- Natural resources (subject)
- Transportation and utilities (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F-227-0-0-0-1	File - Title page, table of contents and disclaimer to transcripts of Columbia River Treaty SFU Lectures	1974	
	Item - Title Page		
	Item - Index-Disclaimer		
F-227-0-0-0-2	File - Lecture 1 Howard Green and Dr. Cook: The Columbia River Treaty 1963: the Background and the Negotiations	January 1974	
F-227-0-0-0-2-1	Item - Lecture 1: audio recording	January 30, 1974	
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Hon. Howard C. Green, Secretary of State for External Affairs, 1959-1963.		
	Item - Lecture 1: audio recording, part 1		
	Item - Lecture 1: audio recording, part 2		

F-227-0-0-0-2-2	Item - Lecture 1: transcription	2011, 2015
F-227-0-0-0-3	File - Lecture 2 Alvin Hamilton, Chairman, Columbia River Liaison Committee	1 February 1974
F-227-0-0-0-3-1	Item - Lecture 2: audio recording <i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources, 1957-1960. Hamilton was the Chairman of The Columbia River Liaison Committee.	February 1, 1974
	Item - CRT2HamiltonAv1	
	Item - CRT2HamiltonAv2	
	Item - CRT2HamiltonAv3	
F-227-0-0-0-3-2	Item - Lecture 2: transcription (revised)	
F-227-0-0-0-4	File - Lecture 3 Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs, Senator	6 February 1974
	Item - Lecture 3: transcription	
F-227-0-0-0-4-1	Item - Lecture 3: audio recording <i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Hon. Senator Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources, 1963-1966.	February 8, 1974
	Item - CRT3LaingAv1	
	Item - CRT3LaingAv2	
F-227-0-0-0-5	File - Lecture 4 Gordon Shrum, President, BC Hydro	20 February 1974
F-227-0-0-0-5-2	Item - Lecture 4: transcription	
F-227-0-0-0-5-1	Item - Lecture 4: audio recording <i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Gordon M. Shrum, Chairman, B.C. Energy Board, 1960-1972; Co-Chairman, B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, 1962-1972.	February 20, 1974
	Item - CRT4ShrumGv1	
	Item - CRT4ShrumGv2	
F-227-0-0-0-6	File - Lecture 5 Bob Strachan, Leader, New Democratic Party	22 February 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 5	
F-227-0-0-0-6-1	Item - Lecture 5: audio recording <i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Bob Strachan, Leader of the British Columbia New Democratic Party; BC Leader of the Opposition, 1956-1969.	February 22, 1974
	Item - CRT5StrachanBv1	
	Item - CRT5StrachanBv2	

F-227-0-0-0-7	File - Lecture 6 Neil Swainson, UVic Political Science Professor	27 February 1974
	Item - CRT lecture 6	
F-227-0-0-0-7-1	Item - Lecture 6 - Neil Swainson: Fact, Fancy and Lessons Related to the Columbia River Treaty Experience	February 27, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Dr. Neil Swainson, Political Scientist, Westwater Research Centre.	
	Item - CRT6SwainsonNv1	
	Item - CRT6SwainsonNv2	
	Item - CRT6SwainsonNv3	
F-227-0-0-0-8	File - Lecture 7 Larat Higgins, Technical Advisor	1 March 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 7	
F-227-0-0-0-8-1	Item - Lecture 7 Larrett Higgins: The Columbia River Treaty: Aftermath and Policy Implications	March 1, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Larrat T. Higgins, Economist, Ontario Hydro Commission.	
	Item - CRT7HigginsLv1	
	Item - CRT7HigginsLv2	
F-227-0-0-0-9	File - Lecture 8 Jim Wilson, Executive Director, BC Hydro	8 March 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 8	
F-227-0-0-0-9-1	Item - Lecture 8 Jim Wilson: The Human Aspects of the Columbia River Treaty	March 13, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Jim W. Wilson, Executive Director, B.C. Hydro and Power Authority. Author of "People in the Way".	
	Item - CRT8WilsonJv1	
	Item - CRT8WilsonJv2	
F-227-0-0-0-10	File - Lecture 9 Ian McDougall, Environmental Lawyer	13 March 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 9	
F-227-0-0-0-10-1	Item - Lecture 9 Ian McDougall: The Lesson of the Columbia River Treaty as applied to Joint Energy Development	March 15, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Professor Ian McDougall, Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University.	
	Item - CRT9McDougallIv1	
	Item - CRT9McDougallIv2	

F-227-0-0-0-11	File - Lecture 10 Marian Marts, U.S. Professor of Environmental Geography	15 March 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 10	
F-227-0-0-0-11-1	Item - Lecture 10 Marion Marts: Retrospection on the Great River Treaty from South of the Border	March 22, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item consists of the taped lecture given by Professor Marion Marts, Professor of Geography, University of Washington.	
	Item - CRT10MartsMv1	
	Item - CRT10MartsMv2	
F-227-0-0-0-12	File - Lecture 11 Ray Williston, Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources	20 March 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 11	
F-227-0-0-0-12-1	Item - Lecture 11 Ray Williston: The Position of the Government of BC in the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations	March 20, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Item consists of the taped lecture given by Ray Williston, Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources for B.C., 1966-1972.	
	Item - CRT11WillistonRv1	
	Item - CRT11WillistonRv2	
	Item - CRT11WillistonRv3	
F-227-0-0-0-13	File - Lecture 12 Charles Bourne, UBC Law Professor	22 March 1974
F-227-0-0-0-13-1	Item - Lecture 12 Charles Bourne: Legal Issues in the Settlement of the Columbia River Treaty Dispute	March 27, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Professor Charles F. Bourne, faculty of Law, University of British Columbia.	
	Item - CRT12BourneCv1	
	Item - CRT12BourneCv2	
	Item - CRT12BourneCv3	
	Item - CRT Lecture 12	
F-227-0-0-0-14	File - Lecture 13 Gordon MacNabb, Senior ADM, Energy Mines and Resources	27 March 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 13	
	Item - CRT Lecture 13 Second Revision Dec 2015	
F-227-0-0-0-14-1	Item - Lecture 13 Gordon MacNabb: Columbia River Treaty	April 2, 1974
	<i>Scope and content:</i>	

	Lecture given by Gordon MacNabb, senior engineering adviser to the Canadian federal government during the negotiation of the Columbia River Treaty.
	Item - CRT13MacNabGv1
	Item - CRT13MacNabGv2
	Item - CRT13MacNabGv3
F-227-0-0-0-15	File - Lecture 14 Hugh Keenleyside, Chairmain, BC Hydro 3 April 1974
	Item - CRT Lecture 14
F-227-0-0-0-15-1	Item - Lecture 14 Hugh Keenleyside: The Development of the Columbia River April 3, 1974 <i>Scope and content:</i> Lecture given by Hugh L. Keenleyside, Chairman, B.C. Power Commission, 1959-1962; Co-Chairman, B.C. Hydro & Power Authority, 1962-1969.
	Item - CRT14KeenleysideHv1
	Item - CRT14KeenleysideHv2