

Rodney Young, 1910-1978

A Preliminary Inventory of His Papers in
the Library of the University of British Columbia,
Special Collections Division

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Young was born in Liverpool, England, and emigrated to Canada in 1926. In 1934 he joined the youth group of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, and gained a reputation as an activist from his work among the unemployed in the relief camps of the 1930's. Young joined the Canadian Army (Royal Canadian Corps of Signals) shortly after the outbreak of World War Two, and served a total of six years (1940-1946). After the war he returned to Vancouver to study law at the University of British Columbia. During his years at the University, Young gained a reputation as an excellent debater, and represented the University at several debating competitions. In 1948, while a law student, Young was elected CCF Member of Parliament for Vancouver Centre in the federal by-election in that constituency. He was defeated in the following year in the general election of 1949. During his short tenure as Member of Parliament he spoke in the House of Commons several times. Most of the material in this collection dates from the late 1940's and the first half of the 1950's; that is, from Young's election to Parliament, to the "Rod Young Affair" of 1954.

The Rodney Young Papers were acquired from Mrs. Young by the Alan Boag Foundation and donated to the University of British Columbia in 1979. The material included a complete set of Press, 1957-1965, and numerous serials, pamphlets, and other publications. A list of items relevant to the socialist movement as well as Canadian history will be enclosed when they are catalogued in the Division together with the call numbers.

Folder No.Series

1-1

Letters, IncomingDate

Dorothy G. Steeves to unidentified person	Mar. 19, 1949
V. Charles	June 28, 1949
N.A.M. Mackenzie	Mar. 15, 1950
Ed Pedersen	Mar. 18, 1950
Law Society (B.C.)	Oct. 25, 1950
N.A.M. Mackenzie	Sept. 18, 1951
Harry Langley	July 7, 1953
Allan Fotheringham	Mar. 8, 1954
Harold E. Thayer	Mar. 16, 1954
Harold E. Thayer	Mar. 19, 1954
Mrs. Aaron Cooper	May 14, 1954
Edith Weaver (with enclosure)	June 19, 1957
Harold E. Thayer	July 15, 1954
Edith MacDonald	July 19, 1954
Postcard (from unidentified person)	July 31, 1975
George Brandak (U.B.C. Special Coll.)	1977
To W.W. Lefeaux from C.C. Locke (undated)	
Vancouver CCF Club (undated)	

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Letters, OutgoingDate

D. Jaeger	Sept. 9, 1952
A.J. Logan	June 20, 1953
W.R. Connett	July 27, 1953
H. Langley	July 27, 1953
William Wood	Dec. 16, 1953

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SeriesLetters, Outgoing (cont.)Date

Cy Harding	Dec. 17, 1953
British Columbia Federation of Trade and Industry (with enclosure)	Mar. 5, 1954
Harold Thayer	Mar. 17, 1954
Harold Thayer	Mar. 19, 1954
George Lyons	May 28, 1954
David Stupich	May 28, 1954
Mary Campbell	May 28, 1954
John McInnis	July 5, 1954
Mrs. Margaret Erickson	July 10, 1954
Edith M. MacDonald	July 29, 1954
Editor, Vancouver Sun	Oct. 5, 1954
J.A. Bain (undated)	
A.G. Matthews (undated)	

1-3

Correspondence, Buisness and OfficialDate

Employers' letters of reccomendation (4)	Sept. 4, 1939- Feb. 15, 1941
Telegrams, Canadian Army (2)	May, 1945
Canadian Army Discharge Certificate	Feb. 19, 1946
Statement of marks, U.B.C.	April 30, 1950
Profit and loss statement	Dec. 31, 1954
Income tax return	1955
Letter to Department of National Revenue	Aug. 6, 1956
Letter to Department of National Revenue	Oct. 1, 1956

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Correspondence, Business and OfficialDate

Statement of professional income and expenses

Dec. 31, 1956

Letter from Department of National Revenue

June 21, 1957

Letter to Department of National Revenue

July 2, 1957

Mortgage

June 19, 1958

Insurance policy

May 17, 1961

Letter from Canadian Pension Commission

June 20, 1977

Letter from Veterans' Affairs

Mar. 9, 1978

1-(4-6)

Speeches, Untitled

All undated, with no information concerning where or to whom the speeches were addressed. Includes speaker's notes and drafts of presentations.

1-7

Newspaper Clippings, Personal

1954-55

Variety of material: notices of talks Young gave, election advertisements, reports of Young's appearances at political meetings, newspaper reports and editorials on controversy surrounding Young's resignation from the party.

1-8

Radio Broadcasts, "Town Meeting in Canada"Aug. 22, 1953-
May 16, 1963

All untitled.

1-9

Speeches given to the Twentieth Parliament

Report of the Prices Commission

June 28, 1948

Price Control

Feb. 18, 1949

Unemployment, Housing, Social Services, and the Merchant Marine

Mar. 4, 1949

Coal and Steel Industry in British Columbia Mar. 29, 1949

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Date</u>
1-9 (cont.)	<u>Speeches given to the Twentieth Parliament</u>	
	A Railroad Retirement Act and Merchant Navy Veterans	April 28, 1949
	An Alberta Oil and Gas Pipeline to Vancouver	April 19, 1949
	The Atlantic Pact	April 29, 1949
	Handwritten copy of a speech that was apparently not presented to the House of Commons (undated).	
	Maiden speech to the twentieth Parliament, p. 5597, House of Commons Debates, vol. 87, no.111	June 21, 1948
1-10	<u>Miscellany</u>	
	Postcards, pictures, map	
1-11	<u>Photographs</u>	
1-12	<u>Professional accounts</u>	Feb. 1954- Dec. 1956
1-13	<u>Scrapbook</u>	
	Newspaper clippings dealing with Young's re-nomination in Vancouver-Centre in 1954; newspaper stories on Young's remarks on communists to the 1954 CCF provincial convention.	
2-1	<u>University essays</u>	1947-1950
2-2	<u>Scrapbook</u>	
	Newspaper clippings from 1949 concerning the federal by-election in Vancouver-Centre; election campaign material; editorials; newspaper articles by Young.	

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2-3

Scrapbook

Date

Newspaper clippings on a wide variety of political topics. 1949-1951

2-4

Scrapbook

Clippings from newspapers, all dealing with Young's by-election victory in June 1949. Included are campaign posters, editorials, reports of candidates' meetings, and news stories on the election and on Young's victory.

The second half of the scrapbook contains Young's law faculty classroom notes.

Subject Files

3-1

Vancouver-Centre CCF Constituency Association

1954

Membership lists, circulars notifying members of constituency association meetings called to discuss Young's resignation.

3-2

Collected materials

Variety of articles, not of Young's authorship.

A New Socialist Program - G.D.H. Cole

Evolution (poem) - Langdon Smith

A Call to Action for the CCF

The U.N. and Economic Aid - Dorothy G. Steeves

Miscellaneous other articles

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Subject Files

3-3

Socialist Committee

Date

Newsletter

Nov. 19, 1957

Interim Manifesto (undated)

Membership list (undated)

Membership list

June 1, 1957

Provisional constitution (undated)

Rules of order and procedure

Statement of By-Laws

Mailing lists (2)

3-4

Stanley Park Club

Announcements and circulars notifying members of coming meetings and special events.

Notice of an address by Dorothy G. Steeves

April 28, 1954

Notice of an address by Rodney Young

Aug. 27, 1953

Several undated membership lists

Membership lists (5)

April, 1949-
April, 1954

Minutes of general meeting

May 19, 1954

Minutes of general meeting

Oct. 1 1955?

CCYM speakers list (undated)

3-(5-6)

Socialist Education

Complete and fragmentary lectures on socialism, economics, and world affairs. With the exception of one lecture ("Uniform Study Course" by Frank Roberts) it is unclear who wrote these lectures, or to whom they were presented.

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Subject Files

3-(7-8)

Clipping File

Contains articles and newspaper stories on a variety of political topics; none of this material involves Young personally.

3-(9-10)

CCF Provincial Executive

Minutes of meetings, position papers, reports of provincial conventions. Material on the Socialist Fellowship.