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Summary information

Repository: Concordia University Libraries Special Collections
Title: Saint Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society Fonds
ID: P109
Date: 1868-1903 (date of creation)

Physical description: 15 cm of textual records

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Note [generalNote]:

The proceedings were bound before they were donated to the Concordia University Archives. The volumes include the proceedings of a parallel organization, the Irish Catholic Temperance Convention.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Founded in Montreal on February 23, 1840 by Father Patrick Phelan, the Saint Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society claimed to be the first Roman Catholic temperance society in North America. Members pledged to abstain from intoxicating drinks, registered by name, and paid monthly dues. Within one year the Society had 3,000 pledged members. After one year, members were entitled to the Society's death benefits plan which gave money to the family of the deceased, usually the widow. If there was no family, the Society would organize and pay for the burial.

Custodial history

The documents were donated by John R. Hannan, whose grandfather apparently was secretary of the Society in 1902. The fonds was transferred from Concordia University's Records Management and Archives Department to Concordia University Libraries' Special Collections February 16, 2016.

Scope and content

The fonds provides information on the activities of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society.

The fonds contains proceedings of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the content of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Materials were donated by John R. Hannan.

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Accruals

No future accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Minimal
- **Status description:** Final
- **Rights:**

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Irish in Montreal (subject)

Series descriptions
