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JOHN G. HADWEN FONDS

Dates of creation

1947-2000

Extent

1.5 m of textual records

Biographical sketch

John Gaylard Hadwen was born in Toronto in 1923, the son of Dr Seymour and Estelle Alden Hadwen. He was educated at the University of Toronto Schools, Trinity College, the London School of Economics, and the Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales. (Geneva). He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1950, and served in Pakistan, New York, Oslo and Ottawa. He was High Commissioner to Malaysia and Singapore and Ambassador to Burma 1967-71, Ambassador to Pakistan and Afghanistan 1972-74, High Commissioner to India and Ambassador to Nepal 1979-83, Director General of the East Asia Bureau 1983-85 and Director General of the Bureau for Security Services, 1986-86. He also served as assistant to Lester B. Pearson and to Paul Martin Sr. He was the author of numerous essays and articles and completed a book-length manuscript, unpublished, on the Colombo Plan.

John Hadwen was married to the former Shirley Vivyan Brown and had four sons, Timothy, Peter, Matthew, and Anthony. He died in 2007.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of research material gathered by John Hadwen as source material for his manuscript on the Colombo Plan. He appears to have worked on this project at two different points: during a year leave to study in Geneva in 1971-72 and after his retirement in 1987. Included are original documents and later photocopies of External Affairs documents, published material, internal printed documents for delegates to Colombo Plan Consultative Committee meetings, correspondence, briefing notes, and draft manuscripts. The final copy of Hadwen's manuscript on the Colombo Plan, and his correspondence with a publisher, are also included.

Contains series

1. Writings by John Hadwen
2. Personal files
3. The Colombo Plan

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition: Fonds was donated in two stages. Series 1 was given to the Trinity College Librarian, Linda Corman, by John Hadwen in 2001. The remainder of the material, now comprising Series 2 and 3, was donated to the College by Timothy Hadwen in 2009.

Arrangement: Files that were created by John Hadwen retain their original designation. Files created by the archivist from loose material are titled within square brackets [].

Restrictions on access: None

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Provenance access points

Hadwen, John G., 1923-2007

SERIES 1: JOHN HADWEN'S WRITINGS
Dates of creation:

1970-2000

Extent:

.13 m of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of photocopied and computer-generated copies of writings by Hadwen, including an annotated draft of his unpublished book on the Colombo Plan ("The Future of aid and the Colombo Plan, or, Goodbye Victoria"). Other writings include articles and book chapters, most relating to Canada-India relations, his curriculum vitae, and a tribute to John W. Holmes.

Location / Box file listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
[Christmas greetings, CV]	1970	2000	Printed holiday greetings from Hadwen, Canadian High Commission, New Delhi; the 'International Affairs prayer'; and Hadwen's CV, c.2000.	1-1
"The Future of aid and the Colombo Plan, or, Goodbye Victoria" (Part 1 of 2)	1991	1992	Early draft of Hadwen's book about the Colombo Plan, with annotations on self-stick markers.	1-2
"The Future of aid and the Colombo Plan..." (Part 2 of 2)	1991	1992	Part 2 of the above.	1-3
"Asia-Pacific security in 1995 and the Colombo Plan"	1995	1995	Photocopied article from <i>National Network News</i> , Vol.3, No.6, April 1994.	1-4
"John Holmes: thou shouldst be living at this hour"	1996	1996	Tribute to John Holmes, delivered by John Hadwen at an unidentified event on March 18, 1995.	1-5
"The Future of Canada-India relations"	1998	1998	Photocopied chapter from the book <i>Interfacing Nations</i> , edited by R.C. Tremblay et al.	1-6
"Foreign policy on the frontiers, Canada-Burma relations 1967-71"	2000	2000	Printed from a website.	1-7
"Some of the realities of the Indo-Canadian relationship"	[199-]	[199-]	Photocopied chapter from an unidentified book.	1-8

SERIES 2: PERSONAL FILES
Dates of creation:

1947-1983

Extent:

.4 m of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of files created and maintained by Hadwen during the years of his involvement with the Colombo Plan, revealing the relationships built in this period. Correspondence, drafts of speeches, background information and missives received from Ottawa, background material on events organized by Hadwen and his staff, and published speeches by his colleagues and peers are included in this series.

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FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Statements and speeches 1957	1957	1963	Typed notes and a publication on trusteeship. Statement on refugees by M.P. M. Konantz to the UN General Assembly. An incomplete run of "Statements and Speeches" from 1957.	2-1
PRC mainly 1982-85 and Pepin visit to Delhi	1982	1985	Photocopied documents from External Affairs regarding economic ties with the People's Republic of China, in particular hydro-electric projects, trade, and the future of Hong Kong. One document relating to the Pepin Trade and Transportation Mission to Delhi.	2-2
Diary File Vol. I	Oct 1967	July 1968	Carbon copies of Hadwen's unclassified correspondence while High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, including internal memos and outgoing mail, some with attachments.	2-3
Diary Vol. II	Aug 1968	Feb 1969	Carbon copies of unclassified internal and external mail originating in Hadwen's office, including some relating to the Colombo Plan, earmarked at a later date.	2-4
Diary Vol. III	March 1969	Dec 1969	Carbon copies of unclassified outgoing mail, and letters received, some marked later as resources for the Colombo Plan book.	2-5
Diary Vol. IV	Jan 1970	July 1970	Carbon copies of official and personal correspondence, some marked later for	2-6

			research.	
Diary Vol. V	Aug 1970	Dec 1970	Carbon copies of outgoing correspondence, including internal memos.	3-1
Diary Vol. VI	Jan 1971	July 1971	Carbon copies of outgoing correspondence, the final file from Kuala Lumpur.	3-2
Fundamentals [of Canadian foreign policy - background material for article]	1947	1970	Occasional issues of "Statements and Speeches" from 1948-70 and other printed material. Rough draft of Hadwen's article. Handwritten notes.	3-3
Fundamentals of Canadian Foreign Policy [background material]	1956	1972	Published speeches and articles by Ivan Head, R.A. MacKay, John W. Holmes, Alastair M. Taylor, Hugh L. Keenleyside, Howard Green and others. Internal memorandum. Draft of Hadwen's article.	3-4
The Commonwealth [speech and background information]	1953	1971	Draft versions of the speech. Research material from the British Information Services.	3-5
The Commonwealth [speech]	1953	1971	Drafts and background material, including newspaper clippings, "Statements and Speeches", press releases, etc.	3-6
Personal correspondence	1971	1972	Active and passive personal and business correspondence during Hadwen's stay in Geneva.	3-7
Pul-i-Khumri [Afghanistan - Conference]	1974	1974	Photocopied correspondence, memos, itineraries, briefs and lists of attendees etc. relating to the informal meeting, organized by Hadwen and his staff.	4-1
Venerable Cheogyal Rinpoche	1980	1982	Active and passive correspondence with Ven. Rinpoche, head of the Tibetan Craft Community. Correspondence with James George and others.	4-2
John G. Hadwen - Delhi. Personal/official correspondence, Vol. I. Confidential	Sept 1979	March 1980	Carbon copies of active correspondence, and letters received, outlining a range of activities from social outings to confidential government business.	4-3
John G. Hadwen - Delhi. Personal/official correspondence, Vol. II	April 1, 1980	April 1981	As above.	4-4
H[igh] C[ommission] - Canada - India	1982	1983	Correspondence, primarily in the form of cables, and some photocopied active	4.5

Business Council

correspondence.
Core membership included Air Canada, Bata Limited, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian General Electric, CP Air, Dilworth, Secord, Meagher & Assoc., the Electrolyser Corp., Howe Intl., Majestic Wiley Contractors, Montreal Shipping and the SNC Group

SERIES 3: COLOMBO PLAN

Dates of creation:

1950-1993

Extent:

1 m of textual records

Administrative history:

The Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific was conceived at the Commonwealth Conference on Foreign Affairs held in Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in January 1950 and was launched on 1 July 1951 as a co-operative venture for the economic and social advancement of the peoples of South and Southeast Asia. Originally it was called the Colombo Plan for Co-operative Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia. It has grown from a group of seven Commonwealth nations - Australia, Britain, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand and Pakistan - into an international organization of 26, including non-Commonwealth countries. When it adopted a new constitution in 1977, its name was changed to The Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific to reflect the expanded composition of its enhanced membership and the scope of its activities.

The Colombo Plan is based on the partnership concept for self-help and mutual help in the development process with the focal areas being, human resource development and south-south cooperation. While recognising the need for physical capital to provide the lever for growth, the Colombo Plan also emphasized the need to raise skill levels. In the early years, Colombo Plan assistance from developed to developing countries comprised both transfer of physical capital and technology as well as a strong component of skills development. The Colombo Plan provides skill development opportunities for technicians at the Colombo Plan Staff College for Technician Education located in Manila.

The administrative structure of the Colombo Plan consists of the Consultative Committee (elected political leaders or senior representatives of member governments), the Council for Technical Cooperation which meets separately, and the Colombo Plan Bureau, headed by a director and staff, whose role is to fulfil matters assigned to them by the Consultative Committee. These three groups are supported by the Information Section headed by a Principal Information Officer, responsible for publications issued by the Colombo Plan.

[Source: John Hadwen fonds and The Colombo Plan website, www.colombo-plan.org,]

Scope and content: Series consists of official documentation issued to delegates at the Consultative Committee meetings, published materials such as newsletters created by the Colombo Plan, correspondence between Hadwen and External Affairs in Ottawa, newspaper clippings about the Colombo Plan and foreign aid in general, and notes and commentaries written by Hadwen.

Some material in this series was photocopied at an unknown date, likely the 1980s, from External Affairs files to facilitate the writing of Hadwen's manuscript on the Colombo Plan. This manuscript, and correspondence regarding publication, is included in the series.

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FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Colombo Foreign Ministers 9th-15 Jan 1950	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	Telegrams, letters and memos relating to the Commonwealth Consultative Committee interests in southeast Asia.	5-1
Final meeting Sydney May 1950 and Standing Committee	1950	1950	Report of British Commonwealth Consultative Committee and background reports.	5-2
Vol. I: Dec 49 - Jun 1950	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	Memorandum and correspondence relating to reactions to the Commonwealth Consultative Committee.	5-3
London Sept-Oct 1950 [Vol. II?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	Memos and documents circulated within the Department of External Affairs and Cabinet.	5-4
Vol. III Sept-Oct 1950	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	As above.	5-5
Vol. V Dec 1950 to Jan & Feb 51	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	As above.	5-6
Vol. VI Jan Feb 51 - Sept 1951	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	As above.	5-7
Vol. VII 52-54	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	As above.	5-8
Feb 1951 meeting in Colombo	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	Reports on Consultative Committee meetings from the Secretary of State's Office. Memo on the organization and orientation of the Plan. Instructions to the Canadian delegation. Memos and drafts.	5-9
[Miscellaneous Colombo Plan documents, 1950-1951]	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	Confidential memos and dispatches.	5-10
Simla	1955	1974	File compiled in 1974, and includes material produced in	5-11

			1955 about the Simla Conference, and correspondence in the 1970s.	
1953 Delhi	[Photocopied 198-?]	[Photocopied 198-?]	Hadwen's note in the file indicates that it includes "material taken from earliest (spare?) Colombo Plan files re membership.	5-12
[Colombo Plan, Wellington]	1956	1956	Printed document.	6-1
[Colombo Plan, Tokyo]	1960	1960	Draft agenda.	6-2
[[Colombo Plan, Melbourne]	1962	1962	Draft agenda.	6-3
[Colombo Plan, 17th Consultative Committee, Karachi]	1966	1966	Printed material.	6-4
[Colombo Plan, 18th meeting of the Consultative Committee]	1967	1967	Delegate's guide, typed and copied documents.	6-5
[Colombo Plan, 19th Consultative Committee, Seoul]	1968	1968	Printed documents.	6-6
[Colombo Plan, 20th Consultative Committee, Victoria]	1969	1969	Printed material. Report on Nepal. Report of the Commission on International Development. Chart showing the Conference Secretariat. Social notes.	6-7
[Colombo Plan, 20th Consultative Committee]	1969	1969	Various documents for the use of delegates.	6-8
[20th Consultative Committee]	1969	1969	Information for delegates, memos, telegrams.	6-9
Draft speech material [for 20th Consultative Committee]	1969	1969	Printed material. Draft notes for Mitchell Sharp. Photocopied telegram.	6-10
Publicity [for 20th Consultative Committee]	1969	1969	Photocopies of press coverage.	7-1
[20th Consultative Committee]	1969	1969	Copies of official notes for delegates.	7-2

[20th Consultative Committee]	1969	1969	As above.	7-3
[21st Consultative Committee, Manila]	1970	1970	As above.	7-4
Topics for discussion [21st Consultative Committee]	1970	1970	Notes, printed materials, memos and lists of delegates.	7-5
[22nd Consultative Committee, Delhi]	1972	1972	Proceedings and records of conclusions in draft form.	7-6
Delhi meeting	1972	1972	Draft reports on information activities, and intra-regional technician training.	7-7
[Colombo Plan Bureau - Colloquium on Intra-Regional Technical Training, Karachi]	1973	1973	Official file from the meeting. Copies of documents relating to the meeting.	8-1
[Colombo Plan - 23rd Consultative Committee, Wellington]	1973	1973	Copy of a press communiqué.	8-2
[Colombo Plan - 23rd Consultative Committee, notes]	1973	1973	Draft report with Hadwen's notes and annotations.	8-3
[Colombo Plan - 24th Consultative Committee, Singapore]	1974	1974	Reports, draft summaries and conclusions.	8-4
[Colombo Plan - 25th Consultative Committee, Colombo]	1975	1975	Official reports from the meeting.	8-5
[Colombo Plan - 25th Consultative Committee, Colombo]	1975	1975	As above.	8-6
[Colombo Plan - 25th Consultative Committee, Colombo]	1975	1975	As above.	9-1
[Colombo Plan - 32nd Consultative Committee, Dhaka]	1988	1988	Report and record of conclusions.	9-2
[Colombo Plan - Council for Technical Cooperation]	1950	1977	Various published reports and drafts.	9-3
[Clippings]	1965	1989	Newspaper clippings (originals	9-4

			and photocopies) of articles about the Colombo Plan and aid in general.	
Personal [Colombo Plan]	1969	1970	Official documents. Correspondence with Keith Spicer and Mohamed Soviee. Transcription of Hadwen's interview with Jack Struthers. Notes for Mitchell Sharp.	9-5
[Development and aid - background notes]	1966	1970	Correspondence with Earl Drake. Published material and notes.	9-6
[Colombo Plan Bureau]	1969	1969	Final Report by J. Allan Strachan.	9-7
[Colombo Plan - Philippine Paper on Special Topic]	[Photocopied 197-?]	[Photocopied 197-?]	Draft (?) document.	9-8
How the Colombo Plan association developed, 1950-1955	[Photocopied 197?]	[Photocopied 197-?]	Draft document.	9-9
[Colombo Plan - newspaper articles]	1975	1975	Articles from the <i>Ceylon Daily News</i> .	9-10
The Colombo Plan (newsletter)	1967	1989	Incomplete run of the official publication.	9-11
United Nations Special Fund	1958	1959	Financial summaries, minutes from the Standing Committee on External Affairs, Hadwen's notes. Press releases and clippings.	10-1
[United National Conference on Trade and Development] UNCTAD	1972	1973	Report by the Secretary General of UNCTAD. External Affairs documents.	10-2
[Miscellaneous Colombo Plan documents]	[Photocopied 1971?]	1989	Correspondence from Gilbert H. Sheinbaum, photocopied documents and notes for Mr. Hadwen.	10-3
The Colombo Plan Story. 10 years of progress: 1951-1961	1961	1961	Mimeographed document outlining the first 10 years of the Colombo Plan.	10-4
"The Colombo Plan", address by Nik Cavell...to the Empire	1952	1952	Mimeographed document.	10-5

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Regional aid	1971	1973	Research and notes.	10-6
"United States Vietnam policy", 1965	[Photocopied 197-?]	[Photocopied 197-?]	Confidential memorandum.	10-7
"Chapter 3: how membership developed"	1950	1973	Printed material and original correspondence for research.	10-8
"not a final list'	1969	1969	Mimeographed chart listing the creation of documents.	10-9
Partial manuscript	1973	[Photocopied 197-?]	Fragments of typed manuscript, including photocopied sections and carbon copies.	10-10
Publications	1960	1975	Various publications, originating from the Colombo Plan itself, and from External Affairs and other government agencies.	Box 11
"The Future of Aid and the Colombo Plan, or Goodbye Victoria"	1992	1993	Hadwen's manuscript, and correspondence with the Cambridge University Press.	Box 12

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