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Allan Fotheringham fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Allan Fotheringham fonds
Reference code:	MsC-157
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Language:	English
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Allan Fotheringham worked as a journalist for over six decades. He started his career as a columnist at the *The Ubysey*, a student newspaper, then was hired by the *Vancouver Sun*, where he covered the final days of the BC Social Credit Party and the ascendance of Pierre Trudeau. His widely-read and influential Maclean's column was on the back page for 27 years; it is where memorable political nicknames like "the brogue that walks and talks like a man" (for Jack Webster) and its offspring, "the jaw that walks and talks like a man" (for Brian Mulroney), first appeared. Fotheringham is credited with coining the terms Natural Governing Party for the federal Liberals, and the Holy Mother Corporation for the CBC in the course of writing his column. His columns occasionally opened with the exclamation "Zowie, Dr. Foth!" In 2001, Fotheringham left Maclean's and became a columnist for *The Globe and Mail*. He had a nationally syndicated column in 20 newspapers for six years, then retired from regular contributions.

Custodial history

Records were in the custody of Allan Fotheringham until their acquisition by Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books in 2012. Further materials were acquired in 2014.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records relating to the life and published journalism and books of Allan Fotheringham. They include newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photographs, notebooks, correspondence, magazines, books, a typewriter, certificates, awards, conference name tags, and born-digital documents.

Notes

Title notes

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

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- **Publication status:** published
- **Status description:** Published

Access points

- Multi-media (documentary form)
- Communications (subject)
- Politics (subject)