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GEORGE DOREY FONDS

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GEORGE DOREY FONDS. – 1913--1963. – 25 cm of textual records. --1 photograph. --1 photo album.

George Dorey (1884-1963) was a Methodist/United Church minister, administrator and Moderator of the United Church. The bilingual George Dorey came to Canada from the Channel Islands in 1904 at the invitation of James Woodsworth. Educated at Victoria University (B.A.) and Emmanuel College (B.D.), Dorey entered the ministry of the Methodist Church in Saskatchewan in 1914, subsequently serving as Superintendent of Home Missions for South Saskatchewan, 1929-1936; Associate Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, 1936-1945; Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, 1947-1954; Acting Secretary of General Council, 1954-1955; and Moderator, 1955-1956. Dorey had an interest in social and religious work amongst 'new' Canadians in the West, especially in his capacity as Secretary for Home Missions in Saskatchewan. He was concerned that Protestant churches were not doing enough to bring the ethnic groups (Germans, especially the Mennonites, Ukrainians, Austrians and others) into the Canadian mosaic, although he expressed reservations about the idea of assimilation. In detailing his thoughts on home mission work he made use of data from the social surveys done in the 1910s to examine the religious, social and educational accomplishments and needs of new Canadian settlement in Western Canada. Following his retirement, Dorey served as President of the Canadian Council of Churches. He died in 1963.

Fonds consists of correspondence, 1917-1961; sermons, n.d.; assorted material concerning work as United Church minister, Secretary of Home Missions for Saskatchewan and, later, Canada, 1913-1961; scrapbook, 1956-1963. Much of the material dealing with Home Missions in Saskatchewan and Canada, concerns Dorey's thought and policies on ministering to the religious and social needs of recent immigrants. Fonds also includes a photo, and a photo album relating to the life of Rev. Dorey, and his wife Alice Ann Dorey.

See also United Church of Canada. Office of the Moderator fonds (499); United Church of Canada. Board of Home Missions fonds (509); Alice Dorey fonds (3075), for material on Dorey's work in the Church and for his family life.

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86.085C	1-1	Genealogical and family records	1883-1955
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	1-3	Correspondence: letters of tribute	1954
	1-4	Addresses and articles: Resolution re Soviet Union, 1952 [holograph]; Colossi of 1962 [typescript]; review of J.W. Grant's biography of George Pidgeon [typescript]	1952-1962
	1-5	Articles and addresses	1938-1962
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	1-8	Sermon titles book	1916-1932
	1-9	Sermons [typescript and holograph]	
	3os-1	Scrapbook	1926-1963
	2-1	'Church union in Saskatchewan,' [typescript]	1955
	2-2	'The "Local Union Church"' movement in the Prairie provinces	[1955]
	2-3	Notes on Church Union and union congregations prior to 1925	
	2-4	Notes on Home Mission work	1913-1950
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	2-8	Immigrants in Insinger, Saskatchewan, 1914	1914
	2-9	Notes re: Home Mission co-operation in London, Ontario	1941
	2-10	Home Missions in Manitoba - maps	
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	2-12	Home missions and refugee resettlement	1930-1960
	2-13	Notes re: Home Missions in Newfoundland	1921-1940
	2-14	Overseas Wartime Relief	1939-1954
	2-15	Notes on Austrian and Ruthenian settlements in West	1916-1920
	2-16	Correspondence re: Sarah Abraham Estate	1926
	2-17	Correspondence re: Church property in Punnichy, Sask. and Hanna, Alta.	1930-1949
	2-18	Articles re: Saskatchewan Relief,	1929-1937
	2-19	Notes re: Western education	
	2-20	Notes re: Western settlement	
	2-21	Material re: Home Missions	1917-1954
	2-22	Mission salaries and stations in Ontario,	1925-1960
	2-23	Notes on 1961 Canadian Census re. religion	
2019.258C	TR-1	The Roberston Lectures 1952-1953, inc. George Dorey Forward	[195-?]

See Archives Catalogue for item-level descriptions of photograph and photo album.