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Summary information

Repository:	McGill University Archives
Title:	Montreal Home Economics Association Fonds
ID:	MG 2078
Accession nos. [alternative]:	0000-1265; 2005-0117
Date:	1943-1990 (date of creation)
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Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	Inventory list available

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Quebec Home Economics Association had its roots in the Montreal Home Economics Association which was the Montreal affiliate of the larger Canadian Home Economics Association. The Montreal branch started in 1940 with Margaret McCready, Director of the School of Household Science at Macdonald College as its first President. There were 28 members who paid a membership fee of \$1.00 per year. Their original mandate was not only to provide an organization for all professional home economists but to contribute to the war effort by informing the public of the best use of rationed food and household products. As well the Association collected used clothing to be sent overseas, arranged lectures on nutrition and household management and raised money for bursaries for students at Macdonald College and L'Université de Montréal through the sale of raffle tickets, bridge parties and teas. From the beginning the M.H.E.A had a close liaison with its French counterpart, L'Association Conseillères d'Economie Familiale du Québec. Aside from its original ties with the Canadian Association, the Montreal branch was supportive of other organizations including the Montreal Dietetic Association and the Montreal Council of Women. At the end of the war the aims of the Association broadened to include workshops on all aspects of household management, provision of school lunches and teaching cooking to the blind. With the formation of the Canadian Association of Consumers in 1947 the Montreal branch had a natural ally at the Federal level. Membership gradually increased as did the areas of interest. Briefs were sent to governments to urge, among other matters, the compulsory pasteurization of milk and the standardization of clothing labels. Lecturers not only visited schools but also gave broadcasts on the C.B.C. The Association gained a permanent meeting place in 1952 in the High School of Montreal. In 1979 the Association merged with the Quebec Association of Home Economics Educators and assumed its present name - the Quebec Home Economics Association. Its interests have broadened further to include such diverse topics as day-care, bilingualism, information

on the diversity of food products, the uses of new appliances for the home and changes in textiles. Even with this expansion of knowledge the Association has remained faithful to its original idea of helping home makers make the best use their dollars while continuing to emphasize good nutrition, good health and good values.

Scope and content

The collection consists of the minutes of regular and executive meetings from 1943 and detail monthly activities of the Association. Most of the minutes are typed except for the earlier ones. There are copies of some briefs, copies of the Association's pamphlet, Reflections, and a copy of We Are Tomorrow's Past - published for the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Home Economics Association (1939-1989).

See the photo inventory for group photos covering the years 1980-1990.

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Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

Deposited by Sister Chisholm 0000-1265, 3 May 1971; Deposited by Margaret Wallace 0000-1265, 3 May 1971; Deposited by Liz Eamon 2005-0117, 10 February 2005

Finding aids

Finding aid available

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Level of detail:** Small
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MG 2078-1	File - Montreal Association minute book	1943-1953		
MG 2078-2	File - Montreal Association minute book	1953-1956		
MG 2078-3	File - Ledger - general funds, bursary funds	1961-1979		
MG 2078-4	File - [speech, history and questionnaire]	1969		
MG 2078-5	File - [Minutes and activities]	1941-1980		
MG 2078-6	File - Minutes and Brief	1980-1981		
MG 2078-7	File - Minutes and Brief	1981-1982		
MG 2078-8	File - Minutes and Brief	1982-1983		
MG 2078-9	File - Minutes and Brief	1983-1984		
MG 2078-10	File - Minutes and Brief	1984-1985		
MG 2078-11	File - Minutes and Brief	1985-1986		
MG 2078-12	File - Minutes and Brief	1986-1987		
MG 2078-13	File - Minutes and Brief	1987-1988		
MG 2078-14	File - Minutes	1988-1989		
MG 2078-15	File - Copy of We Are Tomorrow's Past	1940-1989		
MG 2078-16	File - Minutes	1989-1990		