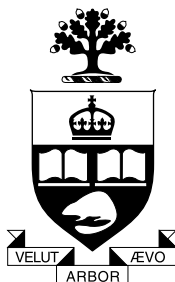


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Biographical Note

Roland Rusk McLaughlin was born on March 16, 1901, the son of J. J. McLaughlin, founder of the beverage company, Canada Dry, and grandson of Col. Robert McLaughlin, founder of General Motors. Growing up in Toronto he was educated at Rosedale Public School, St. Andrew's College and graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.Sc. in chemical engineering in 1922. He continued his studies in engineering graduating with an M.A. Sc. from University of Toronto in 1923. After a year's hiatus at Canada Dry in New York, he returned to the University to study for an M.A. (1925) and Ph.D. (1926). After a few years undertaking research, he joined the staff of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Toronto as lecturer in 1931. By 1939 he had been appointed Associate Professor and in 1943 was appointed full professor of chemical engineering. Three years later he was appointed head of the department of chemical engineering and in 1954 became Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. His daughter's education in Physical and Occupational Therapy made him aware of the plight of physically disabled people and led him to organize courses in design drawing in Engineering. In appreciation of this course students presented him with an honorary diploma in Physical and Occupational Therapy. He retired in 1966 but continued as senior advisor to the President until his death on September 10, 1970.

During his career, Prof. McLaughlin held numerous positions with engineering associations. For example, between 1943 and 1946 he was President of the Canadian Chemical Association, and oversaw its amalgamation with two other Canadian chemical societies, becoming president of the Chemical Institute of Canada in 1946. In the 1950's he was Chairman of the Canadian Section, Society of Chemical Industry and Chairman of the Plummer Medal Committee of the Engineering Institute of Canada. He received numerous awards from the Chemical Institute of Canada (1956) and an honorary degree from Assumption University, Windsor, Ontario (1961).

Scope and Content note

Records; textual, graphic, publications; 1923-1995 (predominant 1954-1970); 1.07 metres

The records comprising this fonds consist of two accessions: B2002-0011 and B2003-0007. The majority of the records document his tenure as Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and include mainly correspondence, some typescripts of speeches and articles, clippings, awards, and photographs. There are no administrative records and no teaching or research materials relating to his chief area of interest, organic chemistry. Administrative records relating to the faculty will be found in A1974-0008.

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/Box (file)	Title	Dates
Series 1 Personal		
B2003-0007 /001 (01)	Curriculum vitae, bibliography of publications, awards, diary of trip to Nova Scotia (1966?), poetry, citations, copy of U of T. Bulletin, 1965 with articles on Prof. McLaughlin and his father, Col. McLaughlin (1965), and certificates relating to Prof. McLaughlin's period as dean of Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering	1961-1969
B2002-0011 /001(01), (03)- (04)	Bound statement of the Governors of the U of T on the retirement of Prof. McLaughlin; bound autograph book made on the occasion of a Buffet Supper Party to mark the retirement of Prof. McLaughlin, May 12, 1966; file of certificates relating to Doctor of Science, Society of Chemical Industry, University of Windsor, Chemical Institute of Canada, etc	1955-1966
B2003-0007 /001 (08)	Tree dedication certificate sponsored by his daughter, Julia McLaughlin.	1995
Series 2 Diary		
B2003-0007 /001(02)	Diary of a trip to India, January to March 1961 under the auspices of the Colombo plan to advise the Indian Government on the establishment and running of Engineering colleges. See article in "Varsity Graduate" Summer 1961 p. 71 in /001 (05) Photographs in /001P (02)	1961
Series 3 Correspondence		
B2003-0007 /001 (03)-(04)	Letters of congratulation on appointment as dean of Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering and on retirement.	1954, 1965-1966
B2002-0011 /001(02)	Correspondence and patent application for "Primary aromatic amino ether of cellulose and preparation of same". With Donald B. Mutton, May 1956	1956
Series 4 Articles, reports, etc.		
B2002-0011 /001 (05)	Off prints, typescripts of articles and speeches by Prof. McLaughlin.	1923-1969
B2003-0007 /001(05)		
B2003-0007 /001 (06)	"A study of engineering education in the province of Nova Scotia"	1966

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/Box (file)	Title	Dates
Series 5 Clippings, etc		
B2003-0007/001 (07)	Newspaper clippings, articles including obituary on career of Prof. McLaughlin	1954-1970
B2003-0007/002	Scrapbook of clippings, invitations, correspondence, photographs documenting career of Prof. McLaughlin as Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering	1954-1961
Series 6 Graphics		
30 photoprints		
B2002-0011/P	Proofs of photos for Engineering Yearbook (Engineering Society) U. of T. Alumni executives gathering at Park Plaza Hotel Society of Chemical Industry dinner	n.d. June 1961 1966
B2003-0007/001P (01)	Society of Chemical Industry dinner (1966); group photo of "some members of PACAF" (May 1961); at desk in Wallberg building (n.d.); group photos at unidentified event (1967-1969)	1961-1969
/001P (02)	Trip to India	1961
/001P (03)	Trip to Buenos Aires (see also A75-0026/002 (05))	1960