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Summary information

Repository:	Victoria University Archives
Title:	Victoria College (Cobourg, Ont.). Board fonds
ID:	2086
Category [alternative]:	Administrative Bodies
Date:	1841-1889 (date of creation)
Physical description:	38 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created by MB 2017 Updated by JT March 12 2019
Note [generalNote]:	See also the Board of Regents fonds (Fonds 2000) and the Bursar's Office fonds (Fonds 2001).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Victoria College Board was established in 1841 after the Act to Incorporate the Upper Canada Academy under the Name and Style of Victoria College was given royal assent. Earlier in 1836, the Royal Charter first established a Board of Trustees to manage the educational institution called Upper Canada Academy, later to become Victoria College. Under the Act of 1841, the Trustees were given power to purchase goods, property, land and buildings, etc. and receive gifts and endowments for promoting the education purposes of the institution. The Trustees along with five elected 'visitors' were called the 'Board' and had power to appoint the principal, professors, tutors and other agents as well as make changes to by-laws and regulations. The Board was required to have meetings and create minutes and annual reports. The first act of the Victoria College Board in 1841 was to appoint Egerton Ryerson as the Principal of Victoria College.

Dr. Isaac Brock Aylesworth was the Treasurer at Victoria College appointed by the Board, ca. 1862, to oversee the collection of outstanding claims and to secure the subscription of funds that would pull Victoria College out of debt. Controversy, including accusations, developed between Dr. Aylesworth and some of the members of the Board regarding the amount and payment of these funds

Scope and content

Fonds consists of minutes (including extracts), notes and drafts, reports and other records of the Victoria College Board. Also includes minutes of the annual meetings of ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to elect Board and Officers of the College, 1862-1866. Fonds also consists of records of committees of the Victoria College Board, including the Building Committee.

Notes

Title notes

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

Alternative form available

- Microfilm copy of minutes, 1843, 1857-1889, available on Victoria University microfilm reels 1 (positive and negative). Microfilmed by United Church/Victoria University Archives, 1996.
- Scanned copies of microfilm available. See file links.

Accruals

No further accruals are anticipated

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
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Series descriptions

Series 2086-1: Minutes and related records of the Victoria College Board

Date: 1841-1889 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of minutes (including extracts), notes and drafts, reports and other records of the Victoria College Board. Also includes minutes of the annual meetings of ministers of the Wesleyan

Methodist Church to elect Board and Officers of the College, 1862-1866. Also consists of a book created in 1869 out of the controversy between Dr. I. B. Aylesworth and some members of the Victoria College Board regarding the amount and payment of funds raised to pull the College out of debt: the book contains correspondence, resolutions, and financial statements, 1862-1869; printed statement regarding the controversy made to the Board by Dr. Aylesworth, 1873.

Physical description: 38 cm of textual records

Alternative form available:

- Microfilm copy of minutes, 1843, 1857-1889, available on Victoria University microfilm reels 1 (positive and negative). Microfilmed by United Church/Victoria University Archives, 1996.
- Scanned copies of microfilm are also available. See file links for PDFs.

Accruals:

No further accruals are anticipated.

Publication status:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2086-1-1987.042V-1-1	File - Victoria College Board : Minutes (includes Minutes of Executive Committee Re: Medical Dept.)	1857-1866 1843		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-1	File - Notes	21 May 1861		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-2	File - Notes	24 July 1860 to 10 June 1861		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-3	File - Draft Minutes	May 1870		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-4	File - Draft Minutes	8 May 1871		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-5	File - Petition from Science Association	20 May 1879		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-6	File - Notes	6 May 1884		
2086-1-1987.058V-1-7	File - Re: Cobourg's Offer of Land to the College in 1857	ca. 1885		
2086-1-1987.125V-1-1	File - Minutes	1866-1889		
2086-1-1987.125V-1-3	File - Minutes (including Victoria College Board)	1866-1869		
2086-1-1991.085V-1-1	File - Minutes and other records	1849-1871		
2086-1-1997.029V- TR-1	File - Records concerning Dr. I.B. Aylesworth and the movement to pay off Victoria College's debt	1862-1869		
2086-1-1997.029V- TR-2	File - Records concerning Dr. I.B. Aylesworth and the movement to pay off Victoria College's debt	1873		
2086-1-1991.086V-4-36	File - Statement of debts due Victoria College and accounts	1843-1846		

Series 2086-2: Records of Committees of the Victoria College Board

Date: 1844-1884 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records of a Building Committee, records related Faraday Hall and the Victoria College Building (Cobourg) and records related to a possible move of the College to Hamilton and records related to degree conferring power of the College.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2086-2-1991.086V-4-22	File - Building Committee - Faraday Hall [Cobourg, Ontario]	1875-1877		
2086-2-1991.086V-4-23	File - Deed of Land situate in Cobourg	1872-1876		
2086-2-1991.086V-4-24	File - Minutes of Committee in Hamilton on site and remand to that city in 1856	1856		
2086-2-1987.127V-1-1a	File - Committee of Finance draft minutes	1867-1884		