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**Morton Orr
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Dates: [192-]-[1972]

Extent: 1 box (0.07 metres)

Scope and Content: Morton Douglas Orr, OBE (1894-1976) was a Canadian biochemist and World War I veteran who was involved in the manufacture of insulin at Connaught Laboratories, starting with setting up and directing the University of Toronto Insulin Testing & Research Laboratory (1924-1928) and then joining Connaught in various capacities, and ultimately serving as Assistant Director of Connaught's Dufferin Division site (Steeles & Dufferin - Sanofi Toronto site today).

This accrual consists primarily of Orr's professional documents related to his work with insulin in the late 1920s. The records include reports and publications, drafts of speeches, professional correspondence with prominent figures in the development and manufacture of insulin, a small amount of personal correspondence, and financial and administrative documents, mostly related to laboratory activities.

Contains series:

1. Reports, publications, and professional activities
2. Correspondence
3. Financial and administrative documents

Arrangement:

Series 2: Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender. Series 3: Financial and administrative documents is arranged chronologically.

Custodial History:

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Languages:

English, French

Box: Folder	SERIES 1: Reports, publications, and professional activities	
1:1	Paper presentation: 'The Beginnings of Pharmacology in Canada' by George H. W. Lucas	1972
1:2	Report: 'Report on the Manufacture of Insulin' by Frederick Stearns and Company	n.d.
1:3	Report: 'Report on the Manufacture of Insulin' by Frederick Stearns and Company [handwritten draft]	n.d.
1:4	Report: 'Insulin Preparation as carried out at Stearns'	n.d.
1:5	Drafts of speeches	[192-]
	SERIES 2: Correspondence	
1:6	Correspondence: Bečka Note: Contains a black and white photograph of the Bečka family.	1926-1927
1:7	Correspondence: Boquet, Paul Note: Written in French.	1949
1:8	Correspondence: do Amaral, Afranio	n.d.
1:9	Correspondence: FitzGerald, J. G. Note: Contains a typed and a handwritten copy of a report addressed to J. G. FitzGerald.	1932
1:10	Correspondence: Irving, Laurence Note: Refers to correspondence with J. J. R. MacLeod.	1927
1:11	Correspondence: Jauregui, Manuel G. Note: Includes a postcard addressed to Mrs. Orr.	[1927]
1:12	Correspondence: MacCallum, James	1928
1:13	Correspondence: MacLeod, J. J. R. Note: Contains typed and handwritten copies of research reports.	[1927-1929]
1:14	Correspondence: Pitz, Walter	1928
1:15	Correspondence: Přibyl, Ellis	1927
1:16	Correspondence: Shaffer, P. A.	1927
1:17	Correspondence: Thalhimer, William	n.d.
1:18	Correspondence: Walden, George B.	[1927]
1:19	Correspondence: Whyte, H. H.	1927
1:20	Correspondence: ?, Will	n.d.
	SERIES 3: Financial and administrative documents	
1:21	Financial report: Insulin Committee	1927
1:22	Document: building and infrastructure information	1929
1:23	Untitled financial document	1929

1:24	Administrative document: University of Toronto Note: Contains a document titled 'University of Toronto Regulations Governing the Administration of the Pension Scheme for Permanent and Quasi-Permanent Members of the Administrative and Clerical Staff, Including Those Employees who are not Eligible for Membership in the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association.'	1929
1:25	Administrative documents: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health Antitoxin and Vaccine Laboratory Note: Contains documents titled 'Personnel and Salaries' and 'Analysis of Expenses – Present Classification.'	1931