



George R. Young. -- 1814-1852, predominant 1838-1852. -- 70 cm of textual records

| Reference              | File     | Year      | Description  |
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| MG 2 volume 719 to 725 |          |           | George Renny Young was born in Falkirk, Scotland on 4 July 1802, the son of John and Agnes (Renny) Young who came to Nova Scotia in 1815. After being educated at Pictou Grammar School, he became a journalist and founded The Nova Scotian in 1824 which he later sold to Joseph Howe. He then entered the legal profession and also politics with his election as M.L.A. for Pictou County in 1843. A reformer he was a member of the first executive council after responsible government. He resigned in 1851 over railway policy. He authored various books and pamphlets including on Colonial Literature, Science, and Education (London 1842). He died 30 June 1853. The George Young Papers are in MG2 Vols. 719 to 725 and are a mixture of political commercial and literary correspondence. |
| MG 2 volume 719        |          |           | These letters are numbered with the volume number and the letter number in each Folder, eg. MG2/719/RI/21  |
| MG 2 volume 719        | Folder 1 | 1814-1837 | Folder 1. Letters from George Young during 1814 -15, 1821-22, 1827, 1833-34, 1837. The 1814-15 letters were written from Castine during the British occupation. Letter F1/16 is a letter re the formation of a Public Library in Halifax. The 1833-34 letters were written by George Young during a visit to England from July 1833 to May 1834.   |
| MG 2 volume 719        | Folder 2 | 1825-1826 | Folder 2. These are papers while George Young was managing the newspaper "Nova Scotia" at Halifax, 1825-26. They are nearly all "Letters to the Editor" and articles, poems etc. submitted for publication.  |
| MG 2 volume 719        | Folder 3 | 1821-1826 | Folder 3. These are also papers while Young was conducting the "Nova Scotian", but only three of the documents are dated, two for 1821 and one for 1826. As in Folder 2, most of them are Letters to the Editor.   |
| MG 2 volume 719        | Folder 4 | 1834      | Folder 4. These are the manuscripts of a series of nine letters entitled "A Draft of Letters on the present state of the British Colonies" by George Young, 1834.  |
| MG 2 volume 720        | Folder 1 | 1838      | Folder 1. Letters to and from George Young, 1838, mostly from Great Britain. In this folder, there are several letters from Young's friends in England dated July and December 1838 dealing with their approaching Lord Glenelg to have George Young appointed to the N.S. Executive Council. Glenelg refused to act except on the recommendation of the Lieut-Governor. Letter 180 gives the full story.  |
| MG 2 volume 720        | Folder 2 | 1839      | Folder 2. Letters to and from George Young 1839. There is also the text of a lecture entitled "The Scenery of the Heaven". There is some correspondence with England re a proposal to set up a Land Company in P.E.I. by Young and Samuel Cunard.  |
| MG 2 volume 720        | Folder 3 | 1840-1841 | Letters to and from George Young 1840, 1841, mostly from England. There is also a rough copy of an address by George Young in 1841 on the "Fishery Question".  |

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| MG 2 volume 721 | Folder 1 | 1842-1847   | Letters to and from George Young, 1842-1847, mostly of a personal nature. There are also several letters dealing with the subject of Education in 1842, and with politics in Pictou County 1844 to 1846.   |
| MG 2 volume 721 | Folder 2 | 1848        | Folder 2. Letters to George Young Jan. to March 1848 nearly all of which refer to political patronage in Pictou County.  |
| MG 2 volume 721 | Folder 3 | 1848        | Folder 3. Letters to George Young April to December 1848. Contents similar to Folder 2.  |
| MG 2 volume 722 | Folder 1 | 1849        | Folder 1. Letters to George Young, Jan. to March 1849. These are nearly all dealing with political matters in Pictou County, roads, poor relief, petitions, etc.   |
| MG 2 volume 723 | Folder 1 | 1850        | Folder 1. Letters to George Young, 1850, mainly on political matters. There are a large number of applications for the post of Probate Court Judge for Pictou County. There are many letters dealing with the proposal to incorporate the "Halifax and Quebec Railway Co. " in the N.S. Legislature.               |
| MG 2 volume 723 | Folder 2 | 1851-1852   | Folder 2. Letters to George Young 1851 to 1852. these are mainly on political matters pertaining to his Pictou constituency. There is a letter of July 29, 1851 advising Pictou he will not be a candidate in the fourth-coming Election Owing to the "Angry controversy over the Halifax Quebec Railway question. |
| MG 2 volume 723 | Folder 3 |             | Folder 3. This folder contains 40 letters bearing no date, most of which are political. There are also a few poems written in longhand.  |
| MG 2 volume 724 | Folder 1 | 1837-1838   | Folder 1. Correspondence exchanged between George Young and the Colonial Office in London re land problems in P.E.I. 1837-1838. These are bound in book form.  |
| MG 2 volume 724 | Folder 2 | 1837 - 1839 | Folder 2. A continuation of Folder 1, but in loose letters dated August 1837 to November 1838. Also several P.E.I. newspapers with the Land Proprietors question. There is also a printed copy of "A Bill to regulate the forfeiture and settlement of lands in this Island" dated Feb. 28, 1839.                  |
| MG 2 volume 724 | Folder 3 | 1838        | Folder 3. Minutes of the meetings held in Halifax in August 1838 when George Young and Samuel Cunard met to form the "P.E.I. Land Company".  |
| MG 2 volume 724 | Folder 4 | 1838        | Folder 4. Correspondence between George Young and Samuel Cunard re the formation of the P.E.I. Land Company. The minutes of the first meeting of the Directors of the Company in Halifax on August 8, 1838 are reported in full.   |
| MG 2 volume 725 | Folder 1 | 1831-1838   | Folder 1. This folder contains many lists of tenants on various Lots in P.E.I. giving rentals, terms of tenancy etc. Date appears to be 1831-1838.   |
| MG 2 volume 725 | Folder 2 | 1838        | Folder 2. Letters dealing with the John Cambridge Estate in P.E.I. on which John Cave of Gloucester, England, holds a Mortgage, and which estate George Young and Samuel Cunard with to purchase, 1838.  |
| MG 2 volume 725 | Folder 3 | 1838-1839   | Folder 3. Papers dealing with the Cambridge-Cave dispute over the Cave mortgage. Most of these papers are accounts submitted for legal fees, 1838-1839.  |