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Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 1 cm of records of the Special Committee on the Diamond Jubilee, 1934-1935. The records were deposited in the Archives prior to 1973 and were re-catalogued and listed by Elspeth Reid in January 1989.

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Historical Sketch

The Special Committee on the Diamond Jubilee was appointed by the 1933 General Assembly in response to an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, transmitted by the Synod of Hamilton and London. The Overture noted that 1935 was both the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the completion of ten years since the events of 1925. The Overture suggested that the Committee to be appointed should

take the whole question into consideration preparing suggestive plans for said celebration, dealing with it in the light of an opportunity for a Forward Movement in the Life and Work of our Church... (Overture #18; Act & Proceedings 1933, appendix p.130)

The Overture was referred to a Committee appointed by the Moderator with Austin L. Budge of Hamilton as Convener (A & P 1933 pp.22,39). It reported to the Assembly of 1934 with the recommendation that "a Committee with power to issue be named" (A & P 1934 p.37). The resulting new special committee of Assembly, the Committee on the Diamond Jubilee in Montreal, was chaired by Dr. Robert Johnston and reported to the 1935 Assembly.

The Diamond Jubilee was commemorated by a special service of thanksgiving at the Assembly on 10th June 1935 (A & P 1935 pp.39-40), by special events throughout the church and by the establishment of a Diamond Jubilee Thank-Offering Fund, supervised by the Budget and Stewardship Committee.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1035-1-1	1934	Minutes
1973-1035-1-2	1935	Diamond Jubilee Service, Montreal Order of Service, First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, June 10th 1935