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MADAWASKA TRAINING SCHOOL ACCOUNT BOOKS, 1897-1927

Provenance: Madawaska Training School (U.M.F.K.)

Accession Number: MCC-00183

Collection Title: Madawaska Training School Account Books, 1897-1927

Date Range: 1897-1927

Shelflist Numbers: AB-183 (1-3/3)

Quantity: 3 items

Physical Characteristics/Condition: Journal in need of repair

Introduction. This finding aid provides information about three account books created by the Madawaska Training School (now the University of Maine at Fort Kent) covering the periods 1897-1902, 1919-1927, and 1920-1927. These account books were donated to the Archives by the U.M.F.K. Business Office.

Access. There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Scope and Content Notes. The ledgers and notebook contain various accounts maintained by the Madawaska Training School (University of Maine at Fort Kent) during the periods 1897-1902, 1919-1927, and 1920-1927.

- 1 **Boarding House Accounts, 1897-1902.** *Notebook (20.5 x 17.5 cm), brown cardboard cover, black cloth spine. No title.*

This notebook contains records of accounts maintained by pupils at the Madawaska Training School Boarding House (until 1901) or at the Madawaska Training School Dormitory (1901-1902). The accounts are listed by student name and give the dates entering and leaving the boarding house or dormitory. At the back of the notebook there are general accounts of expenditures for the boarding house and the school.

- 2 **Accounts Ledger, 1919-1927.** *Loose-leaf accounts ledger (20 x 29 cm), grey cloth covers. Title: "Dickey Hall, Madawaska Training School."*

This ledger contains individual account summaries for businesses supplying goods and/or services to the Madawaska Training School from 1919 to 1927. Each entry includes goods or services supplied, amounts paid, and method of payment. At the back of the ledger is an alphabetic index of the businesses concerned.

- 3 **Daily Accounts Journal, 1920-1927.** *Bound ledger (34 x 22 cm), black covers, maroon leather spine. Cover title: "Journal." Flyleaf title: "Madawaska Training School, Dickey Hall".*

This ledger contains monthly accounts journals for February 1920 through April 1927. NB: Because boarding fees were paid on a regular schedule, it also provides *de facto* lists of boarding students.

Historical Notes. The Madawaska Training School was established by an act of the Maine Legislature on 21 February 1878 "for the purpose of training persons to teach in the common schools of the [Madawaska] territory." Originally the school year was split between separate locations at Fort Kent and Van Buren (1879-1883) or Fort Kent and Grand Isle (1884-1887), but in 1888 the Legislature established a year-round facility at Fort Kent.

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Related Collections. The following Acadian Archives / Archives acadiennes collections relate to the Madawaska Training School:

MCC-00047 [Student Project 79:Sp] Geraldine P. Chassé
MCC-00144 Joseph François Cyr Papers
MCC-00149 U.M.F.K. Historic Photographs Collection
MCC-00166 Anna Mae Gagnon Collection

Bibliography. The history of the Madawaska Training School during the periods 1897-1902 and 1919-1927 is addressed in the following works:

Garceau, David. *Fort Kent Centennial, 1829-1929.*
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