

<b>Title:</b>	The Rykert Scandal [broadside], ca. 1875		
<b>Creator:</b>			
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	Ca. 1875	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 604
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>A broadside entitled “The Rykert Scandal”, containing excerpts from the report of the findings of the Select Committee on the charges against J.C. Rykert, Esq., M.P.P (Lincoln)., by the Honourable Archibald McKellar. Rykert was accused of taking money from various parties, including the Great Western Railway Company of Canada and the Toronto Street Railway Company, for “parliamentary” and “professional” services rendered. Following the summary of the report, it is concluded that “from the observations made in the above debate, it will be seen that nothing but the early closing of the Session saved Mr. Rykert from expulsion from the Legislature. He was virtually condemned by both parties for his misconduct”. As an election was imminent, it was followed “Electors of Lincoln! Can you as honorable men, in view of the above facts, endorse Mr. Rykert?...Surely Lincoln cannot be so far lost as to a sense of right and the necessity of the independence of Parliament, as to elect our sordid venal and disgraced representative, in preference to honest and worthy Sylvester Neelon, a man of unimpeachable integrity and purity of life, who is an honor alike to our Town and County.”</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	1 broadside, 60 x 45 cm.		
<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>John Charles Rykert (1832-1913) was a lawyer and politician from St. Catharines, Ontario. He represented Lincoln in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as a Conservative from 1867 to 1874. He was defeated by the Liberal candidate Sylvester Neelon in 1875. Rykert continued his political career in the House of Commons, representing Lincoln and Niagara from 1878-1887, and 1890-1896.</p>		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		

<b>Source Information:</b>			
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