Title: Articles and Addresses by Adam Shortt, 1900-1931

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Summary of Contents: A bound scrapbook with the title *Articles and Addresses by Adam Shortt*. The book is a compilation of publications, newspaper clippings, and journal articles written by or about Adam Shortt. An index in the front lists publications by Shortt in chronological order. A book plate in the front reads “presented by Mrs. Muriel Clarke, Vineland, Ontario, in memory of her father, Adam Shortt, 1967”.

Biographical information is included in a 13-page memo titled “Memo obtained from Dr. Adam Shortt in personal interview, August 1928”. A list of academic distinctions and appointments held in Queen’s University is also included, as well as several obituaries.

Several letters from Andrew Haydon (a Canadian lawyer and senator) to Adam Shortt are included at the end of the scrapbook.

Publications included are:

- *Sketches from the Foot-Hills: a modern pilgrim father*
- *Early records of Ontario: extracts from the records of the court of quarter sessions for the district of Mecklenburgh*
- *The Beginning of Municipal Government in Ontario*
- *Imperial Preferential Trade from a Canadian point of view*
- *Preferential Trade between Britain and Canada*
- *Canada and Chamberlainism*
- *Taxation of Corporations* (address by Adam Shortt)
- *The Colonial Conference and its functions*
- *The Taxation of Public Service Corporations*
- *Municipal Government in Ontario: an historical sketch*
- *Personality as a social factor*
- *History of Canadian Metallic Currency*
- *Railroad Construction and National Prosperity: an historic parallel*
- *Life of the Settler in Western Canada before the War of 1812*
- *Municipal Taxation in relation to speculative land values*
- *The Economic Effect of War upon Canada*
- *Historical Sketch of Medical Education of Women in Kingston, Canada* (by Elizabeth Smith Shortt)
- *Early Economic Effects of the War upon Canada*
- *The Significance for Canadian History of the Work of the Board of Historical Publications*
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| Other Notes:                     | Adam Shortt (1859-1931) was an economic historian and pioneering scholar in Canadian economic history. He received his education at Queen’s University and the University of Edinburgh. Shortt became a professor of philosophy at Queen's in 1886 and became the university's first full-time professor of politics and economics in 1891. In 1887 he married Elizabeth Smith, one of the first female medical students at Queen’s University.

Shortt’s articles on banking and Canadian history continue to be of value to scholars. He served on the first Civil Service Commission in Ottawa from 1908-1917. The commission was created to reform the federal public service, and was transformed under Shortt’s leadership from a patronage-ridden body to an efficient, merit-based professional organization. He also regularly served as an arbitrator in labour disputes. From 1918-1931 he was chairman of the Board of Historical Publications at the National Archives. |
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