

A Guide to the

Dr. Clarence H. Pottle fonds

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Dr. Clarence H. Pottle *fonds*

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Title: Dr. Clarence H. Pottle *fonds*
Dates: 1936-1982
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Biographical sketch:

Dr. Clarence Herbert Pottle (1916-1990) M.D. C.M., L.M.C.C., C.H.A., F.R.C.P. (C.), F.A.C.P. was born in Flatrock-Carbonear, Newfoundland and Labrador in 1916. He was the eldest of seven children born to Gilbert and Lily Pottle of Flatrock-Carbonear.

After graduating from Memorial University and obtaining a Diploma in Arts and Teacher Training, he taught school in his hometown of Flatrock-Carbonear and in the adjacent community of Freshwater-Carbonear from 1936-1937. He completed Pre-Med at Memorial University before attending Dalhousie University Medical School in Nova Scotia. He graduated in 1944 with M.D., C.M. degrees. In 1946, he completed a speciality in psychiatry at Dalhousie University.

In 1942, Clarence enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp (R.C.A.M.C.) as a student medical officer and in 1944 he was awarded the rank of Lieutenant. He successfully completed basic officer training, joined the psychiatry section, and participated in the on-going education and service programs in psychiatry. On occasion, he was seconded to the coastal defence and naval escort sections.

After completing a speciality in psychiatry at Dalhousie Medical School in 1946, Dr. Pottle was discharged from the R.C.A.M.C. with the rank of Captain. He then accepted a psychiatric appointment at the Waterford Hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Between 1946 and 1958, he held active clinical appointments as a psychiatrist at the General, Grace and St. Clare's Hospitals in St. John's. Subsequent appointments achieved were Clinical Director at the Waterford Hospital in 1950 where he was associated with a number of innovative programs, such as day treatment and boarding care; Assistant Professor of Psychiatry (part-time) at Dalhousie Medical School in 1952; Medical Superintendent of the Waterford Hospital in 1953; the first Director of Mental Health Services, Department of Health, Government of NL in 1960 and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Memorial University Medical School in 1971 until his retirement in 1980.

Other accomplishments and achievements include being a recipient of the Kellogg Foundation Scholarship in Medicine at Dalhousie Medical School (fourth year) in 1942; being awarded the Speciality Certificate in Psychiatry by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (C.R.C.P.C.) in 1951; appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Mental Health for

Canada by the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1953; completing the Certification Program of Hospital Administrators through the American Association of Psychiatrists in 1955; appointed as medical advisor to the Board of the United Church of Canada in 1956; appointed to the Board of the United Church of Canada in NL in 1958; serving on the Board of the Agnes Pratt Home, St. John's in 1958-1978; appointed to the Board of Regents of Memorial University of NL in 1959-1971; elected President of the Canadian Psychiatric Association 1960-1961; appointed to the Scientific Planning Council of the Canadian Mental Health Association 1960-1963; served as a member of the Commission on Post Graduate Education in Psychiatry of the American Psychiatry Association 1963-1969; appointed a member of the Working Party on Canadian Building Standards and Guide Material for Hospitals and Health Facilities 1964-1965; appointed a consultant to the Canadian Committee on "The Law and Mental Disorders" 1964-1969; appointed as a consultant to the Canadian Committee on Corrections (the Ouimet Committee) 1966-1969; awarded the Centennial Medal of Canada in 1967; appointed Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry (part-time), Memorial University School of Medicine in 1971; received the Canadian Mental Health Association Award for support of their programs in 1972; and received a Newfoundland and Labrador Government (Department of Social Services) Award in connection with "The International Year of Disabled Persons" in 1982.

Following his retirement in 1980 from the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health as Director of Mental Health Services, Dr. Pottle continued remaining active in the field of mental health services and legislation as well as volunteering with a variety of community organizations.

Dr. Pottle developed a strong passion for salmon fishing. Fishing allowed him to relax and enjoy nature at its finest at his country home adjacent to Cannaughtman's Pond, part of the Southeast Placentia Scheduled Salmon River. Dr. Pottle was a firm believer in the pursuit of advanced education and learning and instilled that in his family. Each of his three children obtained two university degrees from Memorial University.

Dr. Pottle along with his wife Marjorie Pottle (Ketch) raised two sons and a daughter in St. John's. He passed away on March 4, 1990.

Custodial history:

Papers of Dr. Clarence H. Pottle were held at his residence in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador prior to being donated to The Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of one large framed print, medical papers, correspondence and publications relating to the research, teaching, education and medical practices of Dr. Clarence H. Pottle.

Source of title:

Title is based on contents of the *fonds*.

Acquisition:

The papers of Dr. Clarence H. Pottle were brought to the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive in 2018 by his son, Roger Pottle.

Arrangement:

When the papers of Dr. Clarence H. Pottle arrived at the Faculty of Medicine Founders' Archive, there was no degree of order present. Appropriate order and organization was imposed. *Fonds* is arranged into the following series:

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Further accruals are possible.

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2.02.006 Euphemism in medicine: calling a spade a horticultural implement, CMAJ article

2.02.007 When liberty really means neglect, TIME magazine, 1985

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