

HARRY J. BARBER

an inventory of his papers held by the
CHILLIWACK MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Harry J. Barber was born on March 29, 1875, at Alton, Ontario, where he apprenticed as a pharmacist. In 1898 he arrived in Chilliwack, and established a drugstore in partnership with Dr. J. C. Henderson. He later became sole proprietor of the business. Active in several civic organizations, Barber served as President for the Chilliwack Board of Trade from 1909 to 1913, and Mayor of Chilliwack from 1914 to 1917. From 1925 to 1940 he was Conservative member of parliament for Fraser Valley.

Barber's papers consist mainly of short essays that he wrote in the latter part of his life for compilation as a book, A story of Chilliwack, on the history of Chilliwack. A few other collected essays and clippings are also included.

The papers were acquired by Oliver Wells. They were donated to the Chilliwack Historical Society by Sara E. Wells in 1971.

File No.

1. [Clippings on various aspects of Chilliwack history, ca. 1948-1953]
2. [Historical sketch of Chilliwack] (ts., 2 leaves)
3. [Notes on the Chilliwack Courthouse; City of Chilliwack tax revenue] (2 leaves)
4. Report [satirical] of the first council of the combined districts of Sumas and Chilliwack (ts., 1 leaf)
5. Oil and natural gas prospects in the Lower Mainland of B.C. (tss., 3 leaves)
6. Masonic lodges: Ionic, No. 19 A.F. & A.M. (ts., 2 leaves)
7. Chilliwack Red Cross (ts, 1 leaf)
8. First Community hall [Camp Slough Hall] (ts., 1 leaf)
9. Valleyhaven and Menholm (ts., 1 leaf)
10. Board of Trade (ts., 3 leaves)
11. Soroptimist Club (ts., 1 leaf)
12. Rotary Club (tss., 2 leaves)

13. Rotary spotlights the Chilliwack of '48 (ts.,
7 p.)
14. Rotary salutes "the hardy pioneers" (ts., 9 p.)
15. Rotary spotlights organization & services (ts.,
5 leaves)
16. Speech by Col. D. W. Cunnington, GM, CD, to
Rotary, 8 Jun 56 (ts., 6 P.)
17. Camp Chilliwack; Agassiz - Rosedale Bridge
(tss., 2 leaves)
18. County Court established; Boy Scouts (tss., 2
leaves)
19. Fraser Valley Union Library (ts., 1 leaf)
20. The wealth of the Harrison Lake district (ts.,
1 leaf)
21. Rapid development of the valley (tss., 10, 8 p.)
22. Chilliwack, B.C.: historical background [early
history of B.C.] (ts., 1 leaf)
23. Entertainment [chautauquas] (ts., 1 leaf)
24. I am sold on Chilliwack [reminiscences of H. J.
Barber] (ts., 9. [1] p.)
25. Harry J. Barber, born at Alton, Ont., March
29th, 1875 (ts., 3 leaves)
26. [Bill Miner] (ts., 4 p.)
27. [The Great Passion Play presented by Indians in
1903] (ts., 1 leaf)
28. Communications [Chilliwack Telephone Co.] (ts.,
1 leaf)
29. [Simon Fraser's exploration of the lower Fraser
River, 1808] (ts., 1 leaf)
30. River boats (ts., 1 leaf)
31. The Fraser (ts., 1 leaf)
32. [Charles Turner; the Minto] (ts., 1 leaf)
33. History of chilliwack financial institutions
(ts., 1 leaf)
34. A story of Chilliwack (ts. photocopy, 88 p.)