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John Maxwell fonds

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**Biographical Sketch**

John Maxwell (1846-1927) was called to the Bar in 1877 and practiced in L'Orignal, Ontario. He served as county prosecutor in L'Orignal and shortly before the First World War established a private law practice in Vankleek Hill, Ontario. He died in November of 1927.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

The volume was donated to the archives by Ian McKechnie in June 2002.

**Scope and Content**

1883  
2 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Fonds consists of a volume containing cross-examination questions and a draft speech prepared by Maxwell for the murder trial defence of Frederick Mann in L'Orignal, Ontario. The speech, prepared but never given in court due to a guilty plea, outlines an insanity defence for Mann.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2002033-001	Notebook of John Maxwell	1883