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Box List
Thomas Hayton Mawson Photographic Collection

Description

Identifier: MHT

Extent: 3 boxes

Dates: c.1912

Scope and Content: Lantern Slides and glass plate negatives mostly of plans and development ideas for urban regeneration in Canadian cities by Thomas Hayton Mawson, namely Regina, Banff and Calgary. Also includes some original images, presumably created by Mawson of the buildings and people in Calgary.

History: Thomas Hayton Mawson, (1861-1933), was a British garden designer, landscape architect, and town planner.

Born in Nether Wyresdale, Lancashire, Mawson first worked in the building trade in Lancaster before moving to London to get experience in Landscape gardening. In the 1880s he moved to Windermere to start the Lakeland Nursery with his brother. When the business became successful, Thomas began to turn his attention to garden design and was responsible for designing several notable gardens across the UK.

In 1912, Mawson toured several cities in Canada giving talks about his work. He also proposed several unaccepted designs for cities in Canada, including the Wascana Centre in Regina, Brockton Point lighthouse, Coal Harbour and Lost Lagoon in Vancouver, and urban design plans for Banff and downtown Calgary.

Mawson retired in 1923, and his firm was taken over by his eldest son, Edward Prentice Mawson. He died in 1933 at Applegarth, Hest Bank, near Lancaster, Lancashire.

Conditions on access: Most of the collection is accessible by appointment at the Archives Research Centre. Email library@lancaster.ac.uk for more information. Access may be restricted to the negatives which are damaged.

Conditions on Use: The images are thought to be the copyright of Thomas Mawson, and came into public domain 70 years after his death (2003).

Notes: The business records of Thomas H Mawson and Son, Landscape Architects of Lancaster are held by [Cumbria Archives](#). University of Calgary hold a [collection of records](#) relating to Mawson's designs for Calgary.

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