

P006 Floyd Laughren fonds
1971-1998
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Biographical sketch: Floyd Laughren was born to Irwin and Erma Laughren on October 3, 1935 in Shawville Quebec. When he was four years of age, his family moved to Southern Ontario, and eventually settled in Caledonia, near Hamilton, Ontario. On May 12, 1962, he married Jeanette Gossen, daughter of Burt and Grace Gossen. In 1969, he moved to Sudbury with his wife Jeanette, and his three children; Joel, Tannys and Josh.

His educational background includes a business diploma from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1957, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from York University in 1969. Laughren taught Economics at Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology in Sudbury in 1969. He was also an active member of the New Democratic Party (NDP) by 1970. On October 12, 1971 Laughren was elected as Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for the Nickel Belt riding. He was undefeated in subsequent elections, and remained the MPP for Nickel Belt until 1998. Throughout his career in provincial politics, he held such distinguished positions as: Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance (1990-1995), former Deputy Leader of the Ontario NDP, Chair of Policy and Priorities Committee of Cabinet, and Chair of the Treasury Board. Laughren was also a member of: the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Economic Development, the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Industrial Assistance, and the Premier's Council on Economics and Quality of Life. Laughren also held the positions of Chair of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies, and Health Critic for the Ontario NDP. He resigned from provincial politics in 1998, when he accepted the position of Chair of the Ontario Energy Board.

Scope and content: This fonds consists of daily appointments, calendars, correspondence, notes, reports, petitions, constituents' representations, documentation, press releases, newspaper clippings, and printed material. These records document the activities of Floyd Laughren as MPP for Nickel Belt, Deputy Leader and Health Critic for the Ontario New Democratic Party, and as Chair of the Standing Committee on Government Agencies (1996). It also contains files on the different municipalities of Nickel Belt. The subjects of the records concern: the economy of the region, labour issues, transportation, tourism, and hospital services.

The records for 1994 and 1998 give a detailed account of the last few years of the political life of Floyd Laughren. They provide insight into the various obligations and activities of a Member of Provincial Parliament. The documents also present information about the economic, political and social makeup of the Nickel Belt constituency.

- Note: Immediate source of acquisition:** The fonds was donated in 1994 by the constituency offices of Floyd Laughren, and were received in five accruals.
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