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# MONTREAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## Also known as:

Montreal Ladies French Mission Association in connection with the Church of Scotland (1864-1875)  
Ladies' French Evangelization Society (1875-1882)  
Montreal Woman's Missionary Society (1882-1900)  
Woman's Missionary Society (1900-1914)  
Woman's Missionary Society (Home, French and Foreign) (1906-1914)

## Historical Sketch

The Montreal Woman's Missionary Society began its existence in 1864 as the Montreal Ladies French Mission Association in connection with the Church of Scotland (which was also sometimes known as the Ladies' Auxiliary Association in connection with the French Mission work of the Church of Scotland). It was re-organized as the Ladies' French Evangelization Society in 1875, with the stated purpose of co-operating with the Board of French Evangelization of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A proposal from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Division) to amalgamate in 1881-82 was rejected, but the work of the society was extended to include home and foreign missions and it was re-named the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society. The name was shortened to simply the Woman's Missionary Society at either the 1898 or 1899 annual meeting. Beginning with the 1906 annual report, the name was often noted as the Woman's Missionary Society (Home, French and Foreign), but the constitution doesn't appear to have ever been changed and the official name continued to be simply the Woman's Missionary Society up until 1914. At that time, the society amalgamated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society (Western Division) and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (Western Division) to form the "Women's Missionary Society (Western Division)".

## Archival Arrangement

The arrangement and description of these records was originally undertaken by Elspeth Reid, supervised by Kim Arnold, in 1988. Funding was provided by the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) and through the Arrangement and Description Back-log Reduction Cost-Shared Co-operative Program.

## Related Material

A more complete collection of the records of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society is held at the United Church of Canada Archives.

## File List

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2004-7005	1864-1871	Minutes of the Montreal Ladies French Mission Association in connection with the Church of Scotland <i>Two photocopies of the original; 80pp. each</i>
1988-7001-1-1	1898	Annual Report
1988-7001-1-2	1900, 1902	Annual Reports
2000-7002-1-1	1905-1908	Annual Reports
1988-7001-1-3	1907, 1910	Annual Reports
2000-7002-1-2	1910-1913	Annual Reports
1988-7001-1-4	1912, 1913	Annual Reports

### Periodicals

1914 Feb., Mar.	<u>Woman's Missionary Outlook</u> <i>Feb. 1914 and Mar. 1914 issues</i>
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