

**Title:** Royal Templars of Temperance. Victoria  
Council No. 7 (Dundas, Ont) fonds

**Dates of creation:** 1879-1899

**Physical description:** 3 minutes books comprising 6 cm of textual records

**Administrative history:**

The Royal Templars of Temperance Victoria Council No. 7 was established in Dundas on December 30, 1879. It was an organization of the temperance movement which sought to control alcohol consumption. The temperance movement believed that self-discipline was essential for economic success and that the use of alcohol prevented self-discipline and therefore economic success.

The Victoria Council No. 7 established a number of funds and committees, such as the Relief Fund, the Committee on the Care of the Sick, the Auditing Committee, the Room Committee (for readying the meeting room and regalia), the Committee on the Good of the Order and the Committee on Visiting. Over time other funds were added including the Ladies' Mutual Aid fund.

Meetings consisted of the transaction of business as well as speeches, music, and recitations. Regular excursions with other Councils or with similar groups such as the International Order of Good Templars were organized.

The minutes survive to 1899 and it appears that the group continued on beyond that, although for how long is unknown.

**Custodial history:**

Custodial history is unknown.

**Scope and content note:**

The fonds consists of three minute books. The minutes describe the officers, the conduct of the meetings, financial transactions, and activities of the group

**Restrictions on access:** There are no restrictions on access.

**Accruals:** Accruals are not expected.

**Access points:**

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- Box 1**      Minute book, 1879-1885  
                 Minute book, 1885-1889  
                 Minute book, 1889-1899