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Benjamin Baltzly Photograph Collection

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Title: Benjamin Baltzly Photograph Collection

Dates of Creation: 1871

Physical Description: 26 b&w photographs

Biographical Sketch:

Benjamin F. Baltzly was born in 1835 in Sugar Creek, Ohio. He arrived in Montreal shortly after the end of the American Civil War, where he worked briefly for the photographer J.G. Parks and ran his own studio until he was hired by William Notman in 1868. In June 1871 Baltzly would be delegated to travel with the Geological Survey of Canada led by Aldred R.C. Selwin during its exploration into British Columbia, and would document the journey in his journals and photographs. Baltzly would continue working for Notman Studios until 1877 before making his way to Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1879 to work for Pack Bros. Baltzly then purchased a studio for himself in December 1882, which he would run until his death on June 10, 1883.

William Notman and Son Photographic Studio was founded in 1856 by William Notman in Montreal, Quebec. By 1874 the studio had grown to 55 employees, after seeing great successes in photographing the construction of the Victoria Bridge and the Prince of Wales' visit to Montreal. The Studio produced a variety of photographic products, including hand-painted portraits unique wilderness scenery of recently explored areas, and kept meticulous records of the work compiled by the studios various photographers. After William Notman's death his sons William McFarlane and Charles Frederick continued operations until it was sold to the Associated Screen News in 1935.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of photographs taken by Benjamin F. Baltzly and printed by Notman Studio from the Geological Survey of Canada expedition of 1871.

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Custodial History:

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
KMA 1453	The First Canadian Pacific Railway and Geological Survey parties for British Columbia – Item is a matted photograph of the parties for the Canadian Pacific Railway and Geological Survey for British Columbia. Geological Survey party identified as Alfred R.C. Selwyn, James Richardson, Benjamin Baltzly, and John Hammond. C.P.R. party identified as R. McLennan, Walter Moberley, E.L. Gillette, L.N. Rheame, A.H. Green, S. Farwell, J. Mahun, W.D. Patterson, W.W. Ireland, J.G. Rounday, and M. Reynolds. – 23.5 cm x 18.2 cm – Title based on contents.	July 22, 1871	1/1
KMA 1454	Snow-clad mountains on the North Thompson River – Item is a matted photograph of mountains on the North Thompson River 165 miles north of Kamloops. – 24 cm x 17.8 cm – Title based on contents.	1871	1/2
KMA 1455	Surveyor's Cache at Albreda – Item is a matted photograph showing the surveyor's party caching provisions at the forks of the North Thompson River. – 24 cm x 18 cm – Title based on inscription.	October 30, 1871	1/3
KMA 1456	Mouth of the Mad River – Item is a matted photograph of the Mad River near its junction with the North Thompson River. – 18.8 cm x 23.7 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/4
KMA 1457	Forest on the North Thompson – Item is a matted photograph of a forest on the North Thompson River 165 miles north of Kamloops. – 18.8 cm x 23.7 cm – Title based on contents.	1871	1/5
KMA 1458	Near Albreda, North Thompson Junction – Item is a matted photograph of snow-clad mountains on the North Thompson River, two miles from Forks, B.C. – 23.7 cm x 18.8 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/6
KMA 1459	Selkirk Mountains – Item is a matted photograph of the Selkirk Mountains as seen from the top of the mountain near the confluence of Blue River	1871	1/7

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KMA 1460	Raft River – Item is a matted photograph of the Raft River cascade, near the junction of the river with the North Thompson. – 18.8 cm x 23.7 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/8
KMA 1461	Geological Survey party at Canoe River – Item is a matted photograph of the Geological Survey party at Canoe River. Identified in the photograph are Phillip Jacko, Larue, Alfred Selwyn, Benjamin Baltzly, and John Hammond. – 24 cm x 18 cm – Title based on contents.	October 14, 1871	1/9
KMA 1462	Deadfall – Item is a matted Photograph of fallen timber across the north branch of the North Thompson River. – 23.3 cm x 18.7 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/10
KMA 1463	Garnet River near Mount Cheadle – Item is a matted photograph of the cascade on Garnet River near Mount Cheadle. – 18.5 cm x 23.3 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/11
KMA 1464	Mount Cheadle – Item is a matted photograph of Mount Cheadle showing the upper part of the Garnet River. – 24 cm x 17.8 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/12
KMA 1465	Camp below Murchison’s Rapids – Item is a matted photograph of Benjamin Baltzly’s and John Hammond’s tent at the camp below Little Hell’s Gate. – 24 cm x 18.6 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/13
KMA 1466	Murchison’s Rapids – Item is a matted photograph of Little Hell’s Gate. – 18 cm x 24 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/14
KMA 1467	Lower Gate Murchison’s Rapids – Item is a matted photograph of the lower gate of Little Hell’s Gate. – 24 cm x 18 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/15

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KMA 1468	Upper End Murchison's Rapids – Item is a matted photograph of the upper end of Little Hell's Gate. – 23.8 cm x 18.1 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/16
KMA 1469	Portage, Upper Gate Murchison's Rapids – Item is a matted photograph of a portage at the Little Hell's Gate rapids. – 18 cm x 23.4 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/17
KMA 1470	Cache Creek – Item is a matted photograph of a First Nation's camp at Cache Creek. – 24 cm x 18 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/18
KMA 1471	Tranquille Creek – Item is a matted photograph showing the gravel banks and columns on the Tranquille River. – 24 cm x 18.2 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/19
KMA 1472	Tranquille Mill – Item is a matted photograph showing the Tranquille Mill on Kamloops Lake, with William and Jane Fortune in the foreground. – 18.6 cm x 23.4 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/20
KMA 1473	Kamloops from above HBC Post – Item is a matted photograph showing the junction of the North and South Thompson Rivers at Kamloops from above the HBC Post. – 28.3 cm x 17.7 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/21
KMA 1474	Battle Bluff Basalt – Item is a matted photograph showing basalt formation at Battle Bluff on Kamloops Lake. – 23.8 cm x 18.2 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/22
KMA 1475	Victoria looking west on Yates Street – Item is a matted photograph of Victoria, B.C. looking west on Yates Street below Government Street, showing the Bank of North America, a book and stationary store, Fardon's Gallery, and other storefronts. – 23.9 cm x 17.2 cm – Title based on contents.	1871	1/23
KMA 1476	Victoria – Item is a matted photograph of Victoria, B.C. from the Songhees Reserve. – 23.6 cm x 23.6 cm – Title based on contents.	1871	1/24

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KMA 1477	Victoria – Item is a matted photograph of Victoria, B.C. from the Songhees Reserve, showing the Parliament Buildings and residential district. – 23.8 cm 17.2 cm – Title based on inscription.	1871	1/25
KMA 1478	Victoria – Item is a matted photograph of Victoria, B.C. from the Songhees Reserve showing the business district. – 23.2 cm x 17.4 cm – Title based on contents.	1871	1/26