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Papers, 1902-93, of or concerning Dr Lachlan Grant MD

Dr Lachlan Grant MD (1871-1945) was born in Renfrewshire, spent much of his youth in Argyll, and graduated from Edinburgh University in 1896. He took a Diploma in Public Health in 1911 and in 1921 became a Fellow of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow. He was Medical Officer for Ballachulish and Kinlochleven, bacteriologist to Argyll County Council and consulting medical officer to British Aluminium, Kinlochleven. He came to note nationally as the founder of the Highland Development League in the 1930's, which followed on from the publication of his pamphlet *New Deal for the Highlands*.

The collection comprises fourteen volumes of press cuttings and other papers collected by Dr Grant relating to social conditions in the Highlands. The volumes cover a broad range of subjects within that area, but principally refer to medical, economic and political matters. The collection is arranged within two broad series. The first three volumes contain material relating to the Ballachulish Slate Quarries Company and the dispute surrounding Dr Grant's dismissal as Medical Officer which resulted in a year-long lock out. Volume three also has material on a later lock out at Ballachulish. From Volume four onwards the volumes of cuttings become less specific and relate to all aspects of social conditions. However, specific topics that are covered in detail are noted below.

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1-3. Material principally relating to slate quarries at Ballachulish, 1902-08.

1. Cuttings, small amount of correspondence and MSS note of resolutions of the mass meeting at Ballachulish regarding the dismissal of Dr Lachlan Grant as Medical Officer by the Ballachulish Slate Quarries Company and the ensuing dispute between the quarry workers' medical club and the quarry company, which culminated in a lock-out of the workers and recourse to the law courts. Includes reports on all aspects of the dispute including J. Keir Hardie's visit to the area, 1902-1903.
2. Further press cuttings and other papers regarding the lock out at the Ballachulish Slate Quarries, 1903.
3. Cuttings and correspondence regarding the conclusion of the 1903 dispute, a further dispute in 1905, printed papers on medical matters by Dr Grant and cuttings and other papers regarding the Highland Crofters' and Cottars' Association, 1903-1908.

4-14. Volumes of press cuttings and related material, 1908-93.

Later volumes are less specific in their subject matter and generally consist of cuttings, correspondence, printed material (including pamphlet literature on various subjects by Dr Grant) and occasionally photographs, regarding medical matters, social conditions in the Highlands, Dr Grant's interests, such as shinty, and events surrounding the two World Wars.

4. 1908-1913.
5. 1913-1921.
Includes cuttings of Dr Grant's regular column in the *Daily Record* by 'A Doctor'.
6. 1922-1932.
Includes some correspondence of J. Ramsay Macdonald.
7. 1932-1935.
Includes further correspondence of J. Ramsay Macdonald.
8. 1935-1936.
Includes material on campaign for 'A New Deal for the Highlands'.
9. 1936.
Includes further material on campaign for 'A New Deal for the Highlands', and the Highland Development League.
10. 1936-1937.
11. 1937-1938.
Includes correspondence from Archibald Sinclair regarding the Caledonian Power Bill and further material on the Highland Development League.
12. 1938-1939.
Material principally regarding Highland Development League.
13. 1939-1940.
14. 1942-1993.
Material post-1945 added by Dr Grant's family and relates to his work and interests.