



# Réseau canadien du patrimoine juif



## BERCOVITCH, Peter.

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Collection: BERCOVITCH, Peter.

Niveau de description: Fonds

Collation: 0.05 metres of textual records.

### Portée et contenu:

Press clippings about his political activities including the Jewish school question. Obituaries. Political campaign handbills. Photocopies of correspondence from Wilfrid Laurier

Dates ultimes: 1916-1943.

No du fonds: P0014

### Notice biographique

/ histoire

administrative:

Born in 1879, Peter Bercovitch was a barrister and an MLA. He was appointed King's Counsel (KC) in 1911, the youngest in Canadian history. He was elected to Quebec Legislature in 1916 for St. Louis Division, and re-elected for 20 years; he resigned in 1938 to contest the federal seat for Cartier and won. He was instrumental in passing legislation validating Jewish marriages in Quebec and authorising rabbis to keep registers of civil status. He was responsible for the defeat of the bill to rob Jews in Quebec of equal rights in schools, and was successful in obtaining government grants for various Jewish causes. He was the first Jew to sit in the Legislature of Quebec and was the first President of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. He died in 1943

### Notes:

Mostly English, and some Yiddish. Fonds consists mostly of press clippings, copies.

Archives / Archival Descriptions

Généalogie:

Dépôt d'archives: Canadian Jewish Archives