



## mercury

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Accession Number: 003050029

Collection: [Dennis and Brenda Marsden Collection](#)

Category: [Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts](#)

Classification: [Pharmacy, General](#)

MeSH Heading: [Drugs, Non-Prescription](#)  
[Mercury](#)  
[MM= Drug Packaging -- container -- bottle](#)

Description: Two toned earthenware corked mercury bottle; the bottle is 2-tone brown, light on the body and darker on the neck; it has a paper label.

Number Of Parts: 1

Provenance: Found in a cabinet in the donors' basement after they bought the house from John Briscoe of Briscoe's pharmacy which was located at 229 Princess Street in Kingston from 1954 to 1966; it is likely that Briscoe acquired the collection during his career as a pharmacist.

Maker: A. W. Buchan & Co Potteries

Site Made (City): [Edinburgh](#)

Site Made (Country): [Scotland](#)

Dates: 1882  
circa 1882

Date Remarks: Internet; the number on the maker's mark (10) probably means that the bottle was made in 1910 based on similar marks on other Scottish bottles, but this is not known for sure.

Material: earthenware: brown  
cork: brown  
paper: cream

Inscriptions: Printed on the label: "MERCURY // LYMANS, Limited Montreal // 10 // BUCHAN // 2 // PORTOBELLO // EDINBURGH

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010  
0010-A3-1 Row B

Dimension Notes: Length 23.5 cm x Diam. 7.2 cm

Condition Remarks: The label is slightly torn and stained.

Reference Types: Internet  
Book

Reference Comments: Kingston City Directories; Internet: "Timeless Treasure, Antiques and Collectables Online"

Research Facts: John Briscoe took over Bishop's Drugs Ltd in 1954; Bishop owned another store at 528 Princess Street from 1946 to 1954 and it had been a drug store under other ownership from 1923 until 1946; this is a possible origin of some of the collection.

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