

Burkowski/Can Car & Bombardier Fonds

Originals and Photocopies, 118 cm, 1912-2008

Scope and Content:

Records compiled by Gordon Burkowski for the creation of his book *Can-Car A History 1912-1992*. Post 1992 records may indicate work to create later editions or a sequel. Most newspaper photocopies are very faded.

A 126/1/1-23: Cassettes, 22 cassettes, 1990-1995

Cassettes of meetings discussing the history of Can Car, 22 taped cassettes and one VHS cassette. Arranged in chronological order where possible. Some tapes are numbered and many have names of interviewees indicated.

A 126/2/1-3: Newspaper Scrapbooks, 12 cm, 1958-1960

Three scrapbooks of newspaper clippings on many subjects with varying degrees of applicability to Can Car, covering many labour and aviation topics. A 126/2/1 (January 1959-) is more concentrated on Can Car Fort William. Clippings are attached with tape and are deteriorating.

A 126/3/1: Guest Book, 4cm, 1954-1965

Many entries undated. Some years may be absent. See also A 126/15.

A 126/4/1-3: Worker Booklets, 13 cm, 1943-2008

Union agreement and health booklets, retirement programs, a day organiser, and various related booklets and brochures.

A 126/5/1-7: Aviation, 6 cm, 1937-1998

Magazines and newspaper clippings, correspondence, production forms, handwritten notes, and similar documents covering a range of aviation-related subjects, mostly focused on planes made by Can Car. Also discusses Thunder Bay airport construction.

A 126/6/1-2: Aircrafter Newsletter, 15cm, 1944-1945

Two binders filled with WWII-era internal news.

A 126/7/1-3: Internal Publications, 3.5cm, 1938(?), 1942(?), 1951-1975

Newsletters, holiday letters, booklets, manuals, and assorted documents meant for internal circulation within the plant.

A 126/8/1-2: Production Information, 4 cm, 1959-1995

Publications advertising products, contract records, and production & warranty information.

A 126/9/1: Diagrams, 1cm, 1931-1987

Floor plans and other architectural diagrams of the plant covering several years.

A 126/10/1-2: Research Correspondence, 1994-1998

Correspondence between G. Burkowski and other researchers or archives. More in series 12.

A 126/11/1-9: Union and Worker Information, 11 cm, 1917, 1940-1999

Employment records and union publications. Includes union newsletters and negotiation correspondence.

A 126/12/1-9: History Reports & Records, 11 cm, 1912-2003

A mixture of after-the-fact reports on the history of the plant and at-the-time reports on current general plant conditions. This includes minutes of meetings, correspondence to news agencies, history publications, and similar documents. See also A 126/10.

A 126/13/1-8: Third Party Publications, 6 cm, 1913-1985

A range of newspaper clippings, brochures, and other third-party publications discussing products, events, and more. Differs from series 13 by mostly focusing on current events rather than history. Some deal more with Can Car Thunder Bay than others.

A 126/14/1-8: Miscellaneous, 3cm, 1913-1990

Includes information on individuals, discussions on the move to Vladivostok, information on public events held by the company, and assorted other subjects.

A 126/15/1-3: Guest books, 9 cm (oversized), 1942-1945, 1951-1957

CanCar guestbooks for several years. Quite a large number of signatures.

Biographical Sketch:

Gordon Burkowski is a Thunder Bay native and second-generation Can Car employee, having followed in the footsteps of both parents. Educated at Lakehead University, McMaster University, and Oxford he served in both union negotiations and human resources.

Associated Material:

___ Photographs

___ Artifact

Conservation Notes:

A 126/1 tapes need to be transcribed or digitized

A 126/2/1-3 contain various newspaper clippings taped in. The tape is in poor condition

A 126/6 binder rings detached from cover