

B 47

### **N. M. Paterson & Sons Limited**

Original. Log books – 59.5 cm – 1965-1991

#### **Scope and Content:**

28 log books covering three different great lakes transport ships across multiple years.

**Series B 47/1/1-28:** Log books, arranged by ship (from earliest logbook) and then chronologically. 1965-1991

- 1- SS Comeaudoc, B 47/1/1 to B 47/1/18 covers 1965-1967, 1969-1986 (1979-1980 are in the same logbook, and 1981, 1982, and 1983 are also in one book).
- 2- MV Mantadoc, B 47/1/19 to B 47/1/22 covers 1985-1989.
- 3- MV Paterson, B 47/1/23 to B 47/1/28 covers 1986-1991.

#### **Organisational Sketch:**

N. M. Paterson & Sons Limited was first started in 1908 by the then 25-year-old Norman McLeod Patterson as a regional grain brokering company in what is now Thunder Bay. By 1912 the company had built an elevator, by 1913 it had a branch in Manitoba, and by 1915 it had purchased its first wooden steamer. The fleet grew slowly until 1926 when a significant expansion was launched that lasted through the 1920s. Most of these gains were lost when the company assisted in material transport for WWII. After a brief shaky period immediately following the war the company grew large enough for long term stability. The company got out of the shipping business in the mid-1990s. It is now known as Peterson Global Foods and is based in Winnipeg. The Paterson family has contributed greatly to charitable and not-for-profit efforts across Canada.