

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Division 63 fonds

1903-1968

33 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was formed through a meeting of 68 locomotive engineers at the Maryland Institute in Baltimore in 1856. The founding of the Association came about as a result of the replacement of 16 engineers, who had been on strike in 1885 by men who the strikers deemed were "inexperienced, incompetent, and intemperate". The Association was called the National Protective Association of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the United States.

Scope and Content

A collection of minute books, records, lists, financial statements, correspondences, reports, submissions, agreements, and documents regarding the affairs and business of the local division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, division 631.

Series B 5/1/1-5. - Minute books. - 12 cm. - 1906-1953

Five volumes. Includes general minutes, resolutions, and financial reports. Bound volumes: 1) 1906- 22, also includes financial statements from dues and supplies during 1906-14. 2) 1923-July 1932. 3) Aug. 1932-May 1944. 4) May 1944-May 1953. 5) This is a notebook with minutes and attendance for a meeting held on September 21, 1920, and attendance for two other meetings on 2 Nov. and 7 Dec. 1920.

Series B 5/2/1-5. - Attendance records. - 5 cm. - 1909-1953

Five volumes. 1) Jan. 1909-Jan. 1922. 2) Jan. 1922-Apr. 1925. 3) Oct. 1929-Jan. 1940. 4) Oct 1942-May 1950. 5) June 1950-July 1953.

Series B 5/3/1-2. - Membership Lists. - 1.5 cm. - 1903-1954

1) A bound volume recording the names, initiation dates and birth dates of members of the B.L.E. division 631 from 1903 to 1954. Missing are the years 1932-1933, 1935, and 1941-1442. 2) Seniority lists for engineers as of May 1944, Apr. 1946, and Apr. 1954; firemen as of May 1944 and hostlers as of May 1944. Included as well is an unidentified seniority list (probably engineers), and a list of the number of engineers from each railway Line at various terminals for Mar., June, Sept. and Dec. of 1935.

Series B 5/4/1. - Financial statements. - 2 cm. - 1922-1929

One bound volume recording the financial statements of the B.L.E. from 1922-1929. Included are the records of dues paid by the membership and the disbursements made for miscellaneous expenses such as office supplies. At the end of the book are the quarterly income statements which are complete for the years 1922-1928 inclusive.

Series B 5/5/1-4. - Correspondence - 3 cm. - 1917-1968

Four folders containing the correspondence of the B.L.E. from 1917 to 1968. The correspondence consists mainly of letters exchanged between the union and the CNR and CPR as well as internal business within Division 631. 1) 1917-1949. 2) 1952-1954. 3) 1955-1968. 4) A bound folder of letters mainly from 1931.

Series B 5/6/1-3. - Reports, Submissions and Agreements. - 3 cm. - 1910-1960

Three folders containing the following:

- 1) Reports and submissions made by the B.L.E. from 1910-1960, for example submissions to the federal government and reports made to the union.
- 2) Quarterly reports presented to the union and reports from various union representatives recording their activities.
- 3) Agreements reached between the B.L.E. and CNR, as well as other agreements between the

union and other organizations.

Series B 5/7/1. - Election documents. - 1 cm. - 1963-1965

One folder containing letters from union members accepting or declining nominations and letters to elected members informing them of their election. Also included are letters protesting elections which have taken place.

Series B 5/8/1-2. - Union member documents. - 1 cm.. - 1922-1951

Two folders containing personnel records of union members, for example transfer cards, membership applications and personal correspondences to individual union members. Folder 2 contains detailed information on one union member-J. Lagrue.

Series B 5/9/1-6. - Miscellaneous. - 4 cm

- 1) 2 copies of the Constitution and Statutes of the B.L.E., dated 1910 and 1942.
- 2) Book, Ritual of the Grand International B.L.E., Ritual and Funeral Service, dated 1956.
- 3) Book, Contemporary Analysis of a Labour Union:Development, Structure and Functions of Grand International B.L.E., dated 1963.
- 4) Delegate Credential certifying Albert Neve of Division 631, Port Arthur as a delegate to the 1908 Convention of the B.L.E., at Columbus Ohio.
- 5) Book, Provincial Labour Standards, Department of Labour, Canada, 1954.
- 6) 3 papers dealing with the Running Trades Association. A) Constitution of Running Trades Association, No date. B) Aims and Objectives of the Hornepayne running Trades Council, 1965. C) Newsletter of the Running Trades Association Edmonton Branch, 1965.

Notes

Custodial History. - Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 984.111.2d, 984.111.5, 984.111.9, 984.111.11-27.