

Canadian Car and Foundry Company fonds

1917-1923, 1944-1979
20 cm of textual records
270 ft. of film

Administrative history

The Canadian Car and Foundry Company Limited, based in Montreal, Quebec, built its plant in Fort William (now Thunder Bay) in 1912. The factory, designed to build railcars, was a victim of a depressed market in the years following the beginning of construction. The plant languished until late in the first World War when several minesweepers were built for the French government. Can Car, Fort William, closed in the early 1920s but re-opened in 1937 to build aircraft. A great many aircraft of a variety of designs (but mostly Hurricanes and Helldivers) were built in the war years. Following the war, the plant built more aircraft, buses, transport trailers and other such products. Today it builds subway cars. The plant was taken over by A.V. Roe, Canada, a member of the Hawker Siddeley Group of England in 1955 and later by U.T.D.C., and then Bombardier.

Scope and Content

A collection of journals, newsletters, publications, and films produced by or about Canada Car that deal with the company's business and affairs.

Series B 8/1/1-13. - *Canadian Car Journal*. - 10 cm. - 1944-1956

Issues of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company's journal published usually monthly in Montreal and issued in English and in French editions. Describes the products as well as the activities of the plant and the employees. Arrangement is by year, not each year is complete.

- 1) 1944, 6 issues.
- 2) 1945, 9 issues.
- 3) 1946, 4 issues.
- 4) 1947, 9 issues (complete year).
- 5) 1948, 8 issues.
- 6) 1949, 8 issues.
- 7) 1950, 8 issues (complete year).
- 8) 1951, 5 issues.
- 9) 1952, 9 issues (complete year).
- 10) 1953, 6 issues.
- 11) 1954, 8 issues (complete year).
- 12) 1955, 3 issues (complete year).
- 13) 1956, 3 issues.

Series B 8/2/1-2. - *Aircrafter* newspaper. - 41 issues. - September 1944-July 1945

A weekly newspaper published by and for the employees of Canadian Car Foundry Company in Fort William. Normally each is 8 pages long, tabloid size.

- 1) 1944, 17 issues from September 9 to December 30.
- 2) 1945, 25 issues from January 13 to July 28.

Series B 8/3/1. - *Can-Car Clarion*. - 5 issues. - June 1974-January 1975

Five issues of the *Can-Car Clarion* beginning with Volume 1, #1 of June 1974 and ending with Volume 2, #1 of January 1975. This is an eight-page newspaper (tabloid size) dealing with activities of the Thunder Bay plant. It was distributed to the employees of the Can-Car division only.

Series B 8/4/1-2. - Publications as listed. - 34 p

- 1) *Can-Car News*, Special Picnic Issue, Local 1075, June 1979. 16p

2) *Montreal Standard Photonews*, July 27, 1940 regarding Elsie MacGill and Can-Car aircraft production. Two copies.

Series B 8/5/1. - Film. - 270ft. - ca. 1950-1960

Three films (16mm), showing tractors and other logging system equipment produced by the plant. All are in colour. One is 20 ft. long, another 50 ft., and the last one is 200 ft. in length. The 200ft. reel is entitled "Can-Car Logging System". The two smaller reels appear to be stock cut from this film.

Series B 8/6/1. - Annual reports - 1 cm - 1917-1923

Four company annual reports for 1917, 1918, 1921 and 1923

Notes

Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 975.134.23a-o, 24a-x, 25a-f, 26a-i, 27a-d, 28a-i, 29a-h, 30a-c, 31a-b, 32a-e, 33a-b, 983.41.3, 977.90.2a-e, and 981.1.88.