

The Fort William Patriotic Society fonds

1914-1920

15 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Fort William Patriotic Society was formed by a group of leading citizens in Sept. 1914 to distribute funds raised locally for the relief of wives and families of men at the front. Unlike its sister organization in Port Arthur, the Fort William Patriotic Society did not become a branch of the federal Canadian Patriotic Fund. After the war, however, the society agreed to administer the Post Discharge Relief Fund on behalf of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The Fort William Patriotic Society was incorporated in Feb. 1918. Although the society continued to meet until May 1920 to distribute Post Discharge Relief, the patriotic fund was formally closed in Feb. 1920, when a final financial statement was released. W.W. O'Brien and J.T. Horne were the society's principle officers throughout its five-year life.

Scope and Content

The Fort William Patriotic Society Records is a collection of minute books, scrapbooks, financial statements, certificates and policies regarding the meetings, activities, financial concerns, and objectives of the society. All are listed in chronological order.

Series E 24/1/1-2. - Minute books. - 9 cm. - 1914-1920

1) Minutes of the society's meetings from 24 Sept. 1914 (initial meeting), to 15 Mar. 1916. Minutes can be found on pages 29-49, 117-209. The remainder of the minute book contains scrapbook clippings.

2) Minutes of the society's meeting from 6 Dec. 1916 to 25 May 1920. The remainder of the minute book is unused.

Series E 24/2/1. - Scrapbook. - 4.5 cm. - 1914-1920

A scrapbook of clippings from Nov. 1917-May 1920, primarily from the *Times-Journal* newspaper. The clippings follow the activities of the Fort William Patriotic Society, the Canadian Patriotic Fund (federal organization), and the war-time experiences of Fort William residents, including local casualty lists. After Nov. 1919, clippings relate to the distribution of Post Discharge Relief. See also E 24/1/1 for clippings from Sept. 1914-July 1917.

Series E 24/3/1-8. - Financial statements. - .5 cm. - 1914-1920

All are financial statements of the Fort William Patriotic Society unless otherwise stated.

1) 1915. 2) 1916. 3) 1917. 4) 1918, in accordance with the War Charities Act of 1917. 5) 1918. 6) 1919. 7) Financial statement of the "Post Discharge Relief", Nov 1919-Dec. 1920. 8) Final financial statement of the society, dated 1914-1920.

Series E 24/4/1-2. - Certificates of Incorporation. - 13 leaves. - Feb. 1918

1) Petition for Incorporation of the Fort William Patriotic Society, 1918.

2) Letters Patent incorporating the Fort William Patriotic Society, 1918.

Series E 24/5/1-2. - Policy documents. - 10 leaves. - 1918 or 1919

1) By-laws of the Fort William patriotic Society Incorporated [1918]

2) Policy outlining the Post Discharge Relief by the Canadian Patriotic Fund [1919]

Notes

Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 972.84.2a-c; 972.222.24.24-33; 972.122.51.