

Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company fonds

1909-1966

44 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company was originally the Western Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company Ltd. of Port Arthur, Ontario. In May of 1909 the company entered into a construction agreement with the city of Port Arthur (by-law, 1910 #348). In 1916, the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company or PASCO. was incorporated to purchase and take over the assets of the Western Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company according to another city by-law, 1917 #1504. Once fully established the company built ships of all types including war vessels in both World Wars, pulp and paper machinery, and commercial boilers. The company also operated as a dry dock facility for repairing and docking ships. As well it was authorized to carry on warehousing and storage so as to acquire licenses for the establishment of steamship lines.

Scope and Content

Legal records, financial statements, accounts, journals, order books, order sheets and files belonging to the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company. These record the business and financial aspects of the company. There are eight series in this collection.

Series B 3/1/1-2. - Legal records. - 4 cm. - 1909-1926

There are two files of legal records in this series. This includes a mortgage in 1913 by Western Dry Dock and National Trust Co.; PASCO letters patent(1916); Port Arthur City by-laws and authorized agreements with PASCO (1917, 1927); PASCO corporate by-laws (1916, 1920s); Articles of agreement concerning construction specifications (1910); PASCO employees (1919); PASCO and the National Trust (1920, 1921); six between PASCO and Provincial Papers (1921); three between PASCO and CPR (1926); Western Dry Dock and guarantors(1909); Western Dry Dock and PASCO (1917, 1918); PASCO and the city of Port Arthur (1917); PASCO incorporation stock agreement.

Series B 3/2/1. - Financial statements. - 32 fol. - 1911- 1920

Typed records taken from the loose leaf book of A.T. Giles including balance sheets from 1917-20 which record both assets and liabilities; Comparative Cost Analysis of some ships built during the World War I period; construction data on 47 ships built between 1911 and 1920; profit and loss statements between 1917 and 1920.

Series B 3/3/1-2. - Accounts and journals. - 700 p. - 1954-1966

Two bound journals from PASCO

- 1) A shipping journal recording items received from various companies via CNR or CPR from Sept. 1954 to July 1970, the cost of the items are also included (500 p).
- 2) A purchase journal recording amounts purchased by PASCO from various businesses as well as the dates of delivery from Feb. 1965 to Aug. 1966, (200p).

Series B 3/4/1-14. - Order books. - 24 cm. - 1940-1946. The following are descriptions of bound order books containing duplicates of purchase orders or lists of ordered items, correspondence regarding orders, and quotations and tenders. Some are indexed. Internal arrangement is by vessel or component type. Each volume covers a specified period. External arrangement is chronological by ordering company.

- 1) Orders 1-100 for 171' 6" Minesweepers, 1941, PASCO.
- 2) Order list, Algerine Boilers, Contract S.T.R.S 81-88, PASCO, July 1944 - Aug. 1946.
- 3) Orders 1-100 for 190' Patrol vessels Feb. to Apr. 1940, Collingwood.
- 4) Orders 101-200 for 190' Patrol vessels Ap. to Aug. 1940, Collingwood.
- 5) Orders 201-300 for 190' Patrol vessels Aug. to Nov. 1940, Collingwood.
- 6) Orders 301-400 for 190' Patrol vessels Nov. 1940 to Aug. 1941, Collingwood.
- 7) Orders for ninth Patrol vessel, Mar. to Apr. 1941, Collingwood.

- 8) Orders for ninth Patrol vessel, 101-200, Apr. to June 1941, Collingwood.
- 9) Orders for 190' Corvettes, Str #59, 201-300, Aug. 1941, Collingwood.
- 10) Orders 1-100 for Trawlers boilers, Aug. to Dec. 1941, Collingwood.
- 11) Orders for Engines 528-533 and Boilers 1481-1484, May to July 1944, Collingwood.
- 12) Orders for Engines 528-533 and Boilers 1481-1484, 1944 - 1945, Collingwood.
- 13) Orders for Engines 534-35 and Boilers 1486-88, 1945, Collingwood.
- 14) Orders for Type "C" Coasters # 97-99, 1946, Collingwood.

Series B 3/5/1-25. - Specification order sheets. - 15 cm. - 1941-1964.

The following is a list of Purchase Department order sheets for specific contracts giving specifications. They are all soft bound in folders and are arranged chronologically.

- 1) Shapes, Patrol vessels, 1941.
- 2) Plates, Patrol vessels, 1941.
- 3) Plates, Patrol vessels, 1941.
- 4) Plates, Corvettes, 1941.
- 5) Plates, Minesweepers, 1941.
- 6) Sheets, Minesweepers, 1941.
- 7) Plates and shapes, minesweepers, 1941.
- 8) Steel Orders, Algerine Minesweepers, 1942.
- 9) Hull specification of Type "C" Coaster(Steam)1945.
- 10) Plates, Oil tanker, 1950, Hull#106
- 11) Plates, Oil tanker, 1950, Hull#106
- 12) Plates, Bulk Carrier, 1951, Hull#113.
- 13) Shapes, Bulk Carrier, 1951, hull#113.
- 14) Plates, Bulk Carrier, 1951, Hull#111.
- 15) Shapes, Bulk Carrier, 1952, Hull#111.
- 16) Hull specification, Bulk Lake Freighter, 1952.
- 17) Plates, S.S. Nipigon Bay, 1956.
- 18) Shapes, S.S. Nipigon Bay conversion, 1956.
- 19) Shapes, S.S. Nipigon Bay, 1956.
- 20) Plates, S.S. "B.A. Peerless" conversion, 1958.
- 21) Shapes, S.S. "Gleneagles" conversion, 1962.
- 22) Plates, S.S. "Gleneagles" conversion, 1962.
- 23) Specifications for S.S. "Hochelaga" conversion, 1963.
- 24) Plates and Shapes, S.S. "Hochelaga" conversion, 1963.
- 25) Plates and Shapes, S.S. "Hochelaga" conversion, 1964.

Series B 3/6/1-15. - Files. - 1940-1969.

The following is a list of files relating to the purchases of P.A.S.C.O.

- 1) Correspondence, quotations and order sheets concerning Tube expanders for boilers of "Warrior" Tugs, 1944-45.
- 2) Correspondence, blueprints, codes, procedures and specifications concerning freight packing for overseas, 1940s.
- 3) Lists of equipment required for Type "C" Coasters, ca.1940s.
- 4) Invoices, orders and correspondence regarding steel purchases, 1940.
- 5) Correspondence and orders regarding U.S. Steel Export Co. contracts, 1040-41.
- 6) File regarding Customs Tariff drawbacks for Corvettes, 1940s.
- 7) Correspondence, forms and certificates regarding Custom Tariff drawbacks, 1940s.
- 8) Memos, teloxes, correspondence, agendas, reports, minutes, and notes regarding the conversion of the S.S. "Whitefish Bay" to S.S. "Quetico", 1969.
- 9) Orders for Patrol vessels, 1940-41.
- 10) Orders and lists regarding Bullet Proof Plate, 1940-41.
- 11) Orders regarding Algerine Escort vessels via Northern Electric, 1942.
- 12) Orders awaiting approval, 1943-44.
- 13) Records regarding cancellation of contracts for Corvette engines 513-527, 1944.

- 14) Correspondence file, miscellaneous, 1940s.
- 15) Miscellaneous file, correspondence, orders, and lists.