

Roy Piovesana Fonds

Originals and copies, 12cm of records, 1919-1998

Scope and Content:

This fond contains documents compiled or created by Roy Piovesana for the purposes of writing a book on the history of the Great Lakes Paper Company, published in 1999. It contains primarily interviews and government records relating to the company and its historical context.

A 119/1/1 Booklet, 2cm, 1958 (original)

One booklet describing the Black-Clawson 342-inch Hydroflyte Fourdrinier Machine used to make newspapers in Fort William, Ontario. It contains a president's letter, highlights, photographs, operating descriptions, and blueprint. Great Lakes Paper installed the machine as part of their second phase expansion program in 1955 to supply the growing demand for newspapers.

A 119/2/1-23 Interviews, 23 micro-cassette tapes, 1997-1998 (originals)

This series contains interviews conducted by Roy Piovesana with persons who were involved with the Great Lakes Paper Company and its various divisions.

Arranged chronologically:

- 1) George Schella, 21 October 1997
- 2) Great Lakes Woodlands 1, Wally Zaremski 1, 27 October 1997
- 3) Great Lakes Paper History, Wally Zaremski 2, 29 October 1997
- 4) Great Lakes Paper History, Wally Zaremski 3 Interview
- 5) Great Lakes Woodlands 4, Wally Zaremski, 31 October 1997
- 6) Great Lakes History 5, Wally Zaremski, 3 November 1997
- 7) Great Lakes History 6, Wally Zaremski, 4 November 1997
- 8) Diane Miller 1, 18 December 1997
- 9) Diane Miller 2, 18 December 1997
- 10) Emilio Rigato, Mill Manager, Dismissed-27 July 1998, 22 July 1998
- 11) John Venasky, Great Lakes 1942-1981, November 27 1997
- 12) "Scotty" G.C. Bell 23 June 1998
- 13) Bill Cella, 8 July 1998
- 14) Bob Chambers, 10 March 1998
- 15) Bob Chambers, 10 March 1998
- 16) Bill Haabouy? - Primo Fabio, Comments on Photo, 30 March 1998
- 17) Cliff Bowles 1, 31 March 1998
- 18) Cliff Bowles 2, 31 March 1998
- 19) Primo Fabio, 27 April 1996
- 20) Mario Tocheri, 25 May 1998
- 21) Howard Nash, Woodlands, 25 May 1998

22) Annie Hunter, 26 May 1998

23) Glenn Shaw, 23 June 1998

A 119/3/1-6 Microfilm, 6 reels, covers 1919-1925 (copies)

Microfilms contain general correspondence, office records, photographs, newspaper clippings and collector's notes. Also includes the papers of Ontario Premiers Ernest C. Drury (1919-23) and G.H. Ferguson (1923-1930) as collected by the donor based on his personal research at Archives of Ontario. Data focus on correspondence between the Premier's Office, the Executive Council of Ontario, the Ontario Legislative Assembly, and the Ontario Treasury Department.

Also prominent within all reels is the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission (H.E.P.C.).

1) Drury Papers, 4cm, covers 1917-1922.

Correspondence is between the Drury's Provincial Government offices and Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, Ontario Office of the Civil Service Commission, Ontario Department of Education, Civil Service Superannuation Board, the United Farmers of Ontario, Supreme Court of Ontario, Ontario Department of the Secretary and Registrar, Law Clerk Office, Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission (T.&N.O.), Department of Lands and Forests, Shevlin Clarke Company Limited, and the Hydro-Power Company. Prominent people within correspondence are Horace Wallis (Deputy Minister), Howard Ferguson (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Mines), Edmund Harley?, J.L. Englehart, George W. Lee, E.W. Backus, Beniah Bowman, F. H. Anson, J.A. Ellis (Fuel Controller for Ontario), Adam Beck, W.W. Pope (GLP&P and H.E.P.C) Lewis L. Alsted (GLP&P and H.E.P.C), Frank H. Keefer of (GLP&P and H.E.P.C), Cowan (Mayor of Port Arthur) W.E. Raney (Attorney General), C.H. Kilmer, and I.F. Hellmuth.

Issues and Topics include government advertising, amending the Assessment Act of 1919, civil service charts, the Ontario Public Service Insurance Act of 1922, civil service regulations, superannuation (retirement for civil servants), Electrification of the T&N.O. Railway in 1922, English River Pulp and Timber Limits to aid Kenora development, government dispensaries, and the Great Lakes Pulp and Paper Company 1922-1923.

2) Drury Papers: J.J. Carrick, 4cm, covers 1919-1920.

Includes maps, photographs and newspaper clippings. Correspondence is between the Drury's Provincial Government Offices and the Department of the Secretary and Registrar, Employment Bureau, Ontario Hydro Power Uniform Rate Association, National Council of Women-Provincial, Moose Factory Pulp and Paper Mill, Soldier Aid Commission, Railway Association of Ontario, the Grand Army of Canada, the Workmen's Compensation Board, Bishop-Barker Aeroplanes Limited, Toronto Methodist Ministerial Association, Department of Mines, Associated Goldfields Mining Company, Board of Trade in Timmins, and Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association.

Prominent people within the correspondence are John Henry Rodd (Crown General Attorney), J.J. Daly, H.C. Nixon (Provincial Secretary), Allan M. Dymond, Dr.

Alexander McPhedran, Rockefeller Sr., G.C. Green, J.L. Hannigan (Hydro-Electric), Thomas Mulvey (Undersecretary of State) William Meredith, F.K. Bennetts (assistant Clerk of Privy Council), Mrs. W.H Parson (National Council of Women), T.M. Kirkwood (Kirkwood Steamship Line), Mr. Bowman (Minister of Lands and Forests) John. P. Secord (Severn River Ranching Company Limited), Charles J. Hastings M.D on small pox, McPherson (Soldiers Aid Commission), Horace Wallace, H.I. McLeod (Grand Army of Canada), Cornel Carmichael, Albert Grigg, W.N. Wilkinson (Canadian Jewish War Relief), Robert Borden (Prime Minister of Ottawa), George W. Lee and George A. Mackay (T&N.O. Railway Commission).

Issues and Topics include the Ford riot in Essex County including Crown Attorney John Henry Rodd, the case of J.J. Daly, 1919 Petition of Right, Rockefeller gift for medical research 1919, employment for war veterans, hydro electric for Eastern Ontario including municipal representation, , housing of immigrant women in domestic work, charges related to the License Board, appointment of Lionel Herbert Clark for Lieutenant Governor, petitions and suggestions from the National Council of Women, the New Poor Movement of 1919, packing and cold storage of food, grants for post graduate courses in France, leasehold rights of ranchers and mills, small pox epidemic, Soldiers Aid Commission, the soldier's colony at Kapuskasing, the Narrow Gage railways, cases of workman's compensation, aerial transport, status of generals, cases from the appeal courts, Armenian relief, Associated Goldfields Mining Company, the Beach Protection Act of 1920, birth certificates, the deepening of Black Sturgeon lakes, railway crossings, Timmins development, work with the British Association of Advancement of Science, the Byron Sanatorium, Canada's Cement Company, and issues from J.J. Carrick of Port Arthur and Fort William.

3) Drury Papers: Great Lakes Paper, 4cm, covers 1919-1920.

General correspondence and office records.

Correspondence is between Drury's Provincial Government offices and Trades and Labor Council, Civil Service Office, Department of Education, Department of Lands Forests and Mines, Game and Fisheries Department, Department of Mines, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Great Wars Veterans Association, Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries, Department of Lands and Forests, and National Waterways Association of Canada.

Prominent People within correspondence include C.E. Elliot, Peter Smith, H.C. Nixon, F.C. Biggs (Minister of Public Works), W.R. Rollo, Mr. Carmichael, I.L. Mathews, Lewis L Alsted, Mr. Huntington, C.F. Bulmer, Mr. Mills, Wm. N. Synyder, and R. M. Colter (Deputy Post Master General)

Issues and topics include the Election Act of 1920, care and control of the feeble minded, forest fire protection, shop-breaking prevention, fund estimates for civil government, Forest Act of 1919, Fort William and District Municipal League, franking privileges and provincial protest, freight rates and protest, improvements of the French River, fuel situation and administration, fish and game conservation, fish and game licenses, Glover

Cancer, lake front grain elevator construction, the Great Lakes Pulp and Paper Company, the Great War Veterans Associations, and provincial highways

4) Drury Papers, 4 cm, 1919-1923.

Correspondence is between Drury's Provincial Government office and University of Montreal, University of Toronto, Canadian Bank of Commerce, solicitors regarding the Veterans Land Grant Act on behalf of pulp and paper companies, Veterans Reunion Council, Ontario Veterinary College, Department of Militia and Defense, Ontario Department of Education, The Great War Veteran Association, Ontario Hospital for the Insane, Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, National Waterways of Association of Canada, Office of the Fire Marshall, The Financial Times Montreal, The Toronto Star, Academy of Medicine, Toronto, the Ontario Department of Lands Forests and Mines, and the Canadian National Railway.

Prominent people within correspondence include W.H. Hearst, Robert Falconer, H.C. Nixon, Mrs. Mary Warren, G.N. Weekes, Sir Adam Beck, and Peter Smith (Provincial Treasurer), and J.L Mathews (Mayor of Port Arthur).

Issues include cases of grants, university standards, hospital conditions, crown land, workmen's compensation, Corporation Tax of 1922, war widows, war memorials, hydro electric power, the Northern Ontario Fire of 1922, Forest Fire Prevention Act, Nipigon Power Development and Black Sturgeon, freight tariffs, natural resource advertising, Backus-Brooks Construction, the discover of Insulin, and railways.

5) Hydro Electric Power Commission: Great Lakes Paper, 4cm, covers 1921-1930.

Correspondence is between Drury's Provincial Government offices, the new Ferguson Government Offices, Hydro Electric Inquiry Commission (H.E.I.C.), Ontario Treasury Department, and Ministry of Lands and Forest.

Prominent individuals within the microfilm are I.B. Lucas, J.W. Gilman, Adam Beck, J.R. Cooke, Mr. Gaby, W.W. Pope, Mr. Magrath, and J.W. Gilmore (H.E.P.C.), Gordon A. Brown (Provincial Auditor) Peter Smith (Provincial Treasurer) W.H. Price (Provincial Treasurer), Bulmer (Executive Council).

Issues and topics are H.E.P.C. estimates 1922-1929, H.E.P.C. finances 1922-1925, H.E.P.C. history of general relations, and H.E.P.C. interest charges, H.E.P.C Hollow Lakes Storage Dam, Hydro and Federal Taxation as covered by Montreal Gazette, Rural Hydro-Electric Distribution Act, and Power Commission Act of 1927.

6) Howard Ferguson Papers: Great Lakes Paper 1924, 4cm, covering 1924.

Correspondence is between the Ferguson Governmental offices and Amputations Association of the Great War (AAGW), Office of Minister of Public Works and Highways, Department of Lands and Forest, Department of Education, Veterans Reunion Council (VRC), Department of Attorney General, Superannuation Board, Office of Civil Service Commissioner, Ontario Department of Mines, Algonquin Provincial Parks, Canadian National Railway, Canadian Fuel Protective Association, the Alberta

Government, Peat Fuels Limited, Alberta Ontario Coal Imports Limited, British Empire Steel Corporation Limited, Great Lakes Pulp and Paper Company.

Prominent individuals within correspondence are W.S. Dobbs (AAGW), Edward A. L'Estrance (VRC), Horace Wallis, J.N. McCutcheon (Civil Service Commissioner), Mr. Martin (Minister of Agriculture) T.A. McArthur (Inspector of Mining Records), W.K. Snider, Mr. Nickle (Attorney General), J.C. Claire, W.C. Cain (Lands and Forests), Lincoln Goldie (Provincial Secretary), Frank J. Watson (Freight Traffic Manager), J.A. Ellis (Fuel Controller), G.A. Brown (Provincial Auditor), Chas McCrea (Minister of Mines) and Herbert Greenfield (Premier of Alberta).

Issues and topics are leaves of absence for war veterans, superannuation, Algonquin Provincial Park, civil service estimates, J.C. Claire's land claims in Northern Ontario, case of Clegg VS. Niagara, coal, fuel independence, the Great Lakes Pulp and Paper Company, and the Ontario Temperance Act Referendum.

Biographical Sketch:

Roy Piovesana was born in Fort William, Ontario in 1942 and was educated at Fort William Colligate Institute and Lakehead University where he received his Master of Arts in History. He became a high school teacher, university lecturer, historian/archivist, and a historic writer. His publications include *J.R. Manion: Member of Parliament of Fort William, 1917-1935*, *Hope and Charity: An Illustrated history of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Thunder Bay*, and *Paper and People: An Illustrated History of Great Lakes Paper and Its Successors, 1919-1999* (1999), and *St. Dominic Parish: A History, 1912-1987*.

Additional Information:

Copy: Original microfilms held in full at Archives of Ontario under OFFICE OF THE PREMIER 1899-1934 RG3-4, RG3-5.

Associated Material: See also museum archival collection 2012.51.1A-BB