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J. P. Bertrand Fonds

Original, 1961-1974, 2cm

Scope and Content:

J. P. Bertrand was a successful writer and lumber industry man. The papers here relate to the writing of *Timber Wolves*, a manuscript about the timber and paper industry in Northwestern Ontario.

A 130/1/1: Manuscript, 2cm, 1961, 1974.

Written by 1961 the draft of *Timber Wolves* remained unpublished due to Bertrand's death three years later and to the potential that he would be sued for libel by persons named in the book. An edited version was published by the TBHMS in 1997, though versions of the manuscript had been widely circulated before this. This series contains a draft and a letter regarding the possibility of publishing the manuscript.

Biographical Sketch:

Joseph Placide Theodore Bertrand (1880-1964) was born in the Ottawa Valley and came to Thunder Bay in 1900. He became an active member of the lumber industry and travelled Northwestern Ontario extensively. He also had a passion for history, shown in his published book *Highway of Destiny*, as well as *Timber Wolves*, which was a mixture of history and his firsthand knowledge of the lumber industry.