

The Canadian Club fonds

1907-1982

26 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Canadian Club movement began in 1893 in Hamilton as an effort to inspire interest of Canadians in their own country through the study of the history, literature and resources of Canada and the fostering of "a patriotic Canadian sentiment". Fort William and Port Arthur both had Canadian Clubs in the early years of the twentieth century, but they gradually disappeared. The Fort William Women's Canadian Club was in existence, however, as late as 1969. In August of 1969 the Thunder Bay Canadian Club was organized. The primary activity of the Thunder Bay Canadian Club was to sponsor lectures by prominent Canadian and visitors from other countries on national or international issues. Currently the club is inactive, its last meeting was held in 1986. The Canadian Club of Fort William was organized late in 1907 primarily by Mr. Sheldon M. Fisher. The Women's Canadian Club of Fort William was organized in June of 1909.

Scope and Content:

The Canadian Club fonds is composed of lists, notices, newsletters, correspondence, publications, financial records, minutes and membership rolls regarding the rules, activities, meetings, and members of the club.

Series E 18/1/1. - Records. - 10 cm. - 1969-1974, 1978-1982

One binder of records of the Canadian Club of Thunder Bay: Minutes of meetings of Executive, 1969-1974; correspondence, 1969-1972; meeting notices, 1970-1973; President's report, 1969-1970; newsletters, 1969-1973 (incomplete); press clippings; lists of members. Also includes membership list for the Women's Canadian Club of Fort William, 1967-1968. One file of lists of members of the Canadian Club of Thunder Bay, 1978-1982.

Series E 18/2/1-3. - Publications, financial records, minutes and membership roll. - 14 cm. - 1907-1969

1) Publications of the Canadian Club of Fort William including the constitution and membership roll, 1907-1908. Annual addresses, 1908 (2 copies), 1910 (2 copies), 1911 (2 copies), and 1912. As well there are two copies of a manuscript by an unknown speaker before the Canadian Club on the subject of the Fur Trade and commerce.

2) The bound lists of income and expenditures of the Fort William Men's branch of the Canadian Club from 1939-1969. It records membership dues paid for each person per year and has attached balance sheets.

3) Minutes of the board of executive meetings of the Canadian Club of Fort William, 1950-1969. Also includes a number of reports of officers of the club, such as those of the president and the treasurer. This volume also contains at the beginning, and, at the end, lists of members in the club for the years 1960-1967.

Series E 18/3/1. - Records. - 2 cm. - 1909-1941

The records of the Women's Canadian Club of Fort William including its constitution, (1909 and 1941), the first annual publication (1910), membership cards (1941), and programs for the years, 1915-1918 and 1927-1928 (2 copies). See also E 18/1/1 for membership list for 1967-1968.

Notes

Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 973.105.43a+b; 972.222.34, 35, 36; 972.78.83; 972.157.2a-p; 972.249.14; 980.52.3; 975.134.20; 972.125.1; 974.2.511a-c.