

Fort William Brick and Tile Company fonds

1892-1984

19 cm of textual records

Administrative history

The Fort William Brick and Tile Company was founded in 1892 by W.S. Piper who owned one half of the company. Louis Walsh and James Murphy each owned one quarter. It was located on Montreal Street in west Fort William. In 1893 it employed 15 men, had a sand mould machine, and was also the first manufacturing company at the Lakehead to use steam power. The company lasted until 1945, and a motel was eventually made on the site where the old Fort William brick yard used to be, on what is now known as Baily Street.

Scope and Content

A collection of daybooks, ledgers, monthly time books and other miscellaneous items regarding the business and financial aspects of the Fort William Brick and Tile Company.

Series B 21/1/1-2. - Daybooks. - 6 cm. - 1902-32, 1893-1984

- 1) April 1893-January 1984. 53 pages of expenses entered by day with accompanying explanations.
- 2) April 1902-1932. Expenses are entered daily with accompanying explanations on pages 1-416. Monthly summaries of expenditures run backwards chronologically from 1923 to 1931 on pages 422 to 484. The front pages are missing.

Series B 21/2/1-3. - Ledgers. - 7 cm. - 1893-1946

- 1) 1893-1894: Handwritten index to customer accounts in front. Pages 1-416.
- 2) 1902-31: Accompanied by index to ledger: listing customer accounts alphabetically. Pages 1-290.
- 3) 1931-1946: Customer accounts tabled alphabetically in front, also buildings and lands, bank accounts, cash accounts, capital accounts, inventory, etc.

Series B 21/3/1-3. - Monthly time books. - 4 cm. - 1911-41

- 1) 11 May 1918-August 1918: Records the working days of employees; amount owed per month and hospital deductions; casual labour and special services. 38 p script.
- 2) May 1916-September 1930: As above. 96 p script.
- 3) June 1931-August 1941. Records hours of work, rate per hour and total amounts paid. 50 p script. Also there is a memo to W.S. Piper from W.G. Baily in the front.

Series B 21/4/1. - Miscellaneous. - 2 cm. - 1892-1941

Miscellaneous items from the Fort William Brick and Tile Company: A bank book from an account the company had with Ray, Street and company, dated 1892. Correspondence to W.S. Piper from H.G. Rothwell and F.S. Price and to the company from H.C. Baird, all are dated 1919. Invoices from 1937 and 1941. Delivery forms from 1905 to 1941, and price lists from 1937 and 1941.

Notes

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