

## G 9

### Municipality of Shuniah Records

Original and microfilm, 2 reels and 24 pages of textual records, 1873-92.

**Scope and Content:** The municipality of Shuniah records is a collection of Council minutes and an account book concerning the activities of the Council between the years 1873 and 1891.

**Series G 9/1/1-2:** Council meetings, 2 reels, 1873-90 (microfilm).

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah, from its incorporation to 1890.

1) 1873-1881.

2) 1881-1890.

**Series G 9/2/1:** Account book, 24 pages, 1892 (original).

Account book containing lists of lands sold for back taxes in the Townships of McIntyre and McGregor in the Municipality of Shuniah between September and October 1891 and 1892.

**Biographical Sketch:** The township of Shuniah was incorporated as a municipality on March 29, 1873 (36 vic., c.50-Ontario Legislature). It was the first incorporated jurisdiction in the district of Thunder Bay. Contained Townships of Pardee, Crooks, Blake, Paipoonge, McIntyre, Neebing, McGregor, McTavish and Sibley (including area later to become the towns of Prince Arthur's Landing and Fort William). It also includes some islands South West from Black Bay. Prince Arthur's Landing was the town seat. Sibley and McTavish withdrew from Municipality in 1874 (37 vic, c.17) but was later united in 1915 by the Ontario Municipal Board. Township of Neebing withdrew in 1881 and Paipoonge in 1904. Prince Arthur's Landing was made a village in 1872 and was incorporated as the town of Port Arthur in 1884 (by Ontario Statutes c.70). Present Municipality of Shuniah is made up mainly of McTavish and McGregor Townships and surrounding mining locations. See F.Brent Scollie, "The Population of Thunder Bay, 1884-1904", Papers and Records of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, VII (1979), 21-29.

#### **Additional Information:**

*Custodial History:* Donated by Edward Williams in the name of Dr. Isabel Mackey Kelly. See A 37.