

J.T. Horne fonds

1888, 1890, 1904-1910

18 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

J.T. Horne (died 1925) was a lumber dealer with Graham, Horne Ltd. (also known as Graham, Horne & Co.) which began in 1883. The company was bought out by the Pigeon River Lumber Co. at the end of the 1800s. He was president of the West Algoma Agricultural Association, secretary of the Fort William Patriotic Society (1915-1917) and was made an honorary life member of the Kaministiquia Club in 1923. He was one of Fort William's biggest boosters at the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth centuries.

G.R. Duncan was chief engineer of construction for the Canadian Iron and Foundry Co.'s plant in Fort William and formerly chief engineer at the Company's Three Rivers plant. He later became a prominent real estate man at the Lakehead.

Scope and Content

The J.T. Horne papers are arranged into four series, the principal being a letter book (1907-1910) and a note and sketch book (1905-1909). The papers relate primarily to Horne's business activities as a lumber merchant though the sketch book concerns the construction of the Canadian Iron and Foundry Co.'s plant in Fort William in which Horne may have held an interest. This is an excellent source for determining the technical details of iron foundries in this period.

Series A 4/1/1 - Letterbook - 1,000 fol. - 1907-1910

Correspondence between Horne and various parties concerned primarily with buying the selling lumber and timber. Also contains some correspondence on the Kaministiquia Club. Arranged chronologically with an index at the front. Includes also some personal letters.

Series A 4/2/1 - Note and sketch book - 6cm. - 1905-1909

Bound book concerned with the Canadian Iron and Foundry Company's plant on Montreal St., Fort William, completed in 1907. Later known as the Canadian Iron Corp. Ltd.. Produced by G.R. Duncan, engineer responsible for the construction. Included blueprints of motors, fixtures, brackets, molds and numerous sketches for cranes, etc.. Also includes analyses of iron samples, cost estimates for construction, insurance values and information on the Company's Three Rivers plant.

Series A 4/3/1 - Diary - 1cm. - 1888, 1890

Notes of field work in examining lots in Pigeon River area for harvestable timber. Parts of this diary are in a hand other than Horne's. References are made to J.C. Stretch, Horrigan and McConnell.

Series A 4/4/1-2 - Receipts and lists - 1904-1905, 1910

- 1) receipt for money received from Horne for purchase of land, 1910.
- 2) list of supplies for lumber camps, 1904-1905.

Additional Information

Custodial History - Formerly catalogued into museum collection 972.45.33, 35-37.