

# Newaygo Timber Company fonds

1856-1958.

19 cm of textual records

## *Administrative history*

Newaygo Timber Company Limited was established on 13 Feb. 1917 with the transfer of freehold land from Hugh Keefer to the company. Pie Island, originally a silver mining site, was granted to Simon James Dawson in 1872. It exchanged hands several times before it was transferred to Newaygo from George Mead in 1927. During that period, Dawson's original mine was sold to the Pie Island Silver Mining Company. However, it was seized by the sheriff for default of mortgage payments and labour commitment, and resold. The Newaygo Timber Company was located approximately 12 miles east of Fort William along the north shore of Lake Superior. They expanded over the years acquiring more land and several steamships. They remained in business until 1975.

## *Scope and Content*

The Newaygo Timber Company records consist of legal records, mining and lumber reports, correspondence and literature regarding the company's business affairs, wages, and obtaining land to log.

**Series B 22/1/1-7.** - Legal records. - 13 cm. - 1856-1947

- 1) Abstracts of Title: Transfer from crown to P. Thompson, H. Lloyd, and Simon James Dawson to Pie Island Silver Mining Company. 24 June 1872 to 1920.
- 2) Deeds of Land: from 1853 (grant to British North America Mining) through 1856 (grant to Montreal Mining Company) to 1947 (Newaygo).
- 3) Powers of Attorney: various transfers of Power of Attorney to facilitate ease of land transactions 1878, 1904-1908.
- 4) Mortgages: all pertaining to "Pie Island" property. 1875-1906.
- 5) Writs, liens, and judgements: 1875-1886, all pertain to the failure of the Pie Island Silver Company to meet their commitments.
- 6) Land grant certificates: 1902-1908.
- 7) Miscellaneous: certificate of registration of a steamship in 1919; a bill of sale for the steamship Michigan in 1924; a probate of the McLennon will in 1906; an agreement on timber rights dated 1926; an assessment notice from 1930; and certificates of classification for steamships from 1922 to 1940.

**B 22/2/1-4.** - Miscellaneous. - 6 cm. - 1871-1958

- 1) Reports: field notes of Pie Island dated 1871; geological evaluations of Pie Island mining location, from 1881 to 1907.
- 2) Correspondence: regarding the relocations of lots in Lyon Township 1908; regarding the delivery of unlocated veteran's scripts 1921; regarding military land grants 1922; and regarding the pine timber cutting rights 1938.
- 3) Business: a statement from 1918; cheques from 1914 and 1909, a receipt from 1919, a schedule for wages from 1937, and an advertisement that is not dated.
- 4) Literature: regarding the logging industry; M and E Four Wheel Drive Sales company, pamphlets, G.A. Hills, "A Settlement Plan for Rural Northern Ontario", Apr. 1946; International Harvester Company of Canada: transportation of pulpwood bolts by truck and bobsled trailer trains, 1930; Frank B. Moran, Ontario's Forests and Unemployment, from 1958; National Archives of the U.S.A., "Federal Register", volume 1, number 13, 1936.

## *Notes*

Formerly catalogued into the museum collection, 975.10.15-16,81-84, 87-88, 122, 126, 127,19-80, 82-85, 88-121, 123- 125.