

The Workers' Co-Operative of Consumers (Ft. William) Ltd. Fonds

Original, handwritten and typed record books, 57cm , 1920-2006, 2013

Scope and Content:

The records of the Co-operativa di Consumo Operaia, or Workers' Co-operative of Consumers include accounting books and minute books from the beginning of the business in 1920 to its bankruptcy in 2006. The records are written mostly in Italian.

B 49/1/1-13: Minutes of Meetings, 25 cm, 13 books. 1920-2006, 2013

Thirteen volumes cover both meetings of shareholders and directors, sometimes within the same volume but occasionally separated. The Last two volumes contain a number of other documents including lists of directors and shareholders. The final volume also contains government forms related to the bankruptcy. Arranged chronologically by first entry. Written in Italian from 1920-1947, then in English for 1948-2006.

- 1) Director's meetings 1920-1924, annual shareholder's meetings 1921-1938
- 2) Director's meetings, 1925-1930
- 3) Council of Director's meetings, 1930-1933
- 4) Director's meetings, 1933-1936
- 5) Director's meetings, 1936-1938
- 6) Director's meetings, 1938-1943
- 7) Directors meetings minutes, 1945-1953
- 8) Meetings of Shareholders, 1945-1959
- 9) Executive Council meetings minutes, 1953-1961
- 10) Shareholders meetings minutes, 1959-1977
- 11) Minutes for Director's meetings, 1961-1969
- 12) Minutes for Director's meetings, 1970-1978
- 13) Annual shareholders meeting minutes from 1978-2006

B 49/2/1-11: Financial Records, 32 cm, 11 books. 1920-1948, 1962(?), 1972-1976

Most documents are focused on the shares programme run by the co-operative, however expenses and similar accounts are also present. Books 1 and 2 cover mostly the same years and subject, yet contain different names; they may cover different types of stock. Written in both Italian and English, with Italian phasing out over time.

- 1-2) Records of ownership for shares based off first purchase. 1920-1940s
- 3) Dividends paid out, 1920-1926
- 4) Invoice booklet, 1922
- 5) Shares purchased each day, 1920-1922
- 6) Expenses, 1925-1927
- 7) Record of dividends paid, 1929-1948
- 8) Cheques & Expenses, 1935-1948
- 9) Bank of Toronto account book, 1939-1944
- 10) Accounts 1962, 1970-1974

11)Accounts, 1976

Organizational Sketch:

Founded in 1920, the Worker's Co-Operative of Consumers was a co-operative grocery store. It lasted 86 years until it succumbed to bankruptcy in 2006. Opening at 538 McTavish, they moved to 601 McTavish by 1935, and finally to 955 Walsh in 1988.