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Moose Jaw Boards of Trade fonds. - [textual record, cartographic material]. - 1888-1935. - 15.0 cm of textual records. - 3 maps.

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Administrative history

The origins of the Moose Jaw Board of Trade are unclear but the first edition of the "Moose Jaw News" on May 4, 1883 makes reference to a "Billiard and pool hall in the 'Board of Trade Rooms'".

The earliest minutes refer to a meeting on October 1, 1888 to organize the Moose Jaw Board of Trade. It does not seem to exist as a legal entity prior to this date. Among the members at this time were prominent names such as Ross, Fysh, Annable and Hopkins with J.H. Ross named acting chair and A.N. Hopkins named acting secretary until they are incorporated.

Their activities included the promotion of the City to outside interests and the formation of committees to address issues of local infrastructure - e.g. Railroad, Bridge and Reservoir. In 1927, a Young Men's Section of the Board was formed. Among their activities was the publication of "The Optimeter", a newsletter touting the accomplishments and bright future of Moose Jaw.

Some reference materials state that the Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce was the successor to the Board of Trade in the first decade of the 1900's but the Board was very active for some time later. The 1945 Henderson Directory lists G.S. O'Shaughnessy as the commissioner for the Board of Trade at 18 High Street East. The 1946 Henderson lists the Chamber of Commerce at this address with the same individual as the commissioner for that group. This would seem to be the approximate date of succession.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of minutes of the Board of Trade [photocopies], promotional materials, newsletters, correspondence and informational material related to their activities. It is divided into two series - 1) The Board of Trade main group and 2) The Young Men's Section of the Board of Trade.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004. Minor repairs done to torn map.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

A portion of accession number 32.BA donated to the archives by Harold Loney. Maps in fonds donated by John Humbert.

Location of originals

Unknown.

Associated materials

A complete set of the "Optimeter" newsletter Vol. 1 to Vol. 4 is located in the Archives library collection as a single bound volume. [see 971.24 Opt]

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-32/1 - Board Business. - [textual record]. - 1888-1935. - 10.0 cm of textual records. - 3 maps.

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This series consists of minutes, correspondence and other items relating to general Board of Trade activities.

001 - Partial Index/Listing of Events in Minutes for the period 1904-1911

002 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1888-1895

003 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1901-1904

004 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1905

005 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1906

006 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1907

007 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1908

008 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1909

009 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1910

010 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1911

011 - Board of Trade Minutes [Photocopies] 1913

012 - Correspondence File - Richard Loney - President of Board of Trade [References to panorama photographs of Moose Jaw - possibly two framed panoramas in the MJPL Archives?] 1911-1912

013 - Invitation opening of Alberta Clay Products - Medicine Hat 1910

014 - Toast List for unknown event [ca. 1911]

015 - Response to Board of Trade survey by R.L. Cushing Millwork Co. Ltd. May 12, 1930

016 - Memorandum of Board of Trade opposing proposed CPR line between Avonlea and Regina. Includes blueprint map. [1925]

017 - Blueprint map of current and proposed trackage (CP and CN) in Moose Jaw [192-?]

018 - Geological Map - Amisk Lake sheet. Map 314A issued 1935 by Dept. of Mines (Canada) Bureau of Economic Geology Geological Survey

MJ-32/2 - Young Men's Section. - [textual record]. - 1927-1930. - 5.00 cm of textual records. Box V-23

This series consists of records of the Young Men's Section of the Moose Jaw Board of Trade

001 - Young Men's Section Inaugural Banquet - Programme 1927

002 - Membership List - Young Men's Section 1927

003 - "Buy Moose Jaw" Promotional Brochure 1927

004 - Letter of Introduction for Richard Loney 1929

005 - Typed Minutes - Various (Executive Council, Young Men's Section, various committees) 1927-1930

006 - "Optimeter" - Incomplete set [See Associated Material] 1927-1930

007 - Printed Photos and Clipart - possibly samples for "Optimeter" [192-?]