

**Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited**

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## FONDS DESCRIPTION

### **Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited**

Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited fonds. - 1899-1992.

35.2 m textual records.

1101 photographs and other graphic material.

#### **Administrative history:**

In 1889, the Ross, McLaren Mill was opened at Millside, an area near New Westminster, British Columbia. The mill had cost \$350,000 to build, and was headed by President James McLaren, a Quebec timber investor and President of the Bank of Ottawa, and Vice-President Frank Ross. Production at the mill began in 1890. In addition to new facilities and a large amount of capital to support it, the mill also possessed the transportation benefits of frontage on the Fraser River and a spur line to the Canadian Pacific Railway system. However, despite these advantages, the mill soon faced several events that affected its production in a negative way. In addition to the death of McLaren, the mill also experienced a decreased demand for timber due to a general economic depression in 1892. Even when other mills began to recover in 1895, Ross, McLaren's productivity was curtailed by the silting of the Fraser River, which made it impossible for large vessels to reach the mill.

All of these factors contributed to the company's decision in 1899 to place the mill and its timber rights up for sale. An American investment syndicate, headed by Lester David of Seattle and Mr. Jenkins of Minneapolis eventually purchased the mill in 1903. The new owners sought to resolve the mill's difficulties by dyking the area, and holding the federal government accountable for dredging the Fraser River channel and ensuring its accessibility to ships. Now called Fraser River Saw Mills, the mill was finally re-opened in 1905, as the largest mill in the Pacific Northwest. By 1906, the mill was already setting records for production levels and over 250 labourers were employed. As a result of the increased production levels and staff, both the mill and Millside were expanded; this included the construction of the Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company Limited.

Production at the mill was so high by 1907, in fact, that the mill was nearly shut down due to a lack of available labour. The mill was taken over by an investment syndicate headed by A.D. McRae of Winnipeg and Senator Peter Jansen of Nebraska. The new owners instituted a major re-organization of the business. A half million dollar renovation and expansion of the original mill buildings was implemented and improvements made to increase transportation access to the mill via the Fraser River. The name of the town was changed from Millside to Fraser Mills.

The re-organization of the business culminated in 1910, with the purchase of enough timber rights in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island for the company, now called the Canadian Western Lumber Company Limited, to be considered to have the largest private holdings in the world.

Through direct or indirect purchase, the Canadian Western Lumber Company Limited acquired full or partial ownership of the following companies by 1916: Canadian Tugboat Company Limited; Coast Lumber & Fuel Company Limited; Coast Lumber Yards Limited; The Columbia River Company Limited; Columbia Western Lumber

Yards Ltd.; Comox Logging and Railway Company; Crown Lumber Company, Limited; Fraser Mills Sash, Door, and Shingle Company Limited; Lumber Manufacturers' Yard Limited; Security Lumber Company Limited.; and Western Canada Sawmill Yards Limited. Later acquisitions include The Golden Light, Power and Water Company Limited.

In 1954, the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited was acquired by Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited. The immediate successor company to Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited was Fletcher Challenge Limited of New Zealand, which purchased the company in 1983 and, with further acquisitions, became Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited in 1987. In 2000, Norske Skog, a Norwegian paper company, acquired all of Fletcher Challenge's pulp and paper assets, and a majority interest in Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited. This resulted in the formation of Norske Skog Canada Limited.

### **Scope and content:**

Fonds consists of records of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited, including agreements and other documents pertaining to the organization and development of the company, financial records, insurance records, stocks and shares records, personnel records, photographs, and timber records. The fonds also includes records of its predecessor companies, Fraser River Lumber Company and Fraser River Saw Mills, and its allied and subsidiary companies, including the Columbia River Company, Limited; Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company; Columbia Western Lumber Yards, Limited, Canadian Tugboat Company Limited, Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company/Coast Lumber & Fuel Company Limited; Coast Lumber Yards Limited; Comox Logging & Railway Company; Crown Lumber Company, Limited, The Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited, and Security Lumber Company Limited. Also included in the fonds are records of its successor company Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited, and records of and pertaining to another CZ Canada Ltd. company, Pacific Mills, Limited at Ocean Falls, B.C. and its predecessor companies. The fonds also includes some records of British Columbia Forest Products, Limited, which, like CZ Canada Ltd, was acquired by Fletcher Challenge, New Zealand. The fonds includes slides and photographs of several of Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited's operations and products. Records of the North Coast Lumber Company, Limited and the Vernon Box Company Limited may also be found in the fonds; the relationship of these companies to the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited is unknown.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Agreements and other documents pertaining to the organization and development of the company (1914-1954); Financial records (1910-1955); Insurance records (1910-1954); Photographs ([1919]-1956); Stocks and shares records (1910-1955); Personnel records (1941-1972); Timber records (1913-1940); Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited and Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited records (1905-1912); Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company records (1914-1919, 1944-1948); Columbia River Company, Limited records (1899-1951); Columbia Western Lumber Yards, Limited records (1913-1929); Anacortes Lumber and Box Company records ([ca. 1906]-1934); Canadian Tugboat Company Limited records (1912-1978), Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company (Coast Lumber & Fuel Company Limited) records (1911-1942); Coast Lumber Yards Limited records (1911-1962); Comox

Logging & Railway Company records (1906-1954); Crown Lumber Company, Limited records (1909-1965); The Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited records (1908-1923); North Coast Lumber Company Limited records (1908); Security Lumber Company Limited records (1915-1954); Vernon Box Company Limited records (1926-1930); Pacific Mills, Limited (Ocean Falls) records (1906-1954); Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited records (1926-1974); British Columbia Forest Products Limited records ([ca. 1937]-1964); and Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited slides and photographs ([198-]-1992].

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of fonds.

**Arrangement:** Fonds arranged into series according to the company responsible for the creating the records. Series arranged loosely according to company's relationship with the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited, with some allied and subsidiary companies arranged in alphabetical order.

**Physical description note:** Includes: 412 slides, 103 negatives, 3 blueprints, and 1 illustration.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** The fonds was donated to the University of British Columbia Library by Norske Skog Canada Limited, the successor company to Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited, in 2001.

**Restrictions:** Access restriction may apply to some material.

**Accruals:** Further accruals are possible.

**General note:** Further information pertaining to the administrative histories of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited and its allied and subsidiary companies may be found in "Short history of Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited and its allied and subsidiary companies, September 21, 1916," box 1, folder 9 . In addition, whenever possible, brief administrative histories for each company represented in this fonds have been provided as a general note in the series descriptions.



## **SERIES/SUB-SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Agreements and other documents concerning the organization and development of the company.** –1914-1954. – 29 cm textual records. – 1 volume.

Series consists of agreements and other documents pertaining to the development and organization of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited. Includes records pertaining to its financial organization, its directors, the acquisition and organization of its subsidiary companies, and the company's physical development.

Title based on contents of series.

### **Financial records.** – 1910-1955. – 1.33 m textual records. – 80 volumes.

Series consists of financial records of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited, and has been arranged into the following sub-series: general ledgers and files ([1909]-1958), accounts and statements (1911-1955), pay roll records (1909-1952) and tax records (1910-1955).

Title based on contents of series.

#### **General ledgers and files.** – [1909]-1958. – 5 cm textual records. – 9 volumes.

Sub-series consists of financial files and ledgers of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited. Files pertain to the financial organization of the company. Ledgers includes a general ledger, sales ledgers, a purchase ledger, a transfer book, and sawmill production records.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

#### **Accounts and statements.** – 1911-1955. – 128 cm textual records. – 60 volumes.

Sub-series consists of financial accounts and statements of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited and its subsidiary companies. Includes accounts, monthly statements, interim monthly statements, annual balance sheets, and annual statements and reports.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

#### **Pay roll records.** – 1909-1952. – 8 volumes.

Sub-series consists of payroll records of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Sub-series arranged chronologically.

Restrictions may apply to some material.

#### **Tax records.** – 1910-1955. – 3 volumes.

Sub-series consists of record books concerning company taxation.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Sub-series arranged chronologically.

**Insurance records.** –1910-1954. – 28 cm textual records. – 9 volumes.

Series consists of appraisals, statements, policies, correspondence, and other records concerning insurance for the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited. Includes records pertaining to insurance for the Company's subsidiary companies as well.

Title based on contents of series.

**Personnel records.** – 1941-1972. – 21 cm textual records. – 22 volumes.

Series consists of employee files and record books containing information on employee injuries, treatments, and compensation claims if applicable.

Title based on contents of series.

Restrictions may apply to some material.

**Photographs.** – [1919]-1956. – 72 photographs.

Series consists of photographs relating to Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited mill construction at Fraser Mills.

Title based on contents of series.

**Stocks and shares records.** – 1910-1955. – 1.05 m textual records. – 4 volumes.

Series consists of records pertaining to various types of stock issued by the Canadian Western Lumber Company. Includes shareholder lists, cancelled shares certificates and share receipts, and office files.

Title based on contents of series.

**Timber records.** – 1913-1940. – 3 volumes. – 4 cm textual records. – 3 blueprints.

Series consists of a timber license book and timber value estimates and reports, some including blueprints.

Title based on contents of series.

**Miscellaneous records.** – [191-]. – 1 volume.

Series consists of an index to a car and local ledger.

Title based on contents of series.

**Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited and Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited records.** – 1905-1912. – 27 volumes. – 0.5 cm textual records.

Series consists of records of Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited and the Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited, mainly prior to their take-over by the Canadian Western Lumber Company. Includes financial records, insurance records, personnel records, minutes and related records, timber and logging records, and land holdings and properties records.

Title based on contents of series.

Series has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

**Financial records.** – 1905-1912. – 21 volumes.

Sub-series consists of financial records of Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited and Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited. Includes financial ledgers and accounts, payroll and other records pertaining to employee wages, as well as records concerning company purchases and sales.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

A 1910 share certificate for the Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited may be found in the sub-series Stocks and shares records in the Anacortes Lumber and Box Company records series.

**Insurance records.** – 1906. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of an insurance appraisal for Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Land holdings and properties records.** – [ca. 1910]. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of a record book concerning land and land rights held by the Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Minutes and related records.** – 1911-1912. – 0.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of minutes of the Board of Directors of the Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited for April and December 1911, as well as accompanying proxies and correspondence.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Timber and logging records.** – 1905-1911. – 4 volumes.

Sub-series consists of timber licenses and scaled logs records for Fraser River Saw Mills, Limited, as well as a log record book and a tug record book for the Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company, Limited records.** – 1914-1919, 1944-1948. – 2 volumes. – 2 cm textual records.

Series consists of records of Fraser Mills, Sash, Door & Shingle Company, Limited, including minutes, financial records, insurance records, and personnel records. Series has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories.

Title based on contents of series.

Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company, Limited was a manufacturer of sash, doors, veneer and shingles at Fraser Mills, B.C. It was incorporated under the British Columbia "Company's Act" on November 5, 1912 and all shares were owned by the Canadian Western Lumber Company. There had already been a shingle mill and a sash, door, and veneer factory at Fraser Mills since 1906 under the ownership of Fraser River Sawmills.

**Records of incorporation.** – 1918. – 1 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of copies of the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association (1912) for the company, as well as a copy of a supplemental agreement (1914) to the original memorandum, and copies of related company minutes, dating from 1913-1918.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Financial records.** – 1914, 1945-1949. – 1 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of correspondence and figures concerning financial transactions between the Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company, Limited and the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited (1914), and other financial records of the Company.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

See also the Financial records series for financial accounts included in the financial statements of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

**Insurance records.** – 1919. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of an insurance appraisal of the Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Records pertaining to Fraser Mills Sash, Door & Shingle Company, Limited insurance may also be found in the Insurance records series.

**Minutes.** – 1918. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of Board of Directors minutes for May 17, 1918.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited records.** – 1899-1951.

– 17.5 cm textual records. – 36 volumes.

Series consists of records of the Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited, dating from before and after its acquisition by the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

Includes financial records, insurance records, personnel records, and timber and logging records. Series has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

The Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited of Golden, British Columbia, was a lumber manufacturing and wholesale company acquired by the Canadian Western Lumber Company in 1911. It was incorporated under the Dominion Charter, “Companies Act” and received its letters patent on March 15, 1911. The Company controlled Columbia Western Lumber Yards, Limited, and all of the its stock was held by the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

**Financial records.** – 1899-1944. – 22 volumes. – 15.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of various financial ledgers and statements of the company, including records pertaining to employee wages.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Additional financial records of the Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited may be found in the Financial records series, Accounts and statements sub-series.

Records pertaining to company taxes may be found in the Financial records series, taxes sub-series.

**Insurance records.** – 1910-1925. – 4 volumes. – 1 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of insurance appraisal records for the Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Additional appraisal records for the Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited may be found in the Financial records series, Insurance sub-series.

**Timber and logging records.** – 1903-1951. – 10 volumes. – 1 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of log books and timber records, including records concerning timber limits, lands, and berths, a few timber agreements, and a timber license.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Columbia Western Lumber Yards, Limited records.** – 1913-1929.

– 4.5 cm textual records. – 2 volumes.

Series consists of financial records and minutes of the Columbia Western Lumber Yards, Limited, and has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

Columbia Western Lumber Yards was established as a “holding company” by the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited. It was incorporated under the Dominion Charter and received its letters patent on April 17, 1913. Company shares were held by the Columbia River Lumber Company, Limited, the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited, and the Fraser Mills Sash, Door, and Shingle Company Limited. From the CRL and the CWL companies, it acquired stock in Crown Lumber Company, Limited; Coast Lumber Yards, Limited; Coast Lumber & Fuel Company, Limited; Western Canadian Sawmill Yards Limited; Lumber Manufacturers’ Yard Limited; Security Lumber Company, Limited; and the Fraser Mills Sash, Door, and Shingle Company; as well as one million dollars in first mortgage six-percent debenture bonds of the Comox Logging & Railway Company.

**Financial records.** – 1913-1929. – 4.5 cm textual records. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of financial accounts records of the Company.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

See also the Financial records series for financial accounts included in the financial statements of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

**Minutes.** – 1915. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of a minute book containing minutes of Board of Directors' and shareholders' meetings for the period April 1913 to December 1914.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Anacortes Lumber and Box Company records.** – [ca. 1906]-1934. – 4 volumes.

– 1.5 cm textual records.

Series consists of records of the Anacortes Lumber and Box Company of Anacortes, Washington. Includes insurance records and records relating to the sale of company shares, and has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

The Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited owned capital stock in the Anacortes Lumber & Box Company, but this stock was not taken over when the Canadian Western Lumber Company took over the rest of the Fraser River Lumber Company's business in 1910. It is no known whether this stock was acquired later.

**Insurance records.** – [ca. 1906]-1921. 1.5 cm textual records. – 3 volumes.

Sub-series consists of insurance appraisals for the Company.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Sub-series arranged chronologically.

**Stocks and shares records.** – 1910, 1933-1934. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of a record book containing share certificates for the Company. The book also contains one share certificate for the Fraser River Lumber Company, Limited dating from 1910.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Canadian Tugboat Company Limited records.** – 1912-1978. – 671 photographs and other textual and graphic material.

Series consists of financial records, insurance records, and records of incorporation for the Canadian Tugboat Company Limited. The series has been arranged into sub-series based on these records categories.

Title based on contents of series.

Includes: 6 volumes, 16.5 cm textual records, 6 negatives, and 1 illustration.

The Canadian Tugboat Company Limited was incorporated under the British Columbia Companies' Act on May 13, 1911. All shares in the Company were owned by the Fraser Mills Sash, Door, & Shingle Company.

**Records of incorporation.** – 1918. – 0.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of a signed copy of the “Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association of the Canadian Tugboat Company Limited,” dated June 8, 1918, and copies of related minutes.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Financial records.** 1912-1952, 1968. – 6 volumes.

Sub-series consists of financial records of the Canadian Tugboat Company Limited, including accounts ledgers, general ledgers, and payroll and other records relating to employee wages.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

See also the Financial records series for financial accounts included in the financial statements of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

**Insurance records.** – 1946-1954. –16 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of insurance policies for the Canadian Tugboat Company Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Sub-series arranged chronologically.

**Photographs and illustration.** – [1961]-1978. – 671 photographs. – 6 negatives. – 1 illustration.

Sub-series consists of photographs and an illustration pertaining to the Canadian Tugboat Company, Limited. Photographs related to crew members, launching ceremonies and christenings, tug and barge operations, tug damage, the tug powerplant, and vessel construction.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Coast Lumber & Fuel Company Limited (Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company Limited) records.** – 1911-1942. – 7 cm textual records. – 4 volumes.

Series consists of records of the Coast Lumber & Fuel Company, Limited and its predecessor body, the Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company, Limited. Includes the Memorandum and Articles of Association for the Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company, Limited, as well as financial and insurance records for Coast Lumber and Fuel Company, Limited. Series has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories.

Title based on contents of series.

The Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company, Limited was incorporated under the British Columbia Companies Act on February 2, 1911. The Company’s name was changed to Coast Lumber & Fuel Company Limited by Special Resolution on July 22, 1912. All shares in the Company were owned by Columbia Western Lumber Yards Limited.

**Records of incorporation.** – 1911. – 0.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of the Memorandum and Articles of Association for the Western Canada Lumber & Fuel Company, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Financial records.** – 1914-1942. – 6.5 cm textual records. – 2 volumes.  
Sub-series consists of financial accounts for the Coast Lumber and Fuel Company, Limited.  
Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Insurance records.** – 1920, 1937. – 2 volumes.  
Sub-series consists of insurance appraisals for the Coast Lumber and Fuel Company, Limited.  
Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Coast Lumber Yards Limited records.** – 1911-1962. – 7 cm textual records.  
– 8 volumes.  
Series consists of financial and insurance records of Coast Lumber Yards Limited, and has been divided into sub-series based on these records types, arranged alphabetically.  
Title based on contents of series.  
Coast Lumber Yards Limited was based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. All shares in the Company were owned by Columbia Western Lumber Yards.

**Financial records.** – 1911-1962. – 7 cm textual records. – 7 volumes.  
Sub-series consists of financial ledgers and accounts of Coast Lumber Yards Limited.  
Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Insurance records.** – 1946. – 1 volume.  
Sub-series consists of an insurance appraisal of Coast Lumber Yards Limited.  
Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Comox Logging & Railway Company records.** – 1906-1954. – 39 cm textual records.  
– 14 volumes.  
Series consists of records of the Comox Logging & Railway Company, including financial records, insurance records, and timber and logging records. Series has been divided into sub-series based on these records categories, arranged alphabetically.  
Title based on contents of series.  
The Comox Logging and Railway Company was created on Vancouver Island by the Canadian Western Lumber Company to provide it with a supply of logs. It was incorporated under the “British Columbia Special Act” on March 10, 1910. Shares in the Company were held by the Canadian Western Lumber Company and the Fraser Mills Sash, Door and Shingle Company.

**Financial records.** – 1911-1949. – 9.5 cm textual records. – 6 volumes.  
Sub-series consists of financial accounts, including general and commissary accounts, as well as operating costs statements.  
Title based on contents of sub-series.  
Records concerning Comox Logging & Railway Company taxes may be found in the Financial records series, Taxes sub-series of this fonds.



**Insurance records.** – 1937-1954. – 24.5 cm textual records. – 6 volumes.

Sub-series consists of insurance appraisals and policies.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Timber and logging records.** – 1906-1945. – 5 cm textual records. – 2 volumes.

Sub-series consists of timber estimates and reports, timber contracts, and a book recording output of booms.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Crown Lumber Company, Limited records.** – 1909-1965. – 12 cm textual records.  
– 3 volumes.

Series consists of financial, insurance, and timber records of the Crown Lumber Company, Limited. Series is divided into sub-series according to these record categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

All shares in the Crown Lumber Company were held by Columbia Western Lumber Yards Limited.

**Financial records.** – 1909-1926, 1960-1965. – 12 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of financial accounts and profit and loss statements.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Insurance records.** – 1946. – 2 volumes.

Sub-series consists of an insurance appraisal for the Company.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Timber records.** – [1912-1945]. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of a book of timber berth plans.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**The Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited records.** – 1908-1923.  
– 1 volume.

Series consists of financial accounts for The Golden Light, Power and Water Company, Limited, a subsidiary company of the Canadian Western Lumber Company..

Title based on contents of series.

**North Coast Lumber Company Limited records.** – 1908. – 3 volumes.

Series consists of financial records and minutes of the North Coast Lumber Company, Limited. Series is divided into sub-series according to these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

The relationship of this company to the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited is unknown.

**Financial records.** – 1908. – 2 volumes.

Sub-series consists of an account book and a stock ledger.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Minutes.** – 1908. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of a book containing minutes of the Company's first Directors' meeting, first general shareholders' meeting, as well as the Company's first bylaw.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Security Lumber Company Limited records.** – 1915-1954. – 14.5 cm textual records. – 5 volumes.

Series consists of financial and insurance records of the Security Lumber Company Limited. Series has been divided into sub-series based upon these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

The Security Lumber Company Limited was based in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Shares in the Company were held by Edward F. Swift, Columbia Western Lumber Yard, and Davidson & McRae.

**Financial records.** – 1915-1954. – 14.5 cm textual records. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of financial accounts of the Company.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

See also the Financial records series for financial accounts included in the financial statements of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited.

**Insurance records.** – 1931, 1946. – 4 volumes.

Sub-series consists of insurance appraisals for the Company.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Vernon Box Company Limited records.** – 1926-1930. – 1 volume.

Series consists of an accounts ledger for the Vernon Box Company Limited.

Title based on contents of series.

The relationship of this company to the Canadian Western Lumber Company, Limited is unknown.

**Pacific Mills, Limited (Ocean Falls) records.** – 1906-1954. – 22 volumes and other textual and graphic records.

Series consists of records of Pacific Mills, Limited, including financial records, shares and related correspondence, an annual report, photographs, and personnel records. Series is divided into sub-series according to these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

Includes: 44.5 cm textual records, 282 photographs, and 12 negatives.

In 1903, the Bella Coola Pulp and Paper Company, in search of timber, surveyed an area at the head of Cousins Inlet, sixty miles west of Bella Coola. The Company subsequently acquired land rights and leases from the provincial government. In 1906, men arrived and began clearing the land. By 1909, the town of Ocean Falls, B.C. was in existence, and a sawmill owned by the Ocean Falls Company Limited was in production. The following year the Company added a pulp mill and a dam to its operations. In March 1913, due to an economic recession, the Company went into receivership, resulting in Pacific Mills Limited, a Crown Willamette company, taking over in 1914 and building a new mill. In 1973, the mill, on the brink of closure, was purchased by the provincial government from Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited, a successor company to Crown Willamette that had controlled the company since 1954. It continued to operate until 1980.

**Annual reports.** – 1949. – 1.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of Pacific Mills, Limited's 1948-1949 annual report.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Financial records.** – 1919-1950. – 38.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of the company's financial records, including annual accounts and statements, trial balances, monthly statements, and a balance sheet. Includes statements for subsidiary companies, Canadian Boxes Limited, Northern Pulpwood Limited, Badwater Towing Company, and Hudson Paper Co., Ltd., and for construction performed on the mill at Ocean Falls in 1929 and 1930.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Personnel records.** – 1943-1954. – 4.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of tax returns for a man employed as a logger by Pacific Mills, Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Restrictions on access may apply.

**Photographs.** – 1906-[195-?]. – 282 photographs. – 12 negatives.

Sub-series consists of photographs and negatives pertaining to Pacific Mills Limited's operations in Ocean Falls, B.C., and the construction and operation of the previous mill. Sub-series also includes many photographs relating to the development of Ocean Falls, B.C. as a community.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Photographs arranged by archivist according to subject. Some discernible sets of photographs were maintained as groupings.

**Shares and related correspondence.** – 1914-1949. – 22 volumes.

Sub-series consists of books containing preference and ordinary share certificates of the company, with related correspondence and notations.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited records.** – 1926-1974. – 31.5 cm textual records.

– 1 volume. – 6 photographs.

Series consists of records of Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited and some of its divisions and companies. Includes financial records, insurance records, legal records, and photographs and slides. Series is divided into sub-series according to these records categories, arranged alphabetically.

Title based on contents of series.

Prior to 1954, Crown Willamette, a Portland forest company, was succeeded by Crown Zellerbach of San Francisco. In 1954, Crown Zellerbach formed Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited, consisting of the Pacific Mills Limited pulp and paper mill at Ocean Falls, which had been acquired by Crown Willamette in 1914 and the Canadian Western Lumber Company. In the late 1960s, Crown Zellerbach Canada, Limited acquired several sawmills in the Okanagan, as well as some retail lumberyards and supply stores. In 1983, the company was sold to Fletcher Challenge Ltd. of New Zealand.

**Financial records.** – 1926-1958, 1964. – 23 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of financial records of companies taken over by Crown Zellerbach Canada Limited. Includes statements of accounts, balance sheets and operating statements for Bartram Paper Products Company Limited and its subsidiaries Bartram Properties Limited and Bartram Industries Limited, and a general financial ledger for Beatty Laminated Limited.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Insurance records.** – 1974. – 1 volume.

Sub-series consists of an insurance appraisal for the company's Coast Wood Products Division in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Legal records.** – 1952-1959. – 8.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of documents pertaining to company legal concerns, including records related to the company's acquisition of Beatty Laminated, Ltd., and records concerning a patent dispute with Unipak Industries in 1959.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**Photographs.** – 1963. – 6 photographs.

Sub-series consists of six photographs that were published in the *CZ News* in 1963.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

**British Columbia Forest Products Limited records.** – [ca. 1937]-1989.

– 34.5 cm textual records. – 20 photographs. – 6 slides.

Series consists of annual reports of British Columbia Forest Products Limited (1946-1988) executive staff subject files, and photographs, and has been arranged into sub-series based upon these record types.

Title based on contents of series.

British Columbia Forest Products Limited was created as a logging and sawmilling company in 1946, and quickly established operations throughout the province. In the 1950s, the company expanded into the pulp and paper industry. In 1987 the company was purchased by Fletcher Challenge Limited of New Zealand, and the following year it was merged with Crown Forest Industries, also owned by Fletcher, resulting in the formation of a new company, Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited.

**Annual reports.** – 1947-1989. – 9.5 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of annual reports of B.C. Forest Products Limited for the entire history of the company (1946-1988), excluding 1971.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Sub-series arranged chronologically.

**Executive subject files.** – [ca. 1937]-1964. – 25 cm textual records.

Sub-series consists of subject files of executive staff of the company, in particular Vice-President Thomas E. Burgess. In addition to some files pertaining to forestry in British Columbia in general, the sub-series consists of files relating to company activities and Burgess' activities on behalf of the company, the forest industry in British Columbia, and the Canadian Forestry Association.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

The original order of this sub-series has been maintained.

**Photographs and slides.** – 1969, 1978. – 20 photographs. – 6 slides.

Sub-series consists of an album of photographs depicting a 1969 tour of British Columbia Forest Products Limited's Renfrew Logging Division, and some slides of the company's Crofton and Mackenzie operations.

Title based on contents of sub-series.

Sub-series is arranged chronologically.

**Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited slides and photographs.** – [198-]-1992.

– 396 slides. – 56 photographs. – 79 negatives.

Series consists of slides, photographs, and negatives pertaining to Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited companies and mills, including Mackenzie Wood Products, and Finlay Forest Industries, and operations at Crofton and Elk Falls. Includes images of equipment, products, employees, and its operations in general.

Title based on contents of series.

Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited was formed in 1987 when Fletcher Challenge Limited of New Zealand merged its company Crown Forest Industries with the newly acquired British Columbia Forest Products Limited. In 2000, Norske Skog, a Norwegian paper company, acquired all of Fletcher Challenge's pulp and paper assets, and a majority interest in Fletcher Challenge Canada Limited, resulting in the formation of Norske Skog Canada Limited.

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