Canadian Labour Archives
Some Recent Acquisitions

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ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY in the field of labour records began only in the late 1960s in Canada and considerable progress has been made in a relatively short period of time. Most of the provinces now have at least one repository which has demonstrated an interest in the collection of historical records of the labour movement. A large amount of documentation, from a wide variety of organizations and individuals, has been identified for permanent preservation. This material is heavily used, not only by professional historians and students, but also by union members and freelance writers. As a result of the work of the various repositories and their supporters in the labour movement and academia, the archival message has been heard in many union offices across the country.

The 1980s present new challenges for Canadian labour archives. Coping with the enormous quantity of documentation generated by labour organizations today will be very difficult. Additional programmes, staff and financial resources are essential, but there is also pressing need for the implementation of basic records management procedures by the labour unions in order to make the archival process as productive and efficient as possible. While the bulk of the responsibility for the introduction of records management rests with the organizations, archives must provide leadership perhaps by conducting records surveys and by preparing model filing systems and disposal schedules. The need for greater consultation between the various repositories active in the labour field is easier to meet. The Association of Canadian Archivists is in the process of forming a Labour Archives Committee which should serve as a vehicle for communication and coordination between people working in this field. A more coordinated approach to individual unions, with as complete an “archival package” as possible, would make better use of scarce resources. Excessive duplication of certain types of documentation could be eliminated and standardized access policies for the records of the various offices of individual organizations might be developed. Greater knowledge of the collecting policies and holdings of repositories other than their own would also enable labour archivists to provide better reference service to researchers.

The following report notes some recent acquisitions of labour records in all parts of the country, with the exception of Quebec. It is drawn largely from a survey undertaken in January 1979 and from entries in the 1977-78 Supplement
to the *Union List of Manuscripts in Canadian Repositories*. Researchers seeking information on earlier acquisitions in this field should refer to reports previously published in the *Bulletin* of the Committee on Canadian Labour History or to *Archivaria*, No. 4, 1977 which focused on labour and working-class archives. Labour records in Quebec have not been covered because the collecting strategy there has been to leave the historical records in the custody of the originating organization. However, the *Bulletin* of the Regroupement de chercheurs en histoire des travailleurs québécois frequently carries reports on the inventorying of labour records in Quebec. Unless otherwise noted, the records listed below are originals, rather than copies. Finally, no attempt has been made to indicate whether the collections have been processed by the repositories or whether there are any restrictions on their use. For up-to-date information on these matters, researchers should contact the institutions concerned.

I wish to thank those archivists across the country, whose work is reflected in the following report, for their assistance.

### Public Archives of Canada

**American Labour Union's Constitutions and Proceedings**

Constitutions and proceedings of the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the AFL-CIO, 33 currently active unions and 60 defunct unions related to the active ones by merger, secession or absorption. Microfilm, 1836-1967, 204 reels. These are, of course, the proceedings of the international conventions of these Unions; however, Canadian officials and delegates often participate in the proceedings. Part II of this collection, which covers another 66 active and 90 inactive unions, is on order.

**Arnold, Ernest F. (b. 1910)**

Radio scripts, reports, employer leaflets and miscellaneous items relating to the campaign to organize workers at the T. Eaton Co. in Toronto, 1949-53, 4 cm.

**Canadian Labour Congress (additional)**

Files of Secretary-Treasurer William Dodge and of various Departments of the Congress dating mainly from the 1960s and 1970s. 40.35 m.

**Canadian Railway Labour Association**

Correspondence, reports, submissions and other documents of this Association, the legislative organization of railway unions in Canada, c. 1940-70, 5.8 m.

**Canadian Railway Mail Clerks Federation**

Minute Book of the London District Association, 1933-64, 7.5 cm.

**Canadian Union of Public Employees**

Files of President Stanley Little, Executive Assistants to the President F.K. Eady and A. Millard, the Research Department and the Ontario Regional Office, c. 1944-1976, c. 22.3 cm. Included are some records of Cure's predecessors: the National Organization of Civic, Utility and Electrical Workers, the National Union of Public Service Employees and the National Union of Public Employees.

**Cohen, J.L. (1897-1950)**

Case files and miscellaneous documents of this prominent Toronto labour and civil rights lawyer, 1923-51, 10.5 m. During the late 1920s and the Great Depression Cohen defended many Communists and he acted on behalf of many of the men interned during World War II. He also served as counsel for many of the industrial unions including the United Auto-workers, United Electrical Workers, Steelworkers, Rubber Workers, Mine-Mill and the Canadian Seamen's Union. Throughout his career Cohen campaigned for progressive social and labour legislation and he served as an advisor in these matters to unions and, on occasion, to governments. All of these facets of his work are documented in these Papers, as well as some of the mysterious circumstances surrounding his disbarment in 1946 and premature death.
Finnish Organization of Canada Collection

The FOC was the main organization of the left-wing Finnish community. Included in this extensive collection (1891-1976, 29 m.) are the headquarters records of the FOC, its predecessors (the Finnish Socialist Organization of Canada and the Finnish Section of the Communist Party), and interim mutations (such as the Finnish Canadian Democratic League created to circumvent suppression of the FOC in 1940). Many records of their District Committees, Locals and other affiliates (for example, youth, women's and sports organizations) are also included. Activities such as Finnish-Canadian working-class theatre and publishing are well documented. The FOC also preserved historical records of other related organizations, including some unions, political parties and cooperatives, and this documentation is included in this collection. While most of the material is in Finnish, there is English-language material throughout the records. The collection also includes some good photographs and documentation in other media.

International Association of Machinists

Canadian Office Records, 1901-76, 19 m.

With the exception of a few isolated documents, these files pertain to the 1930s and 1960s. Earlier records of the Canadian Vice-President of this important craft union have not survived. Major series include representatives' files, local lodge and district lodge files, subject files and political action files.

Local Lodge Records, 1908-67, 90 cm.

Some records of defunct lodges at Ottawa, Cornwall, St. Thomas and Dunnville. Pre-World War II records are mainly financial.

International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America

Miscellaneous documents accumulated by W.J. Miller, who was the first president of the UE local at the Phillips plant in Brockville and subsequently led the break-away movement. Miller was the UE Eastern Ontario Field Representative from 1954 to 1973.

Knights of Labor Collection

The acquisition of the microfilm copy of the Powderly and Hayes Papers from Microfilming Corporation of America was reported in 1976 but recently a comprehensive index of items pertaining to Canadian history was prepared for the Public Archives by Russell G. Hann. This index provides the name of the relevant correspondents of Powderly and Hayes, their location and the numbers of the local and district assemblies to which the correspondence refers, in addition to the dates of the letters.

Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto

(additional)

Files of the Council, covering all aspects of its work from 1956-71, 7.8 m.

MacDonald, J. Ramsay

Photocopies of letters to British Labour Party leader Ramsay MacDonald and his wife from people in Canada, 1901-10, 53 pp. The letters touch on a variety of subjects including politics in Canada and Britain, labour organization, the suffrage movement and working conditions of women. The most informative letters are those of Bertha Merrill Burns of the Social Democratic Party in Vancouver, 1906-08, 7 pp. and W.J. Turner, an English immigrant who ended up working for the CPR in Winnipeg, 1906-09, 16 pp. Copied from originals in the MacDonald Papers in the Public Records Office.

Ontario Federation of Labour

Convention files, executive board and council minutes and reports, auditors reports, files of President David Archer and Secretary-Treasurer Terry Meagher, Education Department records, subject files, and publications, 1946-76, 10 m.

Ottawa Civic Employees Association

Scattered records including some minutes of the Association, which was founded in 1933, 1933-38, 10 cm. Also included are some records, 1925-38, 5 cm., of the Civic Water Works Employees Union, notably minutes between 1925 and 1927, and of the Civic Employees Federal Labour Union No. 15.

Ottawa and District Labour Council

Allied Trades and Labour Association, 1899-1957, 2.44 m.

Minutes 1906-57; executive reports; correspondence; subject files and other records.

Ottawa and District Labour Council, 1956-1968, 3.16 m.

Minutes and other records including some conciliation and arbitration files.

Parent — Rowley

Records; 1939-69, 3.4 m., accumulated by Madeleine Parent and R. Kent Rowley, most of which relate to the period from 1943 to 1932 in
which they led the United Textile Workers of America in Canada. The records document the organization and progress of textile workers in Quebec (including the major strikes of 1946 and 1952), the Ottawa Valley and, to a lesser extent, southern Ontario and the Maritimes. They also reveal some of the politics in the utwa and the cio Textile Workers Union, which culminated in the dismissal of Parent and Rowley by the International President, and provide some information on the contemporary Quebec labour scene in general.

A large number of photographs have been deposited in the National Photography Collection.

Spector, J.J. (b. 1902)
Scattered notes, correspondence and legal documents pertaining to Spector's work as counsel for the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union in Montreal, 1922-50, 20 cm.

Textile Workers Union of America
National Office Records, 1948-77, c. 20 m.
Files, mainly from the 1960s and early 1970s, of the national office of the largest union of textile workers in Canada. A full range of files has been deposited including those on the joint boards and local unions, organizing campaigns, organizers' reports, files on relations with other unions, and subject files.

South-Western Ontario and Toronto Joint Boards, c. 1945-67, c. 14 m.
Files, mainly from the 1960s, containing information on contract negotiations and local union administration.

Thompson, Margot
Margot Thompson was editor of the Canadian edition of Steel Labour from 1947 to 1968. Correspondence and notes documenting her equal pay dispute with the United Steelworkers, 1950-68, letters from Eileen Tallman Sufrin, most of which were written during the year she spent studying the Italian labour movement, 1957-59, letters from C.H. Millard describing his work as Director of Organization of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and other miscellaneous documents, 1951-61, 1964-65. Total extent, 2.54 cm.

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United Steelworkers of America
Also available on microfilm at McMaster University Archives.
The major file series is that maintained by the Canadian Director which provides a fairly complete record of the National Office of the Union. The swoc and early cio documentation which has survived in this Collection (8 cm.) should be used in conjunction with that in the papers of uswa International Officers held at Pennsylvania State University Archives (see below) and that preserved by the Canadian Office of the United Electrical Workers. Other important sub-series of the Directors' files include the following: Canadian conferences 1938-64; basic steel industry 1942-50; Dosco National Committee 1957-69; Dominion Bridge Co. 1947-60; Gaspé Copper Strike 1953-67; and District and Area Offices 1942-73.
Also included are files of the Public Relations and Education Departments, a valuable set of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings 1940-72, Steel Labour (Canadian Edition) 1938-70 and publications of some uswa locals.

Of note are some files of the Research Dept. of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1944-67, 2.4 m. These consist mainly of collective agreements, conciliation and arbitration files, files on occupational diseases and accidents, and submissions to the Federal and Provinicial Governments. These files add to the main collection of Mine-Mill historical records in the custody of the University of British Columbia Library, Special Collections Division and the records of Local 598 at the Archives of Ontario.
The National Office of the uswa also deposited approximately 220 historical photographs in the PAC.

Papers of various International Officers of the uswa pertaining to Canada, 2,625 pp., 1939-65. Microfilmed from originals at the Pennsylvania State University Archives.
The most extensive set of files (1,843 pp.) are those of David J. McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer from 1936 to 1952 and President from 1952 to 1965. These include important documentation on the "Ontario Executive" during the swoc period and files on each Canadian district. Also included are some files from the Papers of President Philip Murray, Vice-President Howard Hague, and Tom Murray, Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Interviews with various Canadian leaders of the
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USWA conducted under the auspices of the Oral History Project of Pennsylvania State University, 292 pp., microfilm.

United Transportation Union (est. 1969)
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, 1886-1974, 25.9 m.
Files of the the two Canadian Vice-Presidents (Protective and Legislative) primarily from the period during and after World War II. Also of note are the files of the General Chairmen for the CNE (both Eastern and Central Regions) and the cvr. The documentation covers the full range of Brotherhood activities including collective bargaining, handling of grievances and relations with other railway unions.

Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, 1897-1971, 4.25 m.
Files of the Canadian Vice-President relating mainly to collective bargaining and files of the General Chairmen for the CNR (Central Region) pertaining to the run-through dispute. Again, most of the material is from the post-1940 period.

Walsh, William
Documentation relating mainly to Walsh's work since the late 1960s as a consultant and negotiator for various unions including the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, the Service Employees International Union, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Ontario Nurses Association, c. 1965-78, 5.4 m.

Dalhousie University Archives

Bell, James K.
Conciliation and arbitration records accumulated by J.K. Bell, current Secretary-Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, 1947-63, 18 cm.

Brodie, Fred (b. 1903)
Fred Brodie was active in both the International Typographical Union and left-wing politics in Nova Scotia. Transcript of an interview with Brodie concerning Cape Breton labour and the Workers' Unity League, conducted by R. Charles Murray and David Gutnick; photographs; clippings and miscellaneous, 1955-1976, 3 cm.

Fillmore, Herman Clyde
The narrative focuses largely on the early period of his life, prior to his involvement with the Communist Party.

Fillmore, Roscoe Alfred (1887-1968)
Centreville, Nova Scotia
Fillmore was a leading member of both the Socialist Party of Canada and the Communist Party, as well as being one of Canada's best-known gardeners. His papers include a notebook, 1923; correspondence, 1909-68, with Tim Buck, Howard Fast, Wilfred Gribble, William D. Haywood, Martin Luther King Jr. and others; fiction, non-fiction and poetry MSS; ms. autobiography; leaflets, periodicals, clippings, and miscellaneous. 30 cm., 1909-68.

Marine Workers Federation
Convention proceedings, clippings and photographs, 60 cm., 1944-75.

Nova Scotia Federation of Labour
Records concerning the bitter fishermen's strike of 1970-71 including correspondence, deep sea trawlerman's committee papers, collective agreements and material concerning the Canso Mulgrave Christmas Fund. Convention photographs, 1958-73. Total extent 7 cm.

Nova Scotia Government Employees Association
Correspondence, bargaining committee records, organizing files, research documentation, grievance records, financial records, publications and miscellaneous 1956-77, 8.5 m.

Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board
Papers of Chairmen Horace Read, 1950-70, 60 cm., and Innis Christie, 1970-79, 2.1 m.

Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, Local 9-823 (Pugwash, N.S.)
Minute books and miscellaneous records of the Malagash Salt Mine Workers' Union, 1937-46, 1958-68, 500 pp., microfilm.

Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, Local 9-825 (Composite local, Halifax and Dartmouth)
Minute book covering the period from the establishment of the Union in 1942 until 1955, collective agreements, local publications, scrapbook and photographs, 1942-72, 4 cm.

Provincial Workmen's Association, Holdfast Lodge, No. 27 (Joggins, Nova Scotia)
Two minute books, 1894-98 with some entries from 1904, and 1904-06, 201 pp.
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Provincial Workmen's Association
Pioneer Lodge, No. 1 (Springhill, Nova Scotia)

Thompson, Fred (b. 1900) Union Organizer
Two letters, 23 pp., 1976-77, which provide a detailed memoir of leader Thompson's participation in labour and socialist struggles from Halifax to Vancouver during the 1919-22 period.

United Mine Workers of America, Local 4514 (Springhill, N.S.)
District 26 Executive Board minutes, local minutes, contract negotiation records, Board of Adjustment papers, correspondence, financial and membership records, compensation records and so on, 1.3 m., 1919-1958.

United Mine Workers of America, Local 5660 (Joggins, N.S.)

United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Local 720 (Volvo Plant, Dartmouth)
Plant committee minutes and notes, shop stewards papers, local meeting papers, collective agreements, correspondence, memoranda, by-laws, conference records and photographs of this local covering the period from its establishment in 1963 until 1976, 36 cm.

United Textile Workers of America, Local 152 (Cosmos Mills, Yarmouth)
Correspondence, contract documents, district council records, conference papers, press releases and miscellaneous, 1951-52, 5 cm.

United Textile Workers of America, Local 159 (Nova Scotia Textiles, Windsor, N.S.)
Minute books, collective agreements, grievance records, arbitration and conciliation records, correspondence and clippings, 1946-73, 9 cm.

Beaton Institute,
College of Cape Breton

Canadian Labour Congress, Cape Breton Office
Records of this regional office of the Congress, 1941-75, 7.5 m.

Petrie, John (1871-1966)
John Petrie worked for the Dominion Coal Company all his life. He was involved in both the Provincial Workmen's Association and the United Mine Workers of America, and was a close friend of John Moffatt. His papers consist mainly of letters from Moffatt, 1931-46, 61 pp., concerning mining, the PWA and UMWA, and personal matters.

Wade, C.B.

Oral History
Included are interviews with John Petrie (see above), Patrick Nicholson (member of Steelworkers Local 1064), Dan J. MacDonald, Angus F. MacDonald, James Nicholson and other officials of the Steelworkers, and George MacEachern.

Provincial Archives
Of New Brunswick

United Mine Workers of America, Local 7409 (Minto, N.B.)
Agreements, arbitration cases, grievance records, minutes and miscellaneous records, 1946-70.

Archives of Ontario

Thompson, Phillips (1843-1933)
Letters, writings and miscellaneous collected material. Photocopies, 1.5 cm., 1881-1933.
George Brown College Archives, Toronto

Fine, Louis (1894-1975)

Of note are the case files, 1965-71, of Fine who served as a labour relations consultant for the Ontario Department of Labour, and letters, 1919-23, from the President and General Secretary of the United Cloth, Hat and Cap Makers of North America to the Toronto member of the General Executive Board. Total 1919-24, 1950-73, 1.35 m.

Multicultural History Society of Ontario

Finnish Canadian Historical Society Collection

Scattered records of such organizations as the Finnish Canadian League for Democracy; Finnish People’s Library in Edmonton; Workers and Farmers Associations of South Porcupine, Sudbury and Trout Lake; and miscellaneous documents.

These records are now in the Archives of Ontario.

International Ladies’ Garment Workers Union, Toronto

Minute books of various Toronto locals, joint boards and committees, 1928-1970. Correspondence of various Toronto officers with international officers, leaders of the Union in Montreal and Winnipeg, employers and government agencies concerning all aspects of the Union’s activities, 1931-1971. Financial records, documentation concerning working conditions and grievances, and miscellaneous. Total extent, 16 reels microfilm.

Magnusson, Bruce

Documents and correspondence related to the internment of Magnusson, President of Local 2786 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union and Secretary of the Port Arthur Trades and Labour Council, 1940-42, 114 items. Correspondence of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union relating to relations with the head office of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, 1942-50, 25 items. Fifteen scrapbooks covering the period 1934 to 1958 and containing documents, pamphlets and newspaper clippings concerning politics and labour in Thunder Bay and other parts of Canada.

Steele-Walsh Collection

Correspondence and other documents 1932, 1941-46, 3 reels. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Dick Steele, Communist Party activist and first general secretary of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, and his wife Esther, during Steele’s internment in 1942 and from his army posting in Canada and overseas, 1942-44. Another large series are the letters from Bill Walsh, another Communist organizer, to his wife Anne also written during his internment. In addition there is correspondence between these four people and their friends, many of whom were also active on the left. Copy also available at the Public Archives of Canada.

York University Archives

Hodges, Oliver Edwin (b. 1915)

This large collection (18.75 m.) of personal papers covers Hodges’ work in the labour movement and in the CCF/NDP in southern Ontario. Included are records that he gathered while working as a Staff Representative and Education Director for the National Union of Shoe and Leather Workers from 1943 to 1947, as an organizer and subsequently a General Representative of the Canadian Congress of Labour in the Hamilton area from 1949 to 1954, and for the United Glass and Ceramic Workers of North America from 1954 to 1965. On the political side, Hodges was an unsuccessful CCF candidate in London several times during the 1940s and was active in municipal politics in that city. In 1947 he became a member of the CCF Trade Union Committee and he worked fulltime for that organization in the Hamilton area from 1947 to 1949.

University of Toronto, Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library

Kenny, Robert S. Collection

Since the 1930s, R.S. Kenny of Toronto has been an avid collector of manuscripts and printed matter related to the left in Canada, particularly to the Communist Party of which he is a member. His impressive collection, approximately 8.4 m. in extent, includes records of the
Communist Party from the National, Ontario and Toronto offices; correspondence and other documents written by or pertaining to Tim Buck; A.E. Smith papers including correspondence, notebooks, speeches and Canadian Labour Defense League documents; documents by or about other Communist activists; material related to anti-Communist activities of the Canadian Government and other organizations; documents on left-wing labour unions, the peace movement and related activities and events.

McMaster University, Mills Memorial Library Special Collections

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 107 (Hamilton)
Minute books 1899-1972; contract files 1900-72; financial records 1899-1903, 1933-69; photographs and other records. Total extent c. 3.6 m.

Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union of America, Local 1 (Hamilton)
Minute books 1894-96, 1922-28, 1942-70; letter book 1921-30; dues checkoff ledgers 1888-1909, 1940-present; financial statements 1945-present; photographs. Total extent c. 1.8 m.

Hamilton and District Labour Council
Minute books, correspondence files, research files and publications of the Council and its predecessors, 22.86 m. With the notable exception of one minute book of the Hamilton Trades and Labour Council 1886-96, the documents date mainly from the period from 1936-70.

Kelly, J.N.
J.N. Kelly was a public relations consultant hired by Stelco to handle the company's publicity during the 1946 strike. In total the papers cover the period from 1930 to 1964 and measure about 60 cm., but the majority relate to the strike. Included in this section are radio scripts, news releases, correspondence and clippings.

McClure, Tom
Records retained by Tom McClure, a member of the Steel Workers’ Organizing Committee in the 1930s; and president of the Stelco local in 1944-45, including about .9 m. of correspondence, publications and 90 photographs, many of which are of the 1946 strike.

Service Employees International Union, Local 204 (Composite Local, Toronto)
Agreements and financial records 1944-73, correspondence 1961-71, and other records, 32.1 m.

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Local 504/550 (Westinghouse, Hamilton)
Correspondence, financial records, collective agreements, grievance records and other material, c. 1950-72, c. .9 m.

United Steelworkers of America, Local 1005 (Stelco)
Records of Local 1005, the largest USWA local in the Hamilton area, including minutes, correspondence, agreements, pension and medical files, and research files, 1937-72, c. 15.5 m.

United Steelworkers of America, Local 2868 (International Harvester, Hamilton)
Recording Secretaries' files including correspondence, minutes and financial statements, 1943-77, 2.5 m. A large portion of the material pertains to grievances, arbitration awards and negotiations.

Saskatchewan Archives Board
Brotherhood of painters and Allied Trades, Local 509 (Regina). Est. 1906
Minutes, 1907-37, 1552-72; membership records, 1906-72; financial records, 1906-10, 1969-72. Total extent, 38 cm.

Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 1600 (Saskatoon). Est. 1947

Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, Glassworkers Local 1768 (Regina and Moose Jaw). Est. 1952
Minutes 1952-71 and membership roll, 3 cm.

Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Melville Lodge
Minutes, reports, membership lists and financial records, 1911-57, 84 cm.

Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 75, Fort San.

Minutes, correspondence, agreements, financial records, and clippings, 1949-71, 23 cm.

Canadian Union of Public Employees, Saskatchewan Region. Est. 1945

Minutes, financial records, correspondence, publications, and photographs, 1945-75, 10.5 m.

International Typographical Union, Local 663 (Saskatoon)

Minutes, 1906-56, 1 reel.

Regina Trades and Labour Council

Minutes, reports, briefs, correspondence and miscellaneous records, 2 m. Also included are some files of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America, Local 478 (Moose Jaw)

Saskatoon Labour Council

Minutes of the Saskatoon Trades and Labour Council, 1945-53, and of the Saskatoon Labour Council, 1956-62. Also included are correspondence and financial records. Total extent, 1.2 m.

Saskatchewan Federation of Labour

Minutes and proceedings of conventions, correspondence, memoranda, and reports concerning labour, educational and political activity in Saskatchewan and labour-farmer relations, 1944-69, 5.49 m.

Service Employees International Union, Local 333 (Saskatoon). Est. 1945

Minutes 1946-72; correspondence 1953-75; financial records 1955-71; agreements and contracts 1946-74, 5.7 m.

Service Employees International Union, Local 333 (St. Paul's Hospital Division). Est. 1946.

Minutes 1946-65; contracts: correspondence, attendance records and photographs, 12 cm.

Service Employees International Union, Local 333 UH (University Hospital). Est. 1954

Minutes 1955-72; correspondence 1955-74; financial records 1961-74; agreements and contracts 1953-71; publications and photographs, 2.7m.

Minutes, correspondence, reports and record books, 1910-39, 30 cm.

Calgary Labour Temple Co. Ltd.

Minute books, 1912-30, 9 cm.

Calgary Trades and Labour Council


International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 424 (Edmonton)

Minute book, 1928-41, 1 reel.

Medicine Hat and District Labour Council

Minute book and agreements, 1949-57, 1 cm.

Medicine Hat Flour and Cereal Workers Union

Minute book and membership lists, 1942-52, 2.5 cm.

Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Union, Local 583 (Calgary)

Minute book, 1931-63, 7.5 cm.

Service Employees International Union, Prairie Regional Council No. 15 (Saskatoon). Est. 1947


United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 264 (Saskatoon). Est. 1939.

Minutes and financial records, 1935-72, 40 cm.

Oral History

Saskatchewan Archives staff have undertaken several oral history projects related to labour history including ones on the 1931 strike of coal miners in Estevan, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers c. 1945-70, the Pluming and Pipe Fitting Union in the 1930s, the Saskatchewan Civil Service Association c. 1913-44, and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union in Saskatchewan.
Bakers and Confectionery Workers Union, Edmonton
Minute books, contracts and agreements, 1919-47, 5 cm.

Beverage Dispensers, Hotel Service, Culinary and Restaurant Employees Union, Edmonton
Minute books and other records, 1925-56, 13 cm.

Bricklayers and Stonemasons International Union of America, Alberta
Minute books and letter books of the Alberta region, 1903-25, 61 cm.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Sandstone City Lodge, No. 635 (Calgary)
Minute books, by-laws and constitutions, 1903-68, 38 cm.

Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Local 633 (Calgary)
Minutes, correspondence, reports and record books, 1910-39, 30 cm.

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Minute books, 1912-30, 9 cm.

Calgary Trades and Labour Council
Minutes of the Calgary Trades and Labour Council, 1913-28 and 1947-52. Correspondence of the Calgary labour Council, 1955-58. Also included are records of the Calgary locals of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. Total extent, 3 m.

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Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 254 (Calgary)
Minutes, correspondence and agreements, 1911-57, 13 cm.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Local 1779 (Calgary)
Minute books, 1902-30, 15 cm.

United Mine Workers of America, District 18
Minute books, correspondence, reports and agreements concerning coal miners in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, 1903-64, 3.96 m.

University of British Columbia Library,
Special Collections Division

Bourke, Colleen Toppings Collection

British Columbia Federation of Labour
Office and research files, financial records, printed matter and photographs c. 1960-73, c. 25 m.
Research files created during preparation of Paul Phillip's book on the history of the labour movement in British Columbia, which include questionnaire returns from unions and members. Scrapbooks, clippings and political education material relating to the activities of the Federation, notably its participation in the 1963 provincial election. Recent convention proceedings and agreements, 1 m.

Canadian Merchant Service Guild
Minute books of the Head Office 1917-67 and of the newly-created Western Branch 1966-67, 30 cm. Correspondence and other records covering the period from 1918-77 but mostly relating to the 1960s-70s, 10.8 m.

Consolidated Employees Benefit Society, Trail, B.C.
Medical records of the members of the Society, all of whom worked at the Cominco smelter, c. 1946-74, 7.2 m.
Harold Pritchett — International Woodworkers of America, District Council 1, British Columbia
Minutes, correspondence, printed matter and some photographs covering mainly the period from 1931-48, 1.8 m. Of note is the documentation on the strikes at Fraser Mills (1931) and Blubber Bay (1938).

International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Shopmen’s Local Union 712, Burnaby
Minute books, general correspondence, financial records, correspondence of the business agent, agreements, seniority lists, 1947-70, 10.5 m.

National Association of Marine Engineers, Councils #7 and #4, Vancouver
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