

MG 28  
III 27

Montreal Turnpike Trust, (1840-1923). 21 feet, 9 inches.

7-4792

The Montreal Turnpike Roads Trust was established under the authority of the provincial ordinance of Lower Canada 3 Vic. C.31 in 1840 in view of the need for "improvement of the Roads in the neighbourhood of, and leading to the City of Montreal, and to raise a fund for that purpose". The MTT duly raised about \$200,000 by issuing road loan debentures. By 1889 the Dominion Government acquired most of these debentures. From 1871 on, unfortunately, the Trust was not consistently able to pay all the interest due and became a liability of the Dominion Government for the remaining half century of its existence.

The demise of the Trust was presaged by the growth of municipalities serviced by its roads. To these towns the toll gates were a nuisance and commutation agreements were made whereby various municipalities took over the roads, indemnifying the MTT at the rate of \$4,000 per mile as provided by an Act of the Province of Quebec, 2 Geo.V, C.2 (1912). By 1922 the total assets of the trust were the amounts owed by the various municipalities, and as its only function was the collection of these payments, the expense of administering the corporation could no longer be justified. The Montreal Turnpike Trust was terminated by Quebec Statute 13 Geo.V, C.12. The books of the Trust were turned over to the Minister of Public Works and Labour for Quebec and later were transferred to the Dept. of Finance at Ottawa from where they have been received in the Public Archives of Canada.

A. Minute Books, 1840-1923. 1 foot, 8 inches, (vols.1-11).

Bound volumes of the minutes of meetings of the Trustees from the beginning to the termination of the MTT in 1923.

B. Letterbooks, 1840-1923. 2 feet, 10 inches, (vols.12-30).

1. Transcripts, letterpress and carbon copies of letters from the office of the Secretary through whom the business of the MTT was conducted. There are no letterbooks for the periods 1862-1868, 1869-1879, 1917-1922. The letterbook for Jan. to Nov. 1915 was destroyed by fire in that year. (vols. 12-28)
2. Carbon copies of certain letters, some signed Richard White (Chairman 1892-1897), others signed by the Secretary. Also some correspondence received, 1896-1897. (vol.29)
3. Letterbook of Senécal & Depatie, Montreal realtors, containing letterpress copies of letters from L. Hy. Senécal, Secretary of the Montreal Turnpike for several years. (vol.30)

(OVER)

C. Correspondence, Petitions & Reports, 1855-1922. 5 feet,  
11 inches. (vols. 31-52)

The correspondence is partly bound. Generally the arrangement of correspondence, petitions and reports is chronological with overlapping and variations. Some material is undated. The subject matter is extremely varied, having some fluid classifications as described:

1. General Correspondence, 1855-1922. 3 feet, 3 inches.
  - (a) Bound, 1893-1917. There are no volumes for the periods 1912-1915 exclusive and 1916. Correspondence for 1915 and 1917 is arranged alphabetically by author in expandable folders. 2 feet, 5 inches. (vols. 31-44)
  - (b) 1855-1922. 10 inches. (vols. 45-47)
2. Petitions etc. ( -1914). 6 inches (vols. 48)

Some material undated. Applications and recommendations for collectors, gatekeepers etc., requests for permission to alter a road, or petitions to have tolls commuted are examples of the diversity of written matter.
3. Engineers' Reports, 1890-1903, 1906-1915. 4 inches. (vol. 49)
4. Special Reports, 1876-1897. 3 inches. (vol. 50)

Reports by diverse persons on various matters of interest to the Trustees.
5. Subcommittee Reports, 1887-1907.  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. (vol. 50)

Reports submitted to the Board of Trustees by special committees. The committees were often created by the Board to investigate and report on a particular matter of concern.
6. Presidents' Reports, 1894-1897, 1914.  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. (vol. 50)

Includes reports and copies of letters signed by Richard White, Chairman and a report on state of the Trust as of Jan. 1914 by T. A. Trenholme, Chairman.
7. Inspection Reports, 1887-1917. 8 inches. (vols. 51-52)
  - (a) Inspectors' Reports 1887-1913, consisting of reports

(OVER)

to the Secretary by road inspectors on progress of roadwork, investigation of accidents, and gate inspectors' reports on toll collectors.

(b) Secretary's Reports 1913-1917. Records of frequent inspection tours made with a view to reporting to the Trustees.

D. Legal Papers, 1840-1923. 2 feet, 4 inches. (vols.53-59)

There is a wide variety of legal papers. Although no small number is in English, perhaps the greater portion is in French.

1. Correspondence, 1879-1900, 1917-1918, 1923.  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. (vol.53)  
Some correspondence from advocates regarding legal matters such as suits.
2. Opinion, 1841-1864, 1879-1917. 5 inches. (vols.53-54)
3. Ordinances & Acts,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. (vol.54)  
Statutes relating to the formation, operation and authority of the turnpike trust to raise funds, collect and commute tolls, acquire property etc.
4. Commissions, 1849-1878.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. (vol.54)  
Instruments appointing members of the Board of Trustees.
5. Procès Verbaux, 1840-1887.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. (vol.54)  
Minutes of legal proceedings. Includes many transcripts of earlier documents apparently made in or after 1840. These documents concern the location and line of roads, and date back to 1743.
6. Leases - Bauk, 1842-1921.  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. (vol.55)
7. Deeds of Sale - Vente, 1822-1913. 1 inch. (vol.55)
8. Conveyance, 1860-1870. 1 inch. (vol.55)  
Deeds transferring the title to lands to the Montreal Turnpike Trust.
9. Deeds of Release, Transfer & Cession, 1840-1922. 1 inch. (vol.55)

(OVER)

Legal acceptance, usually by the MTT and another party, of arbitration or cession of property or some other agreement. Some are copies of documents which predate 1840.

10. Minutes of Court Proceedings, 1860-1911. 2 inches. (vol.56)

The MTT had the right to sue and be sued. Included are court judgements.

11. Writs, 1875-1916. 2 inches. (vol.56)

Notarial documents of notification and protest of some existing condition served both on behalf of the MTT and upon it.

12. Permits, 1857-1913.  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. (vol.57)

The MTT had occasion to grant permission to someone to alter Trust property, perhaps to lay a viaduct or erect poles.

13. Certificates of Search, 1879, 1898, 10 pages. (vol.57)

14. Bonds of Arbitration & Surety, 1841-1913,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. (vol.57)

15. Bonds & Debentures, 1 inch. (vol.57)

16. Tenders & Contracts, 1840-1918, 7 inches. (vols.57-59)

Many tenders for supplying stone along with contracts for some.

17. Agreements, 1844-1919, 4 inches. (vol.59)

Including commutation agreements and contracts for the maintenance of roads.

E Financial Records, 1840-1922, 8 feet, 8 inches. (vols.60-116)

1. Secretary's Reports, 1870-1919,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. (vol.60)

Reports to the Trustees on the financial situation of the Trust.

2. Auditor's Reports, 1879-1922,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. (vol.60)

Includes reports by auditors on the state of the Trusts affairs and quarterly audits from 1913. Annual Financial Reports are separate and are listed below.

(over)

3. Reports concerning administration of the Trust, 1897-1912  
½ inch, (vol.60)  
Comprising questionnaires from the Legislature with answers.  
Extracts of some minutes of the WTT, and a report on the  
administration of Richard White (Chairman 1892-1897).
4. Memoranda of Accounts, 1893-1918, 1 inch. (vol.61)  
Printed annual statements.
5. Financial Reports, 1860-1913; 1897-1912, 2½ inches. (vol.61)  
Besides annual financial reports for the years 1897-1912  
there is a small collection of material apparently gathered  
to represent the financial position of the WTT during the  
White administration, 1892-1897. Included are pages from  
ledgers, comparative statements and related material.  
Since there is no ledger, nor any journal for the period  
1892-1897 exclusive much of the material may have been  
taken from or copied from these missing books.
6. Financial Statements, 1913, 1914, 1919-1922, 1 inch. (vol.61)
7. Comparative Toll Receipts, 1896-1902, 4 inches. (vol.62)  
Toll Receipts are composed as 1896/1897 and 1897/1898 etc.
8. Pay Lists, ½ inch. (vol.63)
9. Miscellaneous Business Forms, 2 inches, (vol.63)  
Including cancelled cheques, bank book, receipts and such  
like.  
The Remainder of The Financial Records are in bound volumes.  
7 feet, 4 inches.
10. Journal du Grand Livre, 1893-1914. (vols.64-65)  
Emergements - Journal du  
Grand Livre
11. Ledgers, 1840-1913. (vols.66-75)  
There are no ledgers for the periods 1845-1854; 1869-1879;  
1892-1897. Vol.75 is a contract ledger.

12. Cash Books, 1863-1913, (vols.76-85)  
There is no Cash Book for the period 1892-1894. The Cash Book for 1884-1887 is in duplicate to 1886.
13. Journals, 1840-1913, (vols.86-90)  
There are no Journals for the periods 1849-1859; 1878-1887; 1892-1897.
14. Composite Records Book, 1840-1848, (vol.91)  
Contains a variety of early records of the company, some of which were copied. The book is comprised of reports of the Trustees to the Legislative Assembly showing accounts, instructions to inspectors, legal opinion, surveyors reports and other material. Disbursements to 1848 are among the records included.
15. Disbursements, 1849-1885, (vols. 92-94)
16. Daily Toll Receipts, 1885-1906, (vols.95-97)
17. Comparative Weekly Statement of Toll Receipts & Check Gate, 1895-1897, (vol.98)
18. Extension Book, 1915-1919, (vol.99)  
A book showing tolls collected and disbursements on sections of roads which were at that time still toll sections.
19. Pay Lists, 1874-1918, (vols.100-112)  
Records of pay lists for each road in every 2 week period. Records of commutation payments and even annual statements are found in these books.
20. Commutation of tolls, 1892, (vol.113)  
A journal of information concerning commutation agreements and payments.
21. Vault Indicators, (vols.114-115)  
One volume undated, the others dated 1896 showing the location of the books of the Trust and their designation.

(over)

MG 28  
III 27

22. Interest Tables, (vol. 116)

F. Unrelated Material

1. Clippings, 1913-1921, (vol. 117)
2. Unsorted, (vol. 117)

Montreal Turnpike Trust

Minute Book,

1840-1853  
1853-1869  
1870-1885  
1886-1892  
1892-1897  
1897-1899  
1899-1902  
1903-1906  
1906-1910  
1910-1915  
1916-1923

Letterbook,

1840-1848  
1848-1853  
1853-1862  
1868-1869  
1879-1887  
1888-1890  
1890-1893  
1893-1894  
1894-1896  
1896-1899  
1899-1903  
1903-1908  
1909-1913  
1914  
1916  
1917

1915 (Dec. only); 1922-1923  
1896-1897  
1893-1907

Correspondence,

1893-1897  
1898-1900  
1900-1901  
1901-1903  
1903-1904  
1904-1905  
1905-1906  
1906-1908  
1908  
1909  
1909-1911  
1911-1912  
1915  
1917  
1855-1884  
1885-1892

III, 27 (1)  
III, 27 (2)  
III, 27 (3)  
III, 27 (4)  
III, 27 (5)  
III, 27 (6)  
III, 27 (7)  
III, 27 (8)  
III, 27 (9)  
III, 27 (10)  
III, 27 (11)  
III, 27 (12)  
III, 27 (13)  
III, 27 (14)  
III, 27 (15)  
III, 27 (16)  
III, 27 (17)  
III, 27 (18)  
III, 27 (19)  
III, 27 (20)  
III, 27 (21)  
III, 27 (22)  
III, 27 (23)  
III, 27 (24)  
III, 27 (25)  
III, 27 (26)  
III, 27 (27)  
III, 27 (28)  
III, 27 (29)  
III, 27 (30)  
III, 27 (31)  
III, 27 (32)  
III, 27 (33)  
III, 27 (34)  
III, 27 (35)  
III, 27 (36)  
III, 27 (37)  
III, 27 (38)  
III, 27 (39)  
III, 27 (40)  
III, 27 (41)  
III, 27 (42)  
III, 27 (43)  
III, 27 (44)  
III, 27 (45)  
III, 27 (46)



Montreal Turnpike Trust (cont'd)	MG 28,	III,	27	(47)
Correspondence, 1896-1922; Petitions to 1896		III,	27	(48)
Petitions, 1896-1914		III,	27	(48)
Engineers Reports, 1890-1915		III,	27	(49)
Special Reports, 1876-1897; Subcommittee		III,	27	(50)
Reports, 1887-1909; Presidents' Reports,				
1894-1897, 1914		III,	27	(51)
Inspectors' Reports		III,	27	(52)
Inspectors' Reports, 1900-1913; Secretary's				
Inspection Reports, 1913-1917		III,	27	(53)
Legal Correspondence, 1879-1900, 1917-1918, 1923;				
Legal Opinion, 1841-1899		III,	27	(54)
Legal Opinion, 1900-1917; Ordinance and Acts;				
Commissions, 1849-1873; Procès Verbaux, 1840-87		III,	27	(55)
Leases, 1842-1921; Deeds of Sale, 1822-1913;				
Conveyance, 1860-1870; Deeds of Release,		III,	27	(56)
1840-1922				
Minutes of Court Proceedings, 1860-1911;		III,	27	(57)
Writs, 1875-1916				
Permits, 1857-1913; Certificates of Search, 1879,		III,	27	(57)
1898; Bonds of Arbitration and Surety, 1841-1913;				
Bonds and Debentures; Miscellaneous Legal Forms;				
Tenders and Contracts, 1840-1895		III,	27	(58)
Tenders and Contracts, 1896-1904		III,	27	(59)
Tenders and Contracts, 1904-1918; Agreements,				
1844-1919		III,	27	(60)
Secretaries Reports, 1870-1919; Auditors' Reports,				
1879-1922; Reports Concerning Administration of		III,	27	(61)
Trust, 1897-1912				
Memoranda of Accounts, 1893-1918; Financial				
Reports, 1860-1913; Financial Reports, 1897-		III,	27	(62)
1912; Financial Statements, 1913, 1914, 1919-22		III,	27	(63)
Comparative Toll Receipts, 1896-1902		III,	27	(64)
Pay List; Miscellaneous Business Forms		III,	27	(65)
Journal Grand Livre, 1893-1914		III,	27	(65)
Emergements - Journal Grand Livre, 1893-1914		III,	27	(66)
Ledger, 1840-1845		III,	27	(66)
1854-1862		III,	27	(67)
1862-1867		III,	27	(68)
1867-1878		III,	27	(69)
1879-1884		III,	27	(70)
1885-1887		III,	27	(71)
1887-1892		III,	27	(72)
1897-1906		III,	27	(73)
1907-1913		III,	27	(74)
Contract Ledger, 1894-1897		III,	27	(75)
Cash Book, 1863-1867		III,	27	(76)
1867-1872		III,	27	(77)
1872-1878		III,	27	(77)
1879-1884		III,	27	(78)
1884-1887		III,	27	(79)
1884-1886		III,	27	(80)
1887-1892		III,	27	(81)
1897-1901		III,	27	(82)
1901-1907		III,	27	(83)
1907-1913		III,	27	(84)
Journal, 1840-1849		III,	27	(85)
1859-1867		III,	27	(86)
1867-1878		III,	27	(87)
1887-1892		III,	27	(88)
1897-1913		III,	27	(89)
Composite Records Book, 1840-1848		III,	27	(90)
Disbursements, 1849-1860		III,	27	(91)
1861-1872		III,	27	(92)
1872-1885		III,	27	(93)
		III,	27	(94)

Montreal Turnpike Trust (cont'd)

Daily Toll Receipts, 1885-1894

MS 28, III, 27 (95)

1895-1897

III, 27 (96)

1897-1906

III, 27 (97)

Comparative Weekly Statement of Toll Receipts,

III, 27 (98)

1895-1897

Extension Book, 1915-1919

III, 27 (99)

Pay List, 1869-1874

III, 27 (100)

1874-1878

III, 27 (101)

1878-1883

III, 27 (102)

1883-1887

III, 27 (103)

1887-1889

III, 27 (104)

1889-1892

III, 27 (105)

1892-1895

III, 27 (106)

1895-1898

III, 27 (107)

1898-1899

III, 27 (108)

1899-1903

III, 27 (109)

1903-1907

III, 27 (110)

1907-1911

III, 27 (111)

1911-1918

III, 27 (112)

Commutation of Tolls, 1892

III, 27 (113)

MTT Vault Indicator

III, 27 (114)

MTT Vault Indicator, 1896

III, 27 (115)

Interest Tables

III, 27 (116)

Clippings, 1913-1921; Unsorted

III, 27 (117)