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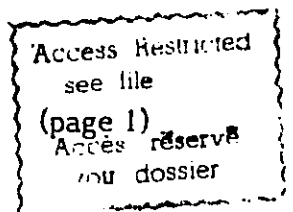
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BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA (est. 1836)

Originals, 1837, 1860-1918. 2.8 m. Microfilm, 1836-1918. 14 reels, M-161 to M-174. Finding Aid No. 345.

The Bank of British North America was formed in London in 1836 by a group of British businessmen who wished to participate in the developing prosperity of the British North American colonies. Between 1836 and 1840 branches were opened in a number of cities in Lower and Upper Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland; and in 1862 in British Columbia. The Head Office was in London and the Head Office for Canada in Montreal. The bank applied for a Royal charter in 1840, and in 1871 by a special provision of the Bank Act a new charter was obtained. At the time of the First World War difficulties were experienced in administering the bank from headquarters in Great Britain, and in 1918 a merger was arranged with the Bank of Montreal.

The minutes books were microfilmed from originals held by the Bank of Montreal in 1955. The correspondence of the New York Agency was presented by the Bank of Montreal in 1957. The petition by the Merchant of Bytown was presented by Alastair MacTavish, Ottawa, Ontario in 1957.

Finding Aid No. 345 is a file list.

Minute Books

Minutes of the Court Committee of Directors, 1836-1839, 1888-1918. Microfilm, reel M-161.

Three minute books, of which nos 1 and 3 are indexed. The Court Committee met at irregular intervals to consider matters of policy and important business.

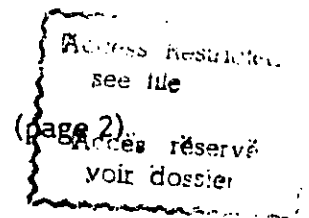
Minutes of the daily committee of directors, 1837-1918. Microfilm, reels M-161 to M-174.

53 minute books, of which nos 21-53 are indexed.

Correspondence of the New York Agency

Correspondence with the General Manager, Montreal, 1873-1918. 2.05 m (volumes 1-23).

Files of letters received from the General Manager including paragraph letters, official and confidential correspondence and miscellaneous semi-official letters, circulars and telegrams (volumes 1-11). Letterbooks containing copies of letters sent to the General Manager (volumes 12-22). Files copies of letters sent to the General Manager (volume 23). The correspondence deals chiefly with credit, investments, exchange, taxes, bank rates, administration and the effect of current events.



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Correspondence with the Chief Inspector's Office, Montreal, 1914-1916. 1 cm (volume 24).

File containing various official and private letters from the Chief Inspector and a few replies.

Correspondence with the Superintendent of Branches, Montreal, 1908-1917. 30 cm (volumes 24-26).

Letters received from the Superintendent of Branches, 1908-1917 (volumes 24-25) and copies of letters sent to the Superintendent by the New York Agent, 1914-1917 (volume 26). The correspondence deals chiefly with the routine business of the branch.

Correspondence with the Superintendent of Eastern Branches, Montreal, 1912-1917. 7 cm (volume 27).

Correspondence dealing largely with staff matters.

Miscellaneous correspondence and subject files, 1867-1917. 12 cm (volume 28).

Miscellaneous Material

Miscellaneous, 1837, 1860. 1 cm (volume 28).

Petition requesting a Bank branch in Bytown, 1837. Judicial opinion in the case of the Bank vs. Cuvillier, 1860.

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MINUTE BOOKS

<u>Microfilm Reel No.</u>	<u>Minute Book</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Court Committee Minute Books</u>		
M-161	No. 1. Indexed	4 Mar. 1836-4 June 1839
	No. 2. No index	5 July 1888-21 Mar. 1918
	No. 3. Indexed	7 Mar. 1916-19 Nov. 1918
<u>Daily Committee Minute Books</u>		
M-162	No. 1. No index	2 June 1837-14 May 1838
	No. 2. No index	15 May 1838-13 June 1839
	No. 3. No index	14 June 1839-3 June 1840
	No. 4. No index	5 June 1840-2 July 1841
M-163	No. 5. No index	3 July 1841-28 May 1842
	No. 6. No index	30 May 1842-14 Aug. 1843
	No. 7. No index	16 Aug. 1843-20 Jan. 1845
	No. 8. No index	22 Jan. 1845-29 June 1846
M-164	No. 9. No index	1 July 1846-24 Sept. 1847
	No. 10. No index	27 Sept. 1847-5 Jan. 1849
	No. 11. No index	8 Jan. 1849-26 Aug. 1850
	No. 12. No index	28 Aug. 1850-23 Apr. 1852
M-165	No. 13. No index	26 Apr. 1852-23 Dec. 1853
	No. 14. No index	26 Dec. 1853-3 Aug. 1855
	No. 15. No index	6 Aug. 1855-25 May 1857
	No. 16. No index	1 June 1857-24 Dec. 1858

<u>Microfilm Reel No.</u>	<u>Minute Book</u>	<u>Dates</u>
M-166	No. 17. No index	27 Dec. 1858-27 July 1860
	No. 18. No index	30 July 1860-16 Dec. 1861
	No. 19. No index	18 Dec. 1861-18 Feb. 1863
	No. 20. No index	20 Feb. 1863-10 June 1864
M-167	No. 21. Indexed	13 June 1864-24 Aug. 1866
	No. 22. Indexed	27 Aug. 1866-26 Mar. 1868
	No. 23. Indexed	23 Mar. 1868-24 Nov. 1869
	No. 24. Indexed	26 Nov. 1869-5 June 1871
M-168	No. 25. Indexed	7 June 1871-4 Apr. 1873
	No. 26. Indexed	7 Apr. 1873-1 Mar. 1875
	No. 27. Indexed	3 Mar. 1875-9 Feb. 1877
	No. 28. Indexed	12 Feb. 1877-13 Nov. 1878
M-169	No. 29. Indexed	15 Nov. 1878-14 June 1880
	No. 30. Indexed	16 June 1880-30 Sept. 1881
	No. 31. Indexed	3 Oct. 1881-13 Nov. 1882
	No. 32. Indexed	14 Nov. 1882-27 Feb. 1884
M-170	No. 33. Indexed	29 Feb. 1884-8 June 1885
	No. 34. Indexed	10 June 1885-14 Jan. 1887
	No. 35. Indexed	17 Jan. 1887-9 Nov. 1888
	No. 36. Indexed	12 Nov. 1888-13 July 1890
	No. 37. Indexed	1 Aug. 1890-21 Mar. 1892
M-171	No. 38. Indexed	23 Mar. 1892-27 Dec. 1893
	No. 39. Indexed	29 Dec. 1893-9 Mar. 1896

<u>Microfilm Reel No.</u>	<u>Minute Book</u>	<u>Dates</u>
M-171 (cont'd)	No. 40. Indexed	11 Mar. 1896-11 Feb. 1898
	No. 41. Indexed	14 Feb. 1898-14 Aug. 1899
M-172	No. 42. Indexed	16 Aug. 1899-13 Feb. 1901
	No. 43. Indexed	15 Feb. 1901-7 May 1902
	No. 44. Indexed	8 May 1903-3 July 1903
	No. 45. Indexed	4 July 1903-23 Nov. 1904
M-173	No. 46. Indexed	23 Nov. 1904-17 Mar. 1906
	No. 47. Indexed	19 Mar. 1906-2 Sept. 1907
	No. 48. Indexed	3 Sept. 1907-12 Mar. 1909
	No. 49. Indexed	13 Mar. 1909-18 Aug. 1910
	No. 50. Indexed	19 Aug. 1910-24 Feb. 1912
M-174	No. 51. Indexed	26 Feb. 1912-14 Oct. 1913
	No. 52. Indexed	15 Oct. 1913-10 Aug. 1916
	No. 53. Indexed	11 Aug. 1916-19 Nov. 1918

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE NEW YORK AGENCY

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Correspondence With The General Manager, Montreal</u>			
1	A-1	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents (Note: letters from August 1874- March 1876 use not received by the P.A.C.)	Jan.-Aug. 1874
	A-2	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	Apr.-June 1876
	A-3	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1877
	A-4	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1878
	A-5	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1879
2	A-6	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1880
	A-7	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1881
	A-8	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1882
3	A-9	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1883
	A-10	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1884
	A-11	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1885
	A-12	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1886
4	A-13	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1887
	A-14	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1888

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4 (cont'd)	A-15	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1889
	A-16	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1890
	A-17	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1891
5	A-18	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1892
	A-19	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1893
	A-20	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1894
6	A-21	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1895
	A-22	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1896
	A-23	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1897
7	A-24	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1898
	A-25	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1899
	A-26	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1900
8	A-27	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1901
	A-28	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1902
	A-29	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1903

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
9	A-30	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1904
	A-31	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1905
	A-32	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1906
	A-33	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1907
10	A-34	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1908
	A-35	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1909
	A-36	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1910
	A-37	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1911
	A-38	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1912
	A-39	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1913
11	A-40	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1914
	A-41	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1915
	A-41	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1916
	A-43	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1917
	A-44	Letters from General Manager to New York Agents	1918
12	A-50	Letterbook containing copies of private and confidential letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal	1873-1904

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
13	A-45	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Included are paragraph letters, official and confidential correspondence, miscellaneous semi-official letters and coded correspondence. Topics include new cipher code (4 March 1874)	Sept. 1873-Jan. 1874, Jan.-Mar. 1877
14	A-46	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Topics include issuance of silver certificates and trade dollars by the U.S.A. (pp. 424, 439, 453). Indexed	Apr. 1877-June 1878
15	A-47	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Indexed	June 1878-May 1880
16	A-48	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Topics include new method of calculating and quoting sterling (19 July 1881). Indexed	May 1880-Sept. 1881
17	A-49	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Topics include the Canadian Pacific Railway (pp. 573, 578, 580, 636). Indexed	Sept. 1881-Mar. 1884
18	A-51	Letterbook containing copies of Letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Topics include slanderous remarks against the Bank made by newspapers (pp. 342, 343, 345) and war risks (pp. 155, 157, 162, 170, 361 and 362). Indexed	Mar. 1884-Sept. 1886

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
19	A-52	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Indexed	Oct. 1886-Dec. 1888
20	A-53	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Indexed	May 1891-Dec. 1895
		(Note: letterbooks A-54 and A-55, covering the period 1896-1902, were not received by the P.A.C.)	
21	A-56	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Indexed	Jan. 1903-Dec. 1910
22	A-57	Letterbook containing copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, Montreal. Topics include New York state legislation on foreign banks (9 March, 12 May and 19 May 1911); Head Office systems (25 April 1912); European situation and its effect on the stock market and on business conditions in general (30-31 July, 1, 3, 5, 5, 14 August 1914)	Jan. 1911-Dec. 1916
23	A-58	File copies of letters found in letterbook A-57	1914
	A-59	File copies of letters found in letterbook A-57	1915
	A-60	File copies of letters found in letterbook A-57	1916
	A-61	File Copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, New York. Topics include the composition of the new Federal Government and the excess profits	1917

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23	A-61 (cont'd)	taxes (1 Dec. 1917); reciprocal business agreements between the B.B.N.A. and the Hanover National Bank and Liberty National Bank (13 Feb. 1917); requisitioning of securities by the British Government (19 May and 24 May 1917)	
	A-62	File copies of letters from New York Agents to General Manager, New York. Topics include the commencement of business of the Mercantile bank of India and the amalgamation of the B.B.N.A. and the Bank of Montreal	Jan.-Oct. 1918

Correspondence with the Chief Inspector's Office, Montreal

24	A-63	Letters from the Chief Inspector's Office to the New York Agents	1914-1918
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Correspondence with the Superintendent of Branches, Montreal

24	A-64	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents	1908-1909
	A-65	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents	1910
	A-66	Letters from Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents. Includes B.B.N.A. balance sheet for 1909 (14 Feb. 1911)	1911
	A-67	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents	1912
	A-68	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents	1913
	A-69	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents	1914
25	A-70	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents	1915
	A-71	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents. Included are several references to trading with the enemy, and a letter concerning a B.B.N.A. advertisement (6 Dec.)	1916

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25 (cont'd)	A-72	Letters from the Superintendent of Branches to the New York Agents. Includes copy of offering for Canada's Victory Loan (29 Nov. 1917)	1917
	A-73	File copies of letters from the New York Agents to the Superintendent of Branches. Includes list of pre-1904 B.B.N.A. books that have been destroyed by the Agency (18 June 1914)	1914
	A-74	File copies of letters from the New York Agents to the Superintendent of Branches. Topics include staff subscription to purchase a machine gun for the Canadian Overseas Forces (11 Aug. and 23 Aug.)	1915
	A-75	File copies of letters from the New York Agents to the Superintendent of Branches	1916
	A-75	File copies of letters from the New York Agents to the Superintendent of Branches. Topics include the U.S. Stamp Tax (22 Nov. and 4 Dec.)	1917

Correspondence With the Superintendent of Eastern Branches, Montreal

27	A-77	Letters from the Superintendent of Eastern Branches to the New York Agents	1913
	A-78	Letters from the Superintendent of Eastern Branches to the New York Agents. Topics include Canadian volunteers for military service (26 Oct. 1914)	1914
	A-79	Letters from the Superintendent of Eastern Branches to the New York Agents	1915

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27 (cont'd)	A-80	Letters from the Superintendent of Eastern Branches to the New York Agents	1916
	A-81	Letters from the Superintendent of Eastern Branches to the New York Agents	1917
	A-82	Copies of letters from W.T. Oliver, New York Agent, to Superintendent of Eastern Branches	1914
	A-83	Copies of letters from W.T. Oliver, New York Agent, to Superintendent of Eastern Branches	1915
	A-84	Copies of letters from W.T. Oliver, New York Agent, to Superintendent of Eastern Branches	1916
	A-85	Copies of Letters from W.T. Oliver, New York Agent, to Superintendent of Eastern Branches	1917
<u>Miscellaneous Correspondence and Subject Files</u>			
28	A-86	Letters from London to New York Agents	1916
	A-87	Letters from Canada to New York Agents	1902-1916
	A-88	Copies of letters written by New York Agents	1914-1916.
	A-89	Copies of Annual Report of New York Agents	1867-1877
	A-90	Abstracts of receipts and disbursements, New York Agency	July-Dec. 1917
	A-91	Correspondence with Stationery Department, Montreal	1916
	A-92	Correspondence with Officers of the Widows and Orphans Fund, Montreal	1916-1917

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28 (cont'd)	A-93	Applications for employment	1915-1917
	A-94	Letters of introduction	1915-1916
	A-95	Personal and semi-official correspondence of the New York Agents	1901-1917

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
28	A-96	Draft copy of a petition from the merchants of Bytown and vicinity requesting that a branch of the Bank of British North America be opened in Bytown	1837
	A-97	Bank of British North America vs. Cuvillier et al. - opinion and judgement	1860