

Kerry and Chace Limited, 1887-1938. 95 vols. 30 ft.

Kerry and Chace Limited were a firm of consulting engineers with head office in Toronto and at various times branch offices in Winnipeg, Vancouver and Boise, Idaho. They were incorporated in 1913, having been originally organized in 1907 as Smith, Kerry and Chace. They were active in the fields of railway, hydraulic, electrical and industrial engineering. Their records relate chiefly to these activities although the application of their services ranged widely over such fields as municipal services, mining and paper mill projects, waterways, etc.

The president and most prominent member of the partnership and later the company was John George Cale Kerry, consulting engineer, born in Montreal in 1867. Prior to forming the partnership of Smith, Kerry and Chace in 1907 he was active in construction work on railways and harbours, lectured at McGill University as Assistant Professor of Applied Science 1893-1907, and served on the Royal Commission investigating the Quebec Bridge disaster 1907-1908. From 1913 to 1938 he was president of the corporation formed from the preceding partnership. Under his direction the firm planned and superintended the construction of hydro electric plants for Winnipeg, Calgary and other centres, as well as power plants on the Trent River for Electric Power Co., of which Kerry was president in 1909-1914; also for a number of paper mills, mines, etc., including Hollinger Consolidated Cold Mines, as well as the Gem Irrigation System comprising 30,000 acres in Idaho.

The "Incoming Reports", which compose the first and largest series of records, as well as the "Incoming Specifications", were not all compiled by the

firm's own engineers, although they were intermixed with them. Consequently, this series represents not only records created by the firm but also reference material collected by them, and as a result a portion of this series ante-dates the inception of the business itself.

1. Incoming Reports, 1887, 1898-1932. Vols. 1-46 17 ft. 4 in.

Reports received from the firm's and other engineers. Some of the subjects treated are as follows:

Coop. Irrigation District, Idaho.

Railways, particularly the T. and N.O.

Hydro-electric developments in various parts of Canada.

Pulp and paper mills.

Civic development: water, power, urban transit, etc., particularly with reference to Edmonton and Vancouver.

Waterways, particularly Trent Valley; some data on St. Lawrence Waterways. Timber limits and forest reserves.

Coal deposits and other mines, particularly Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines.

Newfoundland logging and rivers.

Surveys of rivers, bays, etc.

Numerous reports furnished to the Electric Power Co. Ltd., Toronto a holding company controlling various utility companies east of Toronto, west of Kingston and north of the Lake.

Arranged in consecutive numerical order, No. 564 to 1618. There are a number of gaps. The report numbers do not correspond to numbers assigned to specifications and contracts. The numerical sequence does not always correspond to chronological sequence; reports numbered before 1001 are mainly dated before 1911 and as they came chiefly from a variety of sources their dates vary widely; reports from 1001 to 1618, however, follow a chronological sequence fairly closely (1911-1938). An alphabetical index (Vol. 46) covers the entire series, and besides being entered under the name of the project or Company the reports were occasionally cross indexed under the name of the town. There is also a register (Vol. 46) for reports from 1001 to 1618 in numerical order; this also corresponds to the chronological sequence in which the reports were originated.

2. Incoming specifications, 1887-1926. Vols. 47-52 2 ft.

Specifications for contracts involving work on municipal services, generating stations, railways, waterworks, canals, etc., in various parts of Canada and the U.S. These were evidently gathered as reference material in drawing up specifications for similar work.

Arranged in consecutive numerical order, No. 4001-4227. There are a few gaps. Alphabetical index (Vol. 52).

3. Estimates, 1910-1938. Vols. 53-57 1 ft. 8 in.

Estimates furnished to clients for various projects. Arranged in consecutive numerical order, No. 1-586, corresponding also to chronological sequence. Bound in lots of approximately fifty. Each binder has an alphabetical index, and there is a separate comprehensive alphabetical index (Vol. 57).

4. Appropriations, 1910-1915. Vols. 58-60 1 ft.

Appropriations of Electric Power Co. Ltd., of which J.G.G. Kerry was President. The appropriations cover the cost of extension and expansion of waterworks, gas plants, street lighting, generating stations etc., operated by various utility companies in Ontario. Most of the appropriations are keyed to Kerry and Chace estimates. Arranged in numerical order as follows:

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Each binder has an alphabetical index, but there is no comprehensive index.

5. Specifications and contracts, 1909-1929. Vols. 61-91 7 ft.

Specifications for work to be performed and instructions to bidders, chiefly on behalf of power and electric companies, for turbines, sub-stations, power houses, transmission lines, etc. Arranged in consecutive numerical order, No. 1-750. There are a few gaps. Specifications No. 1-674 were bound in hard covers averaging approximately 25 per volume, the remainder are unbound. Each volume contains a table of contents in numerical order, and there is a comprehensive alphabetical index for the entire series (vol. 91), together with a register covering specification No. 399-753 (vol. 91). The ranges covered by the contract numbers vary widely, as follows:

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6. Rates for Electric Power, 1907-1918. Vol. 92 2 in.

Binder containing memoranda on power rates charged by various municipalities in Canada and the U.S.; also extracts from news reports and statistics. Arranged alphabetically by names of towns and cities.

7. Photographs, 1915-1927; many undated. Vols. 93-95 1 ft.

(a) Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd.  
Power house, 1924-1925.

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