

W. &amp; J. Sharples Reg'd., 1854-1923

275 vols., 42 ft.

The Sharples lumber firm was the oldest in the Quebec square timber trade, having been established in 1816 by William Sharples of Liverpool. Henry Sharples, his son, subsequently took over the Liverpool end of the business, in partnership with his brother Charles who resided at Quebec ~~with~~<sup>with</sup> their cousin John Sharples. The Quebec operations were conducted under the name of "C. & J. Sharples" and in 1870, when John Sharples became head of the business, it became known as "John Sharples Sons & Co." John Sharples (1814-1876) was prominent not only in the Quebec lumber trade but also in political, church and civic affairs, and in other fields of business. He was appointed to the Legislative Council for Stadacona division in February, 1874; served as Mayor of Sillery; was first superintendent of cullers in 1843, president of the Harbour Commission and a director of the Union Bank. On his death in 1876 the business was taken over by his sons William (1841-1886) and John (1848-1913), becoming then known as "W. & J. Sharples". John Sharples (Jr.) also was Mayor of Sillery and, as his father had done, represented Stadacona division in the Legislative Council, from May, 1893 until 1913. He was president of the Quebec Chronicle Printing Co. and a director of various utility, railway and banking institutions. In 1907 he was created Chevalier of the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Pius X. On the death of his brother William in 1886 he had become sole proprietor of the business, and in 1914, following his own death, the style "W. & J. Sharples Reg'd." was adopted. By this point in the history of the company controlling management by members of the

Sharples family had ceased; the son of Charles Sharples, Lt. Col. John Sharples (1875-1936) had joined the family firm in 1893 but left it in 1898 to pursue an army career. William Power (1849-1920) had long been in the service of the firm and in 1906 became a partner, later becoming president of W. & J. Sharples Limited. He represented Quebec West in Parliament as a Liberal from 1902 to 1908 and 1911 to 1917. His son, Hon. W. Gerard Power (1882-1940), had joined the Sharples firm in 1897 and in 1921 became president and managing director of W. & J. Sharples Limited. He continued in this capacity until 1929. He sat in the Legislative Council, also for Stadacona division, from 1923 to 1934.

The firm dealt extensively in square and waney white pine, also red pine, oak, elm, ash, birch, and in staves and deals. Lumber was purchased from various Eastern lumbermen, brought to the coves maintained at Sillery and Bridgewater, and in large part exported to a number of prominent lumber merchants in England and Scotland. Consequently the records deal to a great extent with the details of shipping and selling lumber by consignment in the U.K. market.

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Series 1. Correspondence and Memoranda, 1854-1856, 1861-1869, 1881, 1900-1917.

Vols. 1-95, 20 ft.

(a) Charles Sharples, 1861-1869. Vol. 1, 3 1/2 in.

Original letters received and letterpress copies of letters sent, as follows:

Owen Jones, partner, 1861-1865.

Annie Sharples, daughter, 1861.

Henry Sharples, brother, 1861-1869.

John Sharples, cousin, 1863-1869.

William Sharples, son of John Sharples, 1868.

Miscellaneous, 1861-1867.

Charles Sharples was a partner in C. & J. Sharples & Co. of Quebec.

(b) Henry Sharples, 1867-1868. Vol. 1, 1/2 in.

Copies of letters sent to Charles Sharples, his brother, and John Sharples, his cousin. Henry Sharples was a member of the Liverpool firm of Sharples, Jones & Co., afterwards Henry Sharples & Co.

(c) John Sharples, 1855-1856, 1861, 1865-1869. Vols. 2-3, 8 in.

Original letters received and letterpress copies of letters sent, as follows:

Owen Jones, partner, 1855-1856.

Charles Sharples, cousin, 1865-1869.

Edmiston & Mitchell, Glasgow, lumber importers, 1868.

Henry Sharples, cousin, 1855-1856, 1865-1869.

Honora Sharples, wife, 1865-1866.

Lizzie Sharples, sister, 1856 and n.d.

William Sharples, son, 1867-1868.

Sharples, Jones & Co., Liverpool, 1855-1856, 1861, 1865.

Miscellaneous, 1854-1857, 1865-1868.

John Sharples was a partner in C. & J. Sharples & Co., of Quebec.

(d) John Sharples, Jr., 1867, 1904, 1912-1914. Vol. 4, 4 in.

Original letters received, letterpress copies of letters sent, accounts, etc.,  
as follows:

Miscellaneous, 1867.

Miscellaneous, 1904.

Accounts, 1912-1913.

Estate correspondence and accounts, 1913-1914.

(e) William Sharples, 1865-1868. Vol. 4, 1/4 in.

Original letters received and letterpress copies of letters sent, chiefly  
with his father, John Sharples, and his brother John Sharples Jr.

(f) C. & J. Sharples & Co., 1854, 1861-1869. Vols. 5-7, 10 in.

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follows:

John Sharples, 1866, 1869.

Sharples, Jones & Co., 1861-1866.

Henry Sharples & Co., 1867-1868.

Miscellaneous, 1865-1868.

- (2) Memoranda, contracts, financial records, etc., as follows:

Articles of partnership, 1854.

Contracts for sales of lumber and purchases of timber<sup>b</sup>, 1863-1867.

Cargo purchase agreements, 1868.

Memoranda re sales, stock and finances, 1865-1868.

Memoranda re prices and cargoes shipped, 1867.

Memoranda re exchange drawn on Henry Sharples & Co., 1868.

Memoranda re calculations of prices, 1864-1868.

- (3) Account Sales arranged by name of vessel, showing prices received for cargoes shipped from Quebec on consignment less expenses listed in detail, 1866, 1868-1869.

- (4) Inter-company records, as follows:

Private Ledger accounts with Sharples, Jones & Co., 1861, 1864-1867.

Private Ledger accounts with Henry Sharples & Co., 1868-1869.

Balancing Entries, 1866-1867.

- (g) Sharples, Jones & Co., 1866. Vol. 7, 1/4 in.

Letterpress copies of letters sent.

- (h) Henry Sharples & Co., 1866. Vol. 7, 1/4 in.

Letterpress copies of letters sent.

- (i) John Sharples Sons & Co., 1881. Vol. 7, 1 1/2 in.

Original letters received and letterpress copies of letters sent.

(j) W. & J. Sharples, Reg'd., 1900-1917. Vols. 8-95, 17 ft. 8 in.

(1) General Correspondence. Letters received arranged alphabetically within each year, 1900-1906, 1911-1915. Vols. 8-18, 4 ft.

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1911

"E - G" Misc.

Price & Pierce Ltd.

1912

"C - D" Misc.

Edmiston & Mitchell

"E - G" Misc.

John H. Holme & Co.

"H - J" Misc.

Angus McLean

"M" Misc.

Thos. B. Neale & Co.

Joseph Power

Price & Pierce Ltd.

"N - R" Misc.

W. & J. Sharples Montreal Office

"S" Misc.

"T - W" Misc.

1913

Edmiston & Mitchell

"K - L" Misc.

Angus McLean

"M" Misc.

"N - Q" Misc.

Joseph Power

William Power and Harcourt Smith

Price & Pierce Ltd.

Rivière Ouelle Pulp & Lumber Co.

"R - S" Misc.

1914

"A - C"

"D - G"

Edmiston & Mitchells

"H - L" Misc.

John H. Holme & Co.

Angus McLean

"M" Misc.

Thos. B. Neale & Co.

"N - S" Misc.

Price & Pierce Ltd.

"T - W" Misc.

1915

"E - F" Misc.

"G - J" Misc.

- (2) English letters, 1905-1914. Vols. 19-30, 3 ft.

Copies of letters sent, chiefly carbon copies, in bound volumes.

Most of the letters are addressed to Price and Pierce, London.

Arranged in chronological order.

- (3) Local letterbooks, 1907, 1909-1914. Vols. 31-38, 1 ft. 4 in.

Letterpress copies of letters sent to various Canadian correspondents.

Index to each volume.

- (4) Montreal letterbooks, 1911-1917. Vols. 39-40, 6 in.

Letterpress copies of letters sent to Montreal branch office.

- (5) St. Pacome letterbook, 1902-1908. Vol. 41, 2 in.

Letterpress copies of letters sent to and by the River Ouelle  
Pulp and Lumber Co. Index.

- (6) Canadian Contracts, 1905-1909. Vols. 42-46, 8 in.

Copies of contracts with lumber suppliers in Canada, including some  
copies of correspondence. Indexes in each volume.



- (7) U.K. Contracts, 1857, 1874, 1897-1898, 1901-1911, 1915-1916. Vols. 47-68, 3 ft. 2 in.

Copies of contracts with customers in the United Kingdom, including some copies of correspondence. Indexes in some volumes.

Most of the pages from the 1857 and 1874 volumes were torn out.

- (8) Charter Parties, 1905-1908. Vols. 69-72, 6 in.

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Letterpress copies of memoranda showing details of lumber shipped and statements for charges. Indexes in each volume.

- (11) Specifications, 1908-1914. Vols. 84-86, 9 in.

Letterpress copies of specification lists sent to customers showing details of shipments. Indexes in each volume.

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Records of engagements to supply deals, etc., with corresponding record of shipping arrangements, classified by destination and carriers. Indexes in each volume.

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265.	" "	Sillery Cove stock book	1895-1897
266.	" "	" " " "	1898-1900
267.	" "	" " " "	1901-1903
268.	" "	" " " "	1904-1906
269.	" "	" " " "	1907-1911
270.	" "	" " " "	1912-1922
271.	" "	" " " "	1885-1886
272.	" "	" " " "	1880-1890

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273.	Miscellaneous notebooks and record books	1877-1895
274.	Printed Material	1837-1868
275.	" "	1876-1885

List of other documents and printed material found in portfolio containing a portion of the Sharples Papers. *Sent to Mr. Ormsby Nov. 19 59*

*Restoration* 1. Original copy of letter Douglas Brymner to J.D. Stewart, customs house, Quebec, 27 March 1884.

Acknowledges parcel of documents received. [They do not seem to pertain to the papers in this portfolio].

2. Original letter W.J. Sheppard to J.D. Stewart, 14 March 1883.

*Library* - 3. Copies of Archivo Americano y Espiritu de la Prensa del Mundo, Buenos Aires

In Spanish, French and English. One copy is dated 31 August 1844. The other copy is incomplete, but follows closely thereafter. Both apparently were preserved because of a report addressed to the Foreign Secretary, the Earl of Aberdeen, regarding affairs in the River Plate.

- 4. "Treaty between Her Majesty and the Emperor of China", London, 1844, 13 pp., and "Supplementary Treaty", London, 1844, 18 pp. The Treaties refer chiefly to customs duties.

- 5. Clippings from the Albion (a British paper published in New York) 30 April 1853, and the Scottish American Journal, 10 December 1864.

The first named clipping seems to have been preserved because of an article on the Douglas family, which mentions genealogical ties with the Stewart family. The second clipping also concerns the history of the Douglas family.

*Library* - 6. Printed copy of Appeal case between Archibald Stewart called Archibald Douglas, appellant, and George James Duke of Hamilton, Marquis of Douglas, and others, respondents. London, 1764, 14 pp.

- 7. Copy of the General Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works of the Province of Quebec for 1870.

Chiefly relates to colonization and immigration projects, including a list of immigrants sent to the Eastern Townships.

*Library*  
~~*Pre Confederation*~~ 8. Printed abstract of Land Grants on the St. John's River by the Governor of Nova Scotia. Quebec, 1765.

Lists sixty-one recipients of grants and describes locations.

*Pre Confederation* 9. Copy of Deed of land sale in Parish of St. Joseph de la Pointe Lévy on the St. Lawrence River by François P. Boucher, Joseph Lemieux, etc., to Christopher Idle, John Idle and Thomas Coates, 15 October 1811. Witnessed by W.F. Scott, N.P. Copied in 1839.

10. Copy of deed of land sale in Parish of Ste. Marie de la Nouvelle Beauce by Joseph Barbeau to Christopher Idle, etc., 28 September 1811. Copied in 1839.

11. "List of the Leases of Reserved Lots obtained by W.F. Scott since February

1809 and also of those Lots for which he is Agent and has not yet obtained leases and the reasons therefore". Quebec, 21 February 1811.

Manuscript record listing names of townships in the E.T. with names of settlers, lot and range numbers, and remarks. A few townships located elsewhere are also listed.

- Price Confed.* 12. "List of Townships with the names of Leaders..."

Original memorandum book relating to settlement in the Eastern Townships, with remarks by the Land Committee, 8 May 1797. Lists names of leaders with numbers of associates proposed, dates of certificates from the Commissioners, etc. Listed by township in alphabetical order.

- " 13. Notebook containing memoranda on buyers, areas and payments of lots sold in Eastern Townships.

The following note by A.R.M. Lower dated 15 Sept. 1927 was inserted: "Apparently the remarks of an agent on land sales made by his principal (Wm. Price?) in the Eastern Tps. 1833-1838 - payments due, made, conditions of holding, etc. Found in private papers of Wm. Price Sr., founder of Price Bros. Quebec".

#### Notes

There is a possible connection between items 1-6 incl. relating to Stewart family history. Items 1-2 are letters addressed to J.D. Stewart. Item 3 refers to the fourth Earl of Aberdeen who was a Gordon; in 1805 he married Lady Catherine Hamilton; in 1815 he was remarried, to Harriet,

daughter of Hon. James Douglas, widow of James Viscount Hamilton; in 1818 he received royal license to append the surname Hamilton to Gordon. Item 4 possibly bears some connection with Aberdeen, who was Foreign Secretary at the time of the treaty. Item 5 contains clippings illustrating the connection between the Stewart and Douglas families. Item 6 also refers to the connections between the Stewart, Douglas and Hamilton families. However items 7-13 relate to settlement and sales of land in Canada, chiefly the Eastern Townships, and the connection between these items may lie in Prof. Lower's note and not with Stewart. [Papers referring to Sharples family were removed from this portfolio].

D.J. Wurtele

10 Nov. 1959.

*Found later:*

*An account book of a Montreal merchant c. 1780. Given to  
Mr Ormsby in Jan. 1960.*



Price Bros.

Account Books, 1831-1875. 7 vols., 1 ft. 2 in.

General Journal, 1853-1855. 2 in.

Cash Books:

1831-1833, 3 in.

1832-1834, 3 in.

1863-1865, 1 in.

1870-1875, 2 in.

Day Book, 1833-1842. 2 in.

Index to a general ledger, 1869-1872. 1/2 in.

*Retrieved Price Bros.  
Jan. 1962*

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*Found among Sharp's  
acc'ts*

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