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INVENTORY ENTRY

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Originals, 1869-1918. 1.85 m. Microfilm, 1817-1925. 5 reels, M-156 to M-160, and M-7710 to M-7716. Finding Aid No.8.

The Bank of Montreal was organized on 23 June, 1817, when nine Montreal merchants signed articles of association to establish the first permanent bank in Canada. A charter was obtained by an Act of Parliament of the Province of Lower Canada in 1822; it was amended in 1830, and renewed in 1941. In 1871 a new charter was obtained under the Bank Act. The Bank of Montreal absorbed the Bank of British North America in 1918, the Merchants/Bank of Canada in 1921 and Molson's Bank in 1925.

The minutes were microfilmed in 1955 and 1986 from originals held by the Bank of Montreal, Montréal, Québec. The correspondence of the New York Agency, letterbooks and account books were presented by the Bank in 1957. The telegraphic code material was acquired from the Estate of Robert Reford in 1977. The head office circulars were acquired from the estate of David Brown via Bruce Hosking in 1998.

Finding Aid No. 8 is a shelf list of the microfilm and a file list of the remaining material.

Minute Books, 1817-1826, 1835-1950., Microfilm, reels M-156 to M-160, and M-7710 to M-7716.

Resolve books, 1817-1826, 1835-1867; numbered 1-6, with book 2 missing. Minute books, 1867-1950, designated A-AD. All the books are indexed except minute book A. Microfilmed from the originals held by the Head Office of the Bank of Montreal.

New York Agency Correspondence, 1888-1889, 1907-1914. 50 cm (volumes,1-5).

Letters received from the General Manager, Montreal, by the Bank's Agent in New York. There are copies of replies and numerous enclosures of letters from other correspondents. Arranged chronologically.

Letterbooks, 1869-1891. 14 cm (volumes 6-7).

Letterbooks of C.F. Smithers, successively Chief Agent in New York, 1869-1879, General Manager in Montreal, 1879-1881, and President of the Bank, 1881-1887; and of G.F. Clouston, who was Assistant General Manager, 1887-1889, Acting General Manager, 1889-1890, and General Manager from 1880. The books contain copies of letters sent to the General Manager in Montreal, to branches at London, New York and various Canadian cities, and to Cabinet Ministers, government officials, clients and other bankers. Topics include loans, investments, government financing, railways, international exchange and other banking matters. Also available on microfilm, reels C-734 and C-735.

Account books, 1882-1905. 5 cm (volume 7).

Trustees' - statements of account for the Canadian Pacific Railway land grant bonds. Also available on microfilm, reel C-735.

Miscellaneous, 1860-1918. 5 cm (volumes 7-8).

Telegraphic code sheet with accompanying circular letter, 1860. Specimen signature register of officers in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1918.

Head Office Circulars, 1961-1970. 1.1 m. (volumes 9-14).

Circulars correspondence and memoranda sent from the Bank's head office to its branch offices.

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Minute Books		
M-156	Resolve Book No. 1. Indexed, 449 pp	7 Aug. 1817 - 29 dec. 1826
M-156	Resolve Book No. 2 (missing)	
M-156	Resolve Book No.3. Indexed, 521 pp.	2 Jan. 1835 - 30 Dec. 1942
M-156	Resolve Book No.4. Indexed, 547 pp.	3 Jan.1843 - 31 May 1850
M-156	Resolve Book No.5. Indexed, 592 pp.	3 June 1850 - 28 Aug.1958
M-156	Resolve Book No.6. Indexed, to p.270.	1 June 1858 - 31 Dec.1961
M-157	Resolve Book No.6. Pp.271-732	3 Jan. 1862 - 4 Nov. 1867
M-157	Minute Book A. No.6. No Index, 698 pp.	8 Nov. 1867 - 31 Dec. 1878
M-157	Minute Book B. Indexed. 371 pp.	3 Jan. 1879 - 6 July 1883
M-157	Minute Book C. Indexed, 447 pp.	10 July 1883 - 1 June 1888
M-157	Minute Book D. Indexed, 447 pp.	4 June 1888 - 24 March 1893
M-158	Minute Book E. Indexed, 446 pp.	28 March 1893 - 11 June 1897
M-158	Minute Book F. Indexed, 450 pp.	15 June 1897 - 23 July 1902
M-158	Minute Book G. Indexed, 461 pp.	26 July 1902 - 22 Dec. 1905
M-158	Minute Book H. Indexed, 441 pp.	26 Dec. 1905 - 26 Aug. 1909
M-158	Minute Book 1. Indexed, 383 pp.	27 Aug. 1909 - 6 Aug. 1912

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M-159	Minute Book J. Indexed, 438 pp.	9 Aug. 1912 - 15 June 1915
M-159	Minute Book K. Indexed, 482 pp.	18 June 1915 - 15 June 1918
M-159	Minute Book L. Indexed, 476 pp.	7 June 1918 - 1 April 1920
M-159	Minute Book M. Indexed, 501 pp.	6 April 1920 - 28 Oct. 1921
M-160	Minute Book N. Indexed, 498 pp.	1 Nov. 1921 - 27 Nov. 1923
M-160	Minute Book O. Indexed, 497 pp.	3 Dec. 1923 - 18 Dec. 1925
M-160	Minute Book P. Indexed, 22 pp.	22 Dec. 1925 - 29 Dec. 1925
M-7710	Minute Book P. Indexed, 497 pp.	22 Dec. 1925 - 23 Dec. 1927
M-7710	Minute Book Q. Indexed, 492 pp.	27 Dec. 1927 - 18 Oct. 1929
M-7710	Minute Book R. Indexed, 1 to p. 90	22 Oct. 1929 - 31 Jan. 1930
M-7711	Minute Book R. Indexed, p. 91 to 500	4 Feb. 1930 - 18 Aug. 1931
M-7711	Minute Book S. Indexed, 501 pp.	21 Aug. 1931 - 18 Apr. 1933
M-7711	Minute Book T. Indexed, p. 1 to 220	21 Apr. 1933 - 8 Dec. 1933
M-7712	Minute Book T. Indexed, p. 221 to 502	21 Apr. 1933 - 23 Nov. 1934
M-7712	Minute Book U. Indexed, 386 pp.	27 Nov. 1934 - 17 Dec. 1935
M-7712	Minute Book V. Indexed, 448 pp.	20 Dec. 1935 - 27 Apr. 1937
M-7713	Minute Book W. Indexed, 444 pp.	30 Apr. 1937 - 23 Sept. 1938
M-7713	Minute Book X. Indexed, 455 pp.	27 Sept. 1938 - 26 Jan. 1940
M-7713	Minute Book Y. Indexed, p. 1 to 244	30 Jan. 1940 - 5 Nov. 1940
M-7714	Minute Book Y. Indexed, p. 245 to 448	5 Nov. 1940 - 20 June 1941
M-7714	Minute Book Z. Indexed, 496 pp.	24 June 1941 - 29 Dec. 1942

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M-7714	Minute Book AA. Indexed, 497 pp.	5 Jan. 1943 - 20 Feb. 1945
M-7715	Minute Book AB. Indexed, 501 pp.	27 Feb. 1945 - 15 Apr. 1947
M-7715	Minute Book AC. Indexed, 498 pp.	22 Apr. 1947 - 15 Mar. 1949
M-7716	Minute Book AD. Indexed, 420 pp.	22 Mar. 1949 - 14 Nov. 1950

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New York Agency Correspondence			
1	A-121-1	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Aug. 1888 - June 1889
1	A-121-2	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	July-Dec. 1889
1	A-121-3	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Jan.-Oct. 1890
1	A-121-4	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Nov. 1890 - April 1891
1	A-122 -1	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	May 1891 - April 1892
2	A-122-2	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	May-Sept 1892
2	A-122-3	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Oct. 1892 - July 1893
2	A-123 -1	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	July 1893 - Aug. 1894
2	A-123-2	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Sept. 1894 - May 1895
2	A-123-3	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	June 1895 - Feb. 1896
2	A-124-1	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Feb.-Sept. 1896
3	A-124-2	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Oct. 1896 - June 1897
3	A-124-3	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	July 1897 - May 1898
3	A-124-4	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	June-Dec. 1898
3	A-125 to A-127	(Missing when records arrived at P.A.C.)	
3	A-128	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	1907
3	A-129	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	1908

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4	A-130	(Missing when records arrived at P.A.C.)	
4	A-131	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	1910
4	A-132	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	1910
4	A-133	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	1911
4	A-134	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	1912
5	A-135	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Jan.-June 1913
5	A-136	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	July-Dec. 1913
5	A-137	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	Jan.- June 1914
5	A-138	(Missing when records arrived at P.A.C.)	
5	A-139	Correspondence with the Head Office, Montreal.	July-Dec. 1914

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Letterbooks

6	C-734	Letterbook No. 1. Letters from C.F. Smithers, who was appointed Dec. 1869 - Chief Agent of the Bank of Montreal in New in 1869. Nearly all of the letters are addressed to R.B. Angus, General Manager, Montreal	Aug. 1879
6	C-734 C-735	Letterbook No. 2. Letters from C. F. Smithers, who was General Manager in Montreal, 1879-1881, and President of the Bank from 1881 until his death in 1887.	Oct. 1879 - Sept. 1885
6	C-735	Letterbook No. 3. Letters from C.F. Smithers, to Nov. 1887, and thereafter from E.S. Clouston who became Assistant General Manager in 1887, Acting General Manager in 1889 and General Manager in 1890.	Feb. 1886 - Aug. 1891
7	C-735	Letterbook No. 4. Letters from E.S. Clouston dealing with clients' loans and investments and with personal insurance, estate and financial matters and household affairs.	Sept. 1878 - Nov. 1891

ACCOUNT BOOKS

7	C-735	C.P.R. Land Grant Bonds – Trustees' statements of account.	1882-1899
7	C-735	C.P.R. Land Grant Bonds – Trustees' statements of account.	1899-1905

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Miscellaneous

7	4	Telegraph codes – Circular letter and code sheet.	1860
8	1	Specimen signature register of officers in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, maintained at London, England Branch.	1914-1918

Head Office Circulars

9	1	Head Office Circulars	1961
9	2	Head Office Circulars	1963
10	1	Head Office Circulars	1964
10	2	Head Office Circulars	1965
11	1	Head Office Circulars – Volume 1	1966
11	2	Head Office Circulars – Volume 2	1966
11	3	Head Office Circulars – Volume 1	1967
12	1	Head Office Circulars – Volume 2	1967
12	2	Head Office Circulars – Volume 1	1968
12	3	Head Office Circulars – Volume 2	1968
13	1	Head Office Circulars – Volume 1	1969
13	2	Head Office Circulars – Volume 2	1969
13	3	Head Office Circulars – Volume 1	1970

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