

Dominion Textiles R1351  
Graphic Material

21,071 colour slides (35mm)

\$ 5,047 doubles (removed and placed in separate boxes in order)

\$ 16,024 remaining

The photographic records of the Dominion Textiles acquisition include 35mm slides, colour internegs, negatives and black and white as well as colour prints.

There are approximately 21,000 35 mm slides. Of these 5,047 were removed and placed in separate boxes with the original order being maintained. Only slides that were clearly doubles were removed. Slides which contained the same image but were filed under different subject categories were not removed.

The slides are arranged by number and subject. The classification system was drawn up by a librarian within the institution after the creation of the majority of the slides. Accordingly, the slides have been removed from their original context and placed within groupings based upon image content. The original function of the slides is generally unclear, although some have information written on their mountings indicating their purpose, such as publication in the Annual Report.

The major categories within the classification system include: People Alone(001); Group of People (002); Environment (003); Events (004) ; Articles (005); Carding (101); Spinning (102); Spooling (103); Weaving (104); Slashing (105); Woolen System (10) Napping (107); Dyehouse (108); Twisting (109); Cloth Room (110); Indigo Department (111); Preparation Room (112); Finishing Room (113); Final Inspection and Packaging (114); Robotized Conveyor (115); Greige Room (116); Sampling Room (117); Warehouse and shipping (118); White Finishing (119); White making-up machinery (120); Cutting Room (121); Bleach House (122); Colour Shop (123); Rotary Screen Printing (124); Print Works (125); Folding and Aging (126); Corduroy Manufacturing (127); Denim Preparation (128); Drug Warehouse (129); Household Products warehouse (130); Engraving (131); Interfacing (132); Tire Cord (133); Steel Cloth (134); Soaping (135); Nonwovens (136); Curing units (137); Knitting (138); Training (201); Human Resources (202); Administration (203); Accounting (204); Health (205); Product development (206); Waste water purification (207); Parts (208); General services (209); Production control (210); Services offered to employees (211); Trade associations (212); Laboratory (213); Computers (214); Sales offices (215); Intech Pem (216).

These categories can be further broken into another two sub-categories. For example Environment (003) has a sub-category of Buildings (003.01) which is in turn broken down into the categories of Plants (outside) (003.011); Plants (inside) (003.012); Miscellaneous (exterior) (003.013) and Pictures of plants (aerial) (004.014).

Dominion Textile created an electronic finding aid with hyper-links between the various

categories and subject categories. It can only be accessed through Lotus Notes, however, which is only available on one computer in the National Archives.

A hard-copy of the finding aid has been printed up and can be used at least to determine what types of slides exist and if and how many are included in the collection. The finding-aid is in both French and English. It includes all the categories broken down to the smallest level. Each page has the numerical and subject heading and sections for a description, date, location and quantity. The information written by hand in the finding-aid was added after the collection was acquired by the National Archives. It is based on the image content and any information that can be found on the sleeves or the mountings. The information is not consistent as the procedure for including information with the slides was not consistent.

Although some of the slide collection has been taken by a professional photographer, thus indicated by the photographer's mark or copyright information on the mounting, the bulk of the slides contain no authorship or copyright information. The majority of the slides were taken during the 1970s, 80s and 90s, although there are some as early as the late 1960s. The locations range from all over Canada and the United States to sites across Europe and South America. Those most often cited feature Dominion Textile plants and factories and include: Montmorency; Long-Sault; Beauharnois; Caldwell; Drummondville and Richelieu.

While the finding aid begins with general and rather all-encompassing categories such as People alone (001) it becomes more specific and precise as it progresses. Later categories such as Spooling (103.02) contain much more information about the textile trade and might prove to be more valuable.

The classification system used to organize the slides is the same used with the majority of the prints. Binder 004.032 contains 18 colour 4x5 internegs in addition to the slides. There are three binder marked "Presentation Mode: Lise Charron and Anne Giddings" which contain slides arranged for a slide demonstration as well as textual information and four audio cassettes marked "Spring-Summer 87" and Spring-Summer 88".