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THE CANADIAN WESTERN POWER AND FUEL COMPANY LIMITED

The Canadian Western Power and Fuel Company Limited originated in Redcliff, Alberta during the boom years preceding 1913. In 1911 the Redcliff Realty Company began to install gas mains in the town and in 1912 the firm was granted the franchise to distribute natural gas and to maintain an electricity plant there. Subsequent to this a new firm, The Redcliff Light and Power Company was created to operate the franchise.

In 1916 Redcliff Light and Power sold its gas system and franchise to W.H. McLaws of Calgary, who proceeded to form the Canadian Western Power and Fuel Company Limited.

During the period 1913-1920 the economy of Redcliff was weakened by the closure of several important industries. The departure of each robbed the gas company of an important customer and prompted a decline in population. As a result the revenues from the sale of gas steadily declined.

McLaws, when he purchased the utility, assumed its debts and paid for the purchase by issuing bonds. With the reverses in the company's fortunes, McLaws was unable to meet the interest payments on the bonds, and in 1922 the bond holders took legal action against the firm.

This pressure resulted in the sale of Canadian Western Power and Fuel to Dominion Glass, which owned a large factory in Redcliff. Since 1922 Canadian Western Power and Fuel has been a subsidiary of Dominion Glass.

Presented to the Archives by the Company in August, 1974.

The collection consists of the minute books, 1916-1969; stock ledger, 1916-1968; early sales agreements, 1912-1919; franchise arrangements, 1912-1942; agreements assigning mineral rights, 1916; a schedule of properties owned and taxes payable, 1938; a short company history, 1912-1924 and other legal documents and records relating to Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co. Ltd., Redcliff Light and Power Co., Redcliff Realty Co., and other corporate bodies in Redcliff.

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2.	Stock Ledger - 1916-1968
3.	Minute book - 1923
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5.	Minute book - 1945-1969
6.	General Ledger 1916-1949 (Retained by company)
7.	Redcliff Light & Power, Cash book - 1913-1916 (retained by company)
8.	CWP&F Cash book - 1941-1948 (Retained by company)
9.	Redcliff Realty Co. Gas Division - Cash Book - 1911-1913 (Retained by company)
10.	Redcliff Light & Power - Deposit Register, 1912-1921 (Retained by company)
11.	Sale of gas agreement - CWP&F Co. Ltd. & Redcliff Pressed Brick Co. Ltd., August 1919
12.	Assignment of mortgage - Redcliff Light & Power Co. and Redcliff Clay Products Co. Ltd., April 1916.
13.	Sale of gas agreement - Redcliff Realty Co. & Alberta American Ornamental Iron Co. Ltd., 4 April 1912.
14.	Sale of gas agreement - Redcliff & Power Co. Ltd. & Edward Harrison (Alberta Sash & Door Co. Ltd.) 7 Nov. 1913.
15.	Sale of gas agreement - Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. & Hector A. Bonnar Knitting Mill, 6 Nov., 1913.
16.	Sale of gas agreement - Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. & H. Beneker & Associates (Marble & Tile products) 5 November, 1913.
17.	Sale of gas agreement - Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. & William Darley Pomfrey et al. (Cleaning & Scouring Products). 24 November, 1913.

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18.	Sale of gas - Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. & F.C. Young (Shoe Factory), 15 August, 1913.
19.	Credit arrangement - Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. & Overland Ltd. (truck and bus manufactures) 15 November, 1914.
20.	Franchise agreement, Redcliff Realty Co. and Village of Redcliff, July 18, 1912.
21.	Provincial authority to use streets and lanes in Redcliff to lay gas mains, Feb. 14, 1911
22.	Franchise agreement, Can. Western Power and Fuel Co. Ltd. and Town of Redcliff, 27 June, 1932.
23.	Franchise agreement Can. Western Power & Fuel Co. Ltd. and Town of Redcliff, June 23, 1942.
24.	Statement of Stock-holders and share capital, Redcliff Realty Co., 31 December 1919.
25.	Agreement for sale mines and minerals by the Canada Land and Ranche Co. Ltd. 1920 to the Redcliff Realty Co. Ltd. 5 Sept., 1913 and assignment to Stoner, Lockwood and Wheeler, Ltd., 15 Dec., 1913.
26.	Assignment of mineral rights from Stoner, Lockwood & Wheeler Limited to William Henry McLaws, June 1st, 1916
27.	Assignment of mineral rights from William Henry McLaws to the Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co. Ltd, 7 June, 1916.
28.	Caveat forbidding registration of minerals.
29.	Assignment of Franchise from the Redcliff Realty Co. Ltd. to Redcliff Light and Power Co. Ltd., 31st May, 1912
30.	Assignment of Franchise from the Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. to William Henry McLaws, 31st May, 1916.
31.	Assignment of Franchise from William Henry McLaws to Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co. Ltd., 7 June, 1916.
32.	Schedule of properties owned and taxes payable by Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co. Ltd., 1938.

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35.	Copy of Trust Agreement, Dominion Glass Co. Ltd, Canadian Western Power & Fuel Co. Ltd. and Royal Trust Co, 1 March, 1923.
36.	Agreement between Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co. Ltd. and the Trusts and Guarantee Co. Ltd., re issue of bonds, 31 May, 1916.
37.	Agreement for sale of the Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co Ltd. to the Dominion Glass Co. Ltd. by William T. Charles Stewart Blanchard, dated 30 December, 1922.
38.	History of the Canadian Western Power and Fuel Co. Limited and its predecessor companies from 1912 to 1924.
39.	Agreement re, drilling a gas well, between the Canadian Western Power & Fuel Co. Ltd. and the Stair Ranch Limited, dated 15 February, 1918.
40.	Agreement between Redcliff Realty Co. Ltd. and Redcliff Light & Power Co. Ltd. re. sale of gas system, dated 11 November, 1913.
41.	Memorandum of Association of Redcliff Light & Power Co., dated 20 March, 1913.
42.	Articles of Association of the Redcliff Light & Power Co. Limited dated 20 March, 1913.
43.	Certificate of Incorporation of the Redcliff Light & Power Co. Limited, dated 31 March, 1913.