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Scope and Content: The fonds contains materials relating to The Great Lakes and Waterways Development Association, from late 1950s to 1980. The materials included are correspondence, clippings, biographical materials, media releases, presentations and publications.
Organization: The records were arranged into two series:

Series I, Administrative, 1959-1980

Inventory:

Series I. Administrative including correspondence, clippings and releases, 1958-1980

1.1-1.2 Information on Welland Canal tolls. Included is information about the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association, 1958-1959

1.3-1.5 Includes some Great Lakes Waterways Development Association Newsletters. Some of the correspondence deals with Admiral Mainguy’s inspection of the Welland Canal. Also included is a Submission of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association to the Minister of Transport and Government of Canada, 1960, 1961

1.6-1.7 Includes some Great Lakes Waterways Development Association Newsletters, Admiral Mainguy’s itinerary for a tour and an editorial on Freeing the Waterways, 1962

1.8-1.9 Includes some Great Lakes Waterways Development Association Newsletters, information on the Toronto Board of Trade proposal and a joint U.S. and Canadian review of tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Also included is a paper entitled The St. Lawrence Seaway: Profit or Loss? By Vice Admiral E.R. Mainguy, 2 b&w photos, 1963

1.10-1.11 Includes some Great Lakes Waterways Development Association Newsletters. Included is information on the appointment of Stuart Armour as President and General Manager of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association, 1964

1.12-1.13 Includes a proposed submission to the Transportation Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, a submission to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority by the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association and a speech by Stuart Armour which was delivered to the Cornwall Kiwanis Club, 1965

1.14-1.16 This file includes information on seaway tolls including the Seaway and Welland Canal toll hearings held in Chicago, 1966
2.1-2.3 Information on sea containers and notes for the use of the Honourable John Robarts for a speech given at Port Colborne. Included is *The Economics Impact on Hamilton of Welland Canal Tolls at Cost-Recovery Level, 1967*

2.4-2.5 Includes a submission by the Government of Manitoba regarding tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway, an address by Stuart Armour to the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association and reflections on the seaway strike, 1968

2.6-2.8 Articles deal primarily with tolls on the Welland Canal system. Also included are speeches by Stewart Amour including one entitled *Three Puzzles* and there is also a speech by Irving M. Hyland entitled *Grain and Steel*. There is a *Detailed Study of Serious Problems Now Confronting the Users of the International St. Lawrence Seaway and All-Canadian Welland Ship Canal* published by the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association, 1969

2.9-2.11 Information on a possible rise in Seaway tolls, Nixon’s plan to cancel the St. Lawrence Seaway’s interest on its debt and Niagara Region Chamber of Commerce passes a bill to strongly oppose any increase in tolls and/or lockage fees on the Welland Ship Canal and they feel that tolls on the Welland Ship Canal should be eliminated, 1970

2.12-3.1 Articles deal with the ongoing problem of tolls. An Upper Great Lakes fact sheet is included as well as background on the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association. A draft of a speech by Mr. Armour is in the June file. It is titled *Facing Potential Devastation*. 1971

3.2-3.3 Information about the Welland Canal bypass which is due to open in April of 1973 and the planning of icebreaking lakers. Also included is a report of the Engineering Committee of the International Association of Great Lakes Ports by Ken Gilbert and an address by Dr. Pierre Camu regarding the 40th anniversary of the Welland Canal, 1972

3.4-3.6 Items regarding the fact that increased tolls would affect wheat costs. There is also information on the new Welland Canal bypass and an address by Mr. J.W. McGiffin, Chairman of the Board of Canada Steamship Lines. *A Summary of Facts about the Economics of Water Transportation and the St. Lawrence Seaway, Welland Canal and Great Lakes System* is included, 2 b&w photos, 1 slide, 1973

3.7-3.12 Continued concern about tolls. John Munroe, minister of labour and Jean Marchand, minister of transportation announced that tolls will not increase this year. Police investigating charges of terrorism involving Toronto and Thorold members of the Seafarers’ International Union. Shipping strike causes havoc with grain storage as the west is deadlocked. Shipping strike
ends and workers get 20% hike. A Greek cruise ship docked in Thorold is picketed, 1974

3.13-3.14 Proposed hikes in Seaway fees, a joint meeting of the DMA-LCA to stimulate and improve navigational effectiveness of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System and an address by George E. Franklin regarding the seaway as *A Neglected National Asset*, Jan.-Feb. 1975

3.15-3.16 Rear Admiral Timbrell of Dominion Marine Association warns that the St. Lawrence Seaway faces the most serious threat to its continued effectiveness since it was opened in 1959. The seaway is off to its earliest start in the year 1975. There are items regarding the opposition to increased seaway tolls and the Tories support ridding the seaway of its debt, Mar.-Apr. 1975

3.17-3.18 The Premier urges removal of tolls on the Seaway while the Seaway head urges higher shipping tolls. The Seaway debt is up 150% since 1959. *Transportation Policy a Framework for Transport in Canada Summary Report* is included. May-June, 1975

4.1 This file contains an address by Mr. Paul D. Normandeau to the Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting and the Canadian response to the I.J.C.’s Second Annual Report on Water Quality in the Great Lakes. W.A. Bill O’Neill, formerly with the Seaway, assumes a post with the Coast Guard. Included is an address by George E. Franklin entitled *The Ambiguities of Canadian Water Transportation*, July-August, 1975

4.2 Paul Normandeau is appointed as Deputy Administrator, Marine Administration. Included is a draft of Ralph Misener’s speech given in Calgary, Alberta. George Franklin submitted his resignation as chairman of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association. There is also an address by Ralph Misener to the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club. A summary of facts about the economics of water transportation on the St. Lawrence Seaway, Welland Canal and Great Lakes System is also included (this was written in 1974, but updated in 1975), Sept.-Dec. 1975

4.3 J.D. John MacDonald is elected as chairman of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association. Included is a list of points for consideration regarding tolls on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway, Jan.-Feb. 1976

4.4-4.5 Includes a speech by Jack MacDonald entitled *Will Canada Embark on a Collision Course?* The ongoing argument over tolls continues as it seems that tolls will be raised, Mar.-May 1976

4.6-4.7 Toll increases are delayed again. Included are notes for Harry Millen, President of the International Association of Great Lakes Ports for a special meeting of the Niagara Regional Chamber of Commerce. John D.
Runciman agrees to become a director of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association, June-Aug. 1976

4.8-4.9 The Canadian Labor Congress warns that federal policies and inactivity in Canada could have ruinous effects on the domestic industry. There are excerpts from the Honourable William G. Davis, Premier of Ontario from a speech for the Great Lakes Commission. Canada proposes replacing lockage fees with formal tolls on the Welland Canal section of the St. Lawrence Seaway. A submission to the Government of Ontario on Seaway tolls is included. Sept.-Dec. 1976

4.10 Includes a speech by Ralph Misener entitles Who Owns the Welland? And briefing notes for Otto Lang, Transport Minister to the Marine Club of Canada, Jan. 1977

4.11-4.12 Ontario Transport Minister, James Snow confirms continued opposition by the Province of Ontario against tolls on Canada’s inland waterways. Transport Minister, Otto Lang wants to more than double the amount that ships must pay to use the St. Lawrence. Included is a paper entitled Impact of Canadian Toll Proposal on Seaway Commerce, Feb.-Mar. 1977

4.13 Includes speculation that grain and ore would be re-routed if canal tolls increased. Remarks by United States Ambassador Thomas O. Enders regarding Heartland Issues for Canada and the United States is also in this file as well as Those the Gods Would Destroy by John D. MacDonald, Chairman of the Great Lakes and Waterways Development Association, April-May 1977

4.14 National Marine Conference on Domestic Shipping held in Ottawa on June 1-2, 1977: Talks given by: Raymond Boissonneault, President of the St. Lawrence Shipowners Association; Robert Cook, Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee of the Canadian Labour Congress; Cecil S. Cosulich, President of RivTow Straits Ltd; Louis R. Desmarais, Chairman of Canada Steamship Lines; James R. Elder, Vice-President of Canadian Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd; A. Stuart Hyndman of McMaster, Minnion, Patch, Hyndman, Legge, Camp and Patterson Barristers and Solicitors; R.S. Kruger; J.D. Leitch; J. Rod A. Lindsay, President and Chief Executive Officer of Seaspan International; Donald Montgomery, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Labour Congress; L.R. Montpetit, President of Northern Transportation Company, J. Allistair Pollock, President of the Council of Marine Carriers; Louis Rochette, President of Arctic Transportation Ltd and Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing Association and James C.F. Stewart, Chairman of Arctic Transportation Ltd, June 1977

4.15 Continued talk on increased tolls. Information on Jack MacDonald, Chairman of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association and a
speech presented by him to the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, 1 b&w photo, June-July 1977

4.16 Ongoing concern about Seaway tolls, Aug 1977

4.17 *The Seaway and the Province of Ontario* by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications Economic Policy Office Modal Studies Section, Aug. 1977

4.18-4.19 Included is a resolution from the Regional Council of Niagara signed by the Mayor of St. Catharines and the Mayor of Welland. Local Impact of the Welland Canal and St. Lawrence Seaway Operations which was submitted by the Niagara Regional Chamber of Commerce and the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce is within this file, as well as presentations by Stuart Armour, Joseph S. Abdnor and Rear Admiral R.W. Timbrell before the toll hearing of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Finally, there is a submission from the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association to the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Sept.-Oct. 1977

5.1-5.2 Toll increases are set to start 1978. They favour general cargo imported through the system. Bulk commodities such as grain, ore and coal are charged 3 times as much as general cargo to move through the system. Transport Minister Otto Lang agreed to increase the tolls over a 3 year period, rather than in a lump sum. Peninsula leaders are upset by toll increases, Nov.-Dec. 1977

5.3-5.4 Includes discussion points on the announced tolls legislation for meeting with the Honourable Otto Lang and a statement from the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association. There is little progress in contract talks between the Seafarer’s International Union and Canadian Lake Carriers Association, Jan.-Apr. 1978

5.5-5.7 Lougheed presses for a grain terminal and plans are unveiled for the 150th birthday of the canal. The shipping season outcome depends on the outcome of 2 labour disputes, May-Dec. 1978

5.8-5.11 Includes *The Welland Canal: An Update of the Economic Contributions Generated within the Regional Municipality of Niagara* and a transcript of a CBC feature presentation on the 20th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway telecast, Jan.-Aug. 1979

5.12 Shipping season is extended by 3 days, Sept.-Dec. 1979

5.13 Included is an address by D.S. Rothwell to the Rotary Club of London. Rothwell calls for immediate freeze on Seaway tolls, 1980


5.16 National Harbours Board Statistical Summary for 1972, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Annual Reports, 1972, 1974-1976, 1978


5.18 *Traffic Report of the St. Lawrence Seaway*, 1974-1975

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**Added Entries:**

600 Franklin, George, E.

600 Marchand, Jean

600 McGriffin, J.W.

600 Moffat, Robert E.

600 Mainguy, E. Rollo

**Subject Access:**

610 St. Lawrence Seaway Authority (Canada)

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650 Shipping -- Saint Lawrence Seaway.

650 Saint Lawrence Seaway -- History.

650 Saint Lawrence Seaway -- Sources.

650 Welland Canal (Ont.) – History -- Sources.

650 Welland Canal (Ont.) -- Rates and tolls.