

Title:	Interlake Tissue Mills Fire Slides, 1961		
Creator:	Joseph Merlin Reddy		
Dates of Material:	1961	Record Group Number:	RG 553
Summary of Contents:	Five coloured Ektacrome transparencies of the Lakeland Tissue Mills fire.		
Physical Description / Condition:	The slides are in good condition and are 5 cm. x 5 cm.		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>The Interlake Tissue Mills storage location was at the intersection of Glendale and Merritt Street in Merritton.</p> <p>In the 1850s, the Beaver Cotton Mills (later Merritton Cotton Mills) was built. It was a frame building that burned down in 1881. A sandstone structure replaced the previous building. In 1906, the cotton mill closed and in 1912, the Independent Rubber Company took over the building. The mill was doubled in size. The rubber company remained there for ten years and then the building remained vacant until 1935. Interlake Tissue Mills acquired the building for storage purposes. A fire razed the larger of the plant's buildings on Memorial Day weekend in 1961. After the fire, Domtar used the smaller building for storage for a short time. This is currently the site of the Keg Restaurant.</p> <p>Source: <i>Yesterday and Today</i>, Dennis Gannon, The Standard, March 2, 1998 http://www.merritton.com/2010/08/merritton-history-part-1.html</p> <p>The man shown in one of the photos with his hands on his hips is Jim Oldacre of Fort Erie, Ontario. He was an insurance adjuster who worked on the fire.</p>		

Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	Donated by Larry Milberry who inherited the slides from the estate of the late Joseph Merlin Reddy of Toronto, Feb. 24, 2015		
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