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**Administrative History:**

The site of present-day St. Catharines was settled by 3000 United Empire Loyalists at the end of the 18th century. From 1790, the settlement (then known as "The Twelve") grew as an agricultural community. St. Catharines was once referred to as Shipman's Corners after Paul Shipman, owner of a tavern that was an important stagecoach transfer point. In 1815, leading businessman William Hamilton Merritt abandoned his wharf at Queenston and set up another at Shipman's Corners. He became involved in the construction and operation of several lumber and gristmills along Twelve Mile Creek. Shipman's Corners soon became the principal milling site of the eastern Niagara Peninsula. At about the same time, Merritt began to develop the salt springs that were discovered along the river, which subsequently gave the village a reputation as a health resort. By this time, St. Catharines was the official name of the village; the origin of the name remains obscure, but is thought to be named after Catharine Askin Robertson Hamilton, wife of the Hon. Robert Hamilton, a prominent businessman.

Merritt devised a canal scheme from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario that would provide a more reliable water supply for the mills while at the same time function as a canal. He formed the Welland Canal Company, and construction took place from 1824 to 1829. The canal and the mills made St. Catharines the most important industrial centre in Niagara. By 1845, St. Catharines was incorporated as a town, with the town limits extending in 1854. Administrative and political functions were added to St. Catharines in 1862 when it became the county seat of Lincoln. In 1871, construction began on the third Welland Canal, which attracted additional population to the town. Because of continual growth, the town limits were again extended. St. Catharines attained city status in 1876 because of its larger population and area. Manufacturing became increasingly important in St. Catharines in the early 1900s with the abundance of hydro-electric power, and its location on important land and water routes.

The large increase in population after the 1900s was mainly due to the continued industrialization and urbanization of the northern part of the city and the related expansion of business activity. The fourth Welland Canal was opened in 1932 as the third canal could no longer accommodate the larger ships. The post war years and the automobile brought great change to the urban form of St. Catharines. St. Catharines began to spread its boundaries in all directions with land being added five times during the 1950s. The Town of Merritton, Village of Port Dalhousie and Grantham Township were all incorporated as part of St. Catharines in 1961. In 1970, the Province of Ontario implemented a regional approach to deal with such issues as planning, pollution, transportation and services. As a result, Louth Township on the west side of the city was amalgamated, extending the city's boundary to Fifteen Mile Creek. With its current population of 131,989, St. Catharines has become the dominant centre of the Niagara region.

Scope and Content: The Office of the City Clerk, St. Catharines Records was transferred to the Brock University Archives in the 1990s where they remained on permanent loan until the summer of 2009. At that time, the records were returned to the City of St. Catharines with the proviso that Brock University Archives wished to retain certain files for research purposes. In late 2009, 22.5 boxes of records were permanently donated to the Archives. Some original folders and folder titles have been retained and the files placed in alphabetical order.

Inventory:

1.1 A - General Correspondence, 1972-1973; includes:
   A. E. Ames & Co.
   ADAM – Against the Dissemination of Marijuana
   Air Show ’73
   Airport Inquiry Commission
   Aloi Brothers Limited, Real Estate
   American Water Works Association
   Association of Counties and Regions of Ontario
   AWWA – Ontario section
   Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
   David Ashton

1.2a Advertising – Most files include correspondence about programmes and souvenir booklets. [These requests and programmes have been broken down by topic]. This folder contains general sports including: Women’s track and field, the Tennis Club, soccer, Hayes Basketball Club and the St. Catharines Curling Club, 1941-1959 (non-inclusive)

1.2b Advertising for baseball includes: material for the Merritton Combines Baseball Club; Greetings to the Ontario Amateur Softball Association from Mayor MacDonald; a photograph of the 1947 St. Catharines City Council; a message from Otto H. King, president of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association; material from the St. Catharines Senior Baseball Club, the St. Catharines Stags Baseball Club and the St. Catharines Softball Association. Also included is a flyer with Lessons of Life from Mayor Smith, which includes a picture of Most Valuable Player in the St. Catharines Softball Association, Pete Cameron, 1945-1959 (non-inclusive)

1.2c Advertising for the Henley Aquatic Association which includes a picture of the 1949 St. Catharines City Council as well as the 1953 council. Correspondence includes items from the Dalhousie Yacht Club and the St.
Catharines Rowing Club Old Boys’ Association, 1946-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.2d Advertising for Lacrosse including the 1938 Dominion Lacrosse Champions, the St. Catharines Lacrosse Association and the St. Catharines Junior Lacrosse Club. Included is an article entitled Good Sports Good Citizens. On the reverse of this is an article by Clayton Brown entitled That Thin Blue Line and a picture of Rex Stimers in a CKTB advertisement, 1939-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.2e Advertising correspondence for Hockey including: The Falcon Junior Hockey Club, the St. Catharines Junior “A” Hockey Club, Garden City Hockey Publications, the St. Catharines Tee Pees, the St. Catharines Senior “B” Hockey Club, 1944-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.2f Advertising correspondence for the Merritton Athletic Association, 1951-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.2g Advertising correspondence for educational institutions including: St. Catharines Collegiate Institute and Vocational School’s publication, Vox Collegiensis; St. Catharines Public Schools; the Public School Trustees Association of Ontario and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in their endeavour to produce the publication, Tempus, 1947-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.2h Advertising correspondence for the Mack School of Nursing, St. Catharines. This includes A Tribute from the City of St. Catharines, which was published by the Civic Development Committee of St. Catharines, 1956-1960

1.2i Advertising correspondence for the Police News, which was a publication of the Police Association of Ontario. Files for the Police Boy’s Trumpet Band are included. They were located in Grantham, Ontario. A picture of the band is included, 1947-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.2j Advertising correspondence for special interest groups including: The St. Catharines Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America; the Armenian Youth Federation; the Niagara Peninsula Gladiolus Society; The Canadian Fruitgrower; The St. Catharines Jewish Review and B’Nai B’rith, 1953-1959

1.2k Advertising correspondence for service clubs including the St. Catharines Kinsmen, the Independent Order of Oddfellows which includes a message from Mayor W.J. Macdonald and the Grantham Lions Club, 1946-1957 (non-inclusive)
1.21 Advertising correspondence for the **St. Catharines Optimist Club; Lincoln and Welland Regiment** and the **Canadian Legion**, 1945-1959 (non-inclusive)

1.2m Advertising correspondence for **St. Luke’s Lodge no. 21** of St. Catharines and correspondence regarding the **Loyal Orange Lodge no. 720** of St. Catharines, 1947-1959 (non-inclusive)

1.2n Advertising correspondence for **various groups** including: Operation Engineers; Engineering Tool and Forgings Ltd; Furney Printing and Publishing; Lincoln Motors; Eccleston’s Store for Men; United Steelworkers of America; Canadian Circulation Managers and the Institute of Sanitary Inspectors, 1937-1958 (non-inclusive)

1.2o Advertising correspondence for: St. Catharines; Beamsville and District Athletic Association; Beamsville and Clinton; Hamilton Centennial Committee; Port Dalhousie Trumpet Band; The Anglican Young People’s Association; The Catholic Women’s League of Canada; Port Colborne City Council and the Ladies’ Aid Society of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, 1946-1958 (non-inclusive)

1.3 **Advertising Signs and Devices** – By-law number 3419, Includes b&w photographs which show: Queenston Street near St. Paul; the corner of Queenston Street and Westchester Avenue which include signs for C. Baer Fine Furniture and Mason’s Dairy; the Critelli property at the back of the New Murray Hotel; the rear of St. Paul Street; 2 photos of Michael’s Lunch and Confectionary and a photo of the corner of Queenston and Pattison. This file includes requests from various companies including Gould-Leslie Limited for permission to put up signs. Also included is a list of unpaid sign permits that were due to be cancelled. In this file there is also a blueprint of the sign for which a permit was requested by Beaver Lumber, 10 b&w photos, 1934-1960 (non-inclusive)

1.4 Advertising, signs, devices, including billboards, 2 col. photos, 1971-1973

1.5 **Airport** and Canadian Aircraft Renters Limited applied to the Transport Board for an 8 month experimental licence, 1956

1.6 Airport and St. Catharines Flying Club – This file contains a House of Commons Debate from May 14, 1934 entitled *Canada’s Future in the Air*. There is a memorandum of a preliminary survey for an aerodrome from 1935; information on a hangar fire which occurred in 1942 and blueprints regarding the airport at St. Catharines, plans of Grantham Township and a 1959 ground services plan, 1927-1952 (non-inclusive)
1.7 Airport - Lease with Genaire Limited, 1951-1958 (non-inclusive)

1.8 Airport - Leasing to His Majesty the King for war purposes. This includes a blueprint of the existing and proposed layout of the R.C.A.F. [Royal Canadian Air Force] aerodrome. A list of buildings and equipment is also included within this file, 1939-1945 (non-inclusive)

1.9 Airport - Niagara District Airport Commission Correspondence, 1968-1973

1.10 Airport- Niagara District Airport Commission minutes and manager’s reports. Included is the 1973 Airport Inquiry Commission Report, 1972-1973

1.11 Airport – This file contains Airport Management Reports: #3 and #4 for 1953, #1 for 1954, #3 for 1955 and #3 for 1956. Correspondence deals with the condition of the hangar and runway. There is information on the buildings at the St. Catharines Airport including their purposes and buildings that were removed from the site. Airport survey results are provided and there is a report by the Airport Committee of the St. Catharines Junior Chamber of Commerce on The St. Catharines Municipal Airport, its Facilities, Functions and Value to the Community. This report contains 10 b&w photos, 1953-1956

1.12 Airport – This file contains Airport Management Reports: #2 for 1957, #4 for 1957, #5 for 1957 and #2 for 1958. Recommendations for improvements to roads and buildings were made by the Airport Improvement Committee of the St. Catharines Junior Chamber of Commerce. Recommendations for Operation and Management of the St. Catharines Airport were submitted by the Airport Advisory Committee. A contract was negotiated regarding the management of the St. Catharines Airport by the St. Catharines Flying Club. The Government promised help for an extension to the runway, 1957-1958

1.13 Airport – A meeting of the St. Catharines Airport Management Board was held on October 25, 1958. By-law 6633 amended by-law 5247 providing for the establishment of the St. Catharines Municipal Airport. An annual report to the St. Catharines Airport Management Board for the year 1958 is enclosed as well as correspondence, 1958-1960

1.14 Airport – St. Catharines Flying Training School. The school operated from October 1, 1940 until January 15, 1944 under the direction of F.S. Pattison, 1940, 1944
1.15 Airport – St. Catharines Post War Development. A list of St. Catharines industries with the numbers of employees was compiled for Mayor Macdonald in connection with the commercial airport for the Niagara Peninsula. A flyer from the Liteplane Air Service Company is enclosed. An address given by E.G. Hirst, Manager and Director of Relations at the Aircraft Industry Relations Committee is also enclosed. His topic was *The New Air Age*. There is also a flyer from the Central Gliding School that was associated with the Air Cadet League of Canada. On July 29, 1946 the St. Catharines Airport was declared surplus by DND [Department of National Defense] Air and Board of Officers. Blueprints were submitted for the airport reconversion into apartments. Cub Aircraft Corporation discussed the opening of a factory at the St. Catharines Municipal Airport for manufacturing Piper Cub airplanes. Also included are *Representations to Air Transport Board* by Niagara Airborne Limited regarding an application of Lincoln Air Service, 1944-1946

1.16 Airport – Most correspondence deals with the buildings at the airport. Included is a report by F.S. Pattison on the Niagara Central Airport. A synopsis from the report of Mr. Pattison was compiled by Mr. Stuart K. Watt. A special committee submitted a report on the estimated cost of the inter-municipal operation of Homer Airport. A list of equipment and fixtures, as well as a list of buildings at the airport is included in this file. The buildings are listed along with their condition and the names of those who have applied for them. There is correspondence about a hangar fire dated March 10, 1947. The fourth report of the Civic Development Committee is also included. Blueprints of buildings and fences are also within this file, 1947

2.1 Airport – Includes a poster for the St. Catharines Air Show sponsored by the St. Catharines Junior Chamber of Commerce. Correspondence deals with turning airport buildings into apartments. The buildings are listed along with their condition and the names of those who have applied for them. There is a document which outlines the particulars about the Welland Flying Club. Also included are the regulations and operation of the St. Catharines Airport. A.V. Marshall confirmed his willingness to accept the position of Manager of the St. Catharines Airport. The St. Catharines Flying Club applied for a Public House License. Efforts were made to remove a wrecked aircraft from the airport. Mr. Shepherd, of Windsor, owned the wrecked plane, 1947-1949

2.2 Airport – Most correspondence deals with the leasing of buildings. The City of St. Catharines requested financial assistance from the Department of Transport in connection with repairs to the water system and sewerage system at the airport. There was a fire at the Niagara Apartments Store on the premises. The St. Catharines Airport was designated a Customs Port of Entry. The Customs Department required a small office so a drawing was
submitted by J.C. Young, housing administrator for a proposed structure at hangar no. 2, 1950-1953

2.3 Airport – Regional Airport – Correspondence deals with the discussions about the municipalities forming a Niagara District Airport Commission. Recommendations for Operation and Management of the St. Catharines Airport submitted by the Airport Advisory Committee is included. A pamphlet entitled Quick Facts about your Regional Airport – the Niagara District Airport is also enclosed, 1957-1960

2.4 **Amalgamation** – Correspondence regarding the proposed amalgamation of the City of St. Catharines, the Town of Merritton, the Town of Port Dalhousie and the Township of Grantham. Enclosed is a document on the study of the effect of the proposed annexation by the Township of Niagara of that part of the Township of Grantham which lies east of the Welland Ship Canal. There is also a plan of the Township of Grantham being annexed by the Township of Niagara, 1959-1960

2.5 Amalgamation – Correspondence on the proposed amalgamation of St. Catharines, Grantham, Merritton and Port Dalhousie. Included are lists of firms broken down by residences of employees. A police protection estimate for the proposed amalgamation is enclosed. Voters in Port Dalhousie were opposed to the amalgamation. An Ontario Government press release on the amalgamation is within the file, as well as boundaries of wards for the City of St. Catharines and a document from the Public School Men Teachers’ Federation which was in favour of a single Board of Education for the new area, 1960

2.6 **Appraisal Reports** of the V. Huggins Residence, 24 Mary Street, St. Catharines (Val Huggins Real Estate) and Mrs. J. Soroka Residence, 27 Chestnut St., St. Catharines. The appraisals were prepared by J.C. Brodrick, appraiser for H.E. Rose and Co. Limited, 13 b&w photos, 1960

2.7 **Arena** – Revised set of specifications of the Garden City Arena and correspondence from J.H. Lock and Sons Limited, Refrigeration Equipment of Toronto, Ontario, 1938

2.8 Arena – In this file are contracts with Newman Bros. and a St. Catharines Standard for December 29, 1938 which features the arena. Included is a copy of the First Annual Skating Carnival Program which presented the Toronto Skating Club. Also, within this file are 2 official programs of the Garden City Arena, 2 b&w photographs, 1938-1940, n.d.

2.9 **Army week** was planned for June 29-July 5, 1942 so that people would have an opportunity to express their pride in the Canadian Army.
Correspondence, a program for Army Week and an address by Mayor Daley are included, 1942

2.10 **Arts Council** – 23 civic organizations gathered to discuss forming an Arts Council, 1956, 1960

2.11 **Bald, Wilfred Rand** (1892-1982) (Alderman) – Bald was a Councillor 1947 through 1957 and 1963-1972. He was the Mayor of St. Catharines from 1959-1960 – File contains correspondence regarding various local issues. In the last piece of correspondence Mr. Bald’s intention of entering the mayoralty contest is mentioned, 1947-1958

2.12 **Band Concerts** – Suggested schedule of band concerts to be held in Montebello Park, 1953-1956

2.13 **Barrett, H. Gordon M.P (1915-1993)**, Riding of Lincoln – Mr. Barrett was a Canadian politician and safety director. He was elected to the House of Commons of Canada as a Member of the Liberal Party and represented the riding of Lincoln. He was a lieutenant in the Canadian Infantry in World War II. When he returned to Canada he became a councillor for Thorold, Ontario from 1946 to 1959. This file contains general correspondence, 1972

2.14 **Bathing** – Twelve Mile Creek and Old Welland Canal contaminated waters correspondence, 1935

2.15 **Bench, Honourable J.J.** – Senator J. Joseph Bench, K.C., was a St. Catharines barrister and a member of the Canadian Senate. He died in his 43rd year. His correspondence deals with topics including abandoned Welland Canal Lands and the St. Catharines Airport. Also included is a program for a testimonial dinner for the Honourable J. Joseph Bench in honour of his appointment to the Senate of Canada, 1942-1946

2.16 **Bench, Late Senator J.J.** – Property 14 Hillcrest Ave., St. Catharines, 4 b&w photographs and correspondence, 1960

2.17 **Blossom week** – Correspondence regarding Blossom Week and a clipping featuring Thelma Baer of St, Catharines as the 1940 Blossom Queen, 1936-1937, 1940, 1947

2.18-2.19 **Board of Education** – Correspondence about topics such as a smallpox outbreak in 1929 and some of the teachers going on active service in 1940. The St. Catharines Collegiate and Vocational School Annual Exhibition posters and Evening Vocational Classes posters are within this file as well as lists of the members of the Board of Education for 1941, 1943-1948. A memorandum regarding the St. Catharines Collegiate and Vocational
School concerning overcrowding is also available within this file, 1925-1949

2.20 **Boundary Extension** – Amalgamation correspondence regarding Grantham Township and the City of St. Catharines. The Civic Development Committee’s 15th and 16th, 21st and 24th reports are enclosed. There is also discussion of the amalgamation of Port Dalhousie, 1953-1955, 1959

3.1 Boundary Extension – Amalgamation or Annexation Matters correspondence, 1955-1958 (non-inclusive)

3.2 Boundary Extension – Newspaper clippings regarding the amalgamation matters, 1954-1955, 1957

3.3 Boundary extension – Correspondence regarding area Bounded by Q.E. Way, Welland Ship Canal and Eastchester Ave., 1953

3.4 Boundary Extension – Wartime housing project at Belfast Court and wartime houses are proposed at Grantham Apartments. Blueprints of wartime housing are included, 1949-1954

3.5 Boundary Extension – Glenridge Area - There is a petition to include part of the Glenridge Subdivision outside the corporate limits of St. Catharines but within the Township of Grantham. There was discussion of an extension of the City Corporation boundaries to include Grantham Glenridge lands and Burgoyne Woods. A 1945 assessment roll for the Glenridge area is also enclosed, 1944-1947

3.6 Boundary Extension – Part of Southgate Park Plan regarding the annexation of part of Southgate Park – part of the Township of Grantham by-law no. 5947. This file includes maps of the Southgate Park plan extension, 1953-1956

3.7 Boundary Extension – Part of Town of Merritton. This includes a plan of the Forest Village proposed subdivision of parts of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 9 in the Township of Grantham. The suggested boundary extension of the City of St. Catharines including Vine Street from Boyle Road to the Canadian National Railway at Forest Village Subdivision, 1954

3.8 Boundary Extension which includes Board of Education property north of Carleton Street and the school property south of Douglas Park Subdivision comprising parts of the Miller property and Traver property 1953-1954
3.9 Boundary Extension Survey – Sponsored by *St. Catharines Standard* included are the corresponding clippings, 1954

3.10 Boundary Extension – Included are: a 1931 Voters’ List of the Township of Grantham; A petition to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board from the municipal electors of the Township of Grantham of the area bounded by the City of St. Catharines, Westchester Avenue, Welland Canal and Lincoln Avenue; boundary extension schemes; a collector’s roll and diagrams of lots in Grantham, 1931-1942 (non-inclusive)

3.11 Boundary Extension – Includes reports from the Boundary Extension Committee. There is also a report from the Chairman of the Works Committee regarding the extension. The Civic Development Committee also submitted a report. Also included is a rough draft of the annexation order and data regarding schools, 1945-1950, 1952-1954

3.12 **Boy Scouts World Jamboree** – August 19-28, 1955 in Niagara-on-the-Lake. This was the 8th World Boy Scout Jamboree. Included is a folio of facts about the Jamboree of New Horizons. The jamboree was hosted by Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The World Membership Badge was introduced and is still awarded to Scouts today. This was the first World Jamboree to be held in the Western Hemisphere, and the first outside of Europe. A commemorative stamp was issued. The setting was the commons of Fort George. The contingent from New Zealand left their home four months before the event. Three Brazilian Scouts traveled from their homeland by jeep. A storm of hurricane force blew over the camp three days before the Jamboree began. This was the tail end of Hurricane Connie. This flattened the camp that volunteers and professionals had prepared. Council members, community members and companies rallied to put the camp back together. Coca-Cola closed its plants and sent its staff to help. Distinguished visitors included Vincent Massey, Governor General; Lady Baden Powell and Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth.

3.13 Boy Scouts World Jamboree – August 1955 – Niagara-on-the-Lake Newspaper Clippings – Some of the headlines include: Police pounced on surprised Curacaaoan Scouts at Havana; 85 buses needed to carry scouts; Over 10,000 scouts have assembled for the World Jamboree; 40 men to every woman down at the jamboree; Scouts of 68 nations march past reviewing stand; CBC television cameraman killed in fall at jamboree; Lady Baden-Powell makes extensive tour of camp; Scouts highlight CNE opening and Cardinal McGuigan celebrates mass and hails spirit of fraternity, 1955-1956

3.14 **Brock University** includes correspondence about a youth program for an
eidetic community video proposed by Lesley Bell, parking problems at Brock and a proposition for a ski area at Brock, 1972-1973

3.15 **Building Permits** – Applications and other information regarding buildings or other structures including: an arch or tunnel under Yates Street near J.P. Merritt’s house; a building at the north-easterly corner of York and Russell; an application from William Winters to build an extension to Mason’s Dairy on Wiley Street; a proposal for a gasoline station at Niagara and Ottawa Streets (this was met with a petition); a building permit to Bert Jefferson for the erection of a store on the east side of Queen Street; request for permission to build a Shell Oil station at 199 James Street; a proposed apartment building on Ann Street; a proposal for a service station at the Geneva and St. Paul Street intersection; repairs to the Phelps Street Arena; building restrictions on Thairs Avenue; a building application for Weston’s Bakery on Thomas Street; a petition against a store at 226 Queenston Street; an application to operate a billiard parlour at 25 Ontario Street and a proposal to change the Fiesta Restaurant on 8 Pleasant Avenue into a boarding house. Tally sheets of building permits are also included as well as a plot plan of the office building for E.F. McCordick Coal Company, Russell Avenue at Rodman Street, 1876-1948 (non-inclusive)

3.16 Building Permits – Included are: A request from M. Goodman and Jack Katz for a tailoring shop at 86A Lake Street; there is a blueprint of the Harris Furs layout at 1 King Street and a proposal to extend the business premises; Moose Lodge no. 936 requested permission to build on Permilla Street; Permission was requested to build a dry cleaning business at 72 King Street; The Canadian Slovak League requested permission to build a hall on Page Street; A bowling alley license was granted to Ed and Al Harder for 449-451 St. Paul Street; Permission was granted to build a store at 118 York Street; Peter and Florence Staruch applied to make alterations at the Bus Lunch Restaurant at 20 St. Paul Street; A proposal was submitted for a concrete building on Berryman Avenue from Transit Mixed Concrete and there was an application for permission to conduct a meat processing establishment at 28 Facer Street from Kornel Fryszyłak. A list of building permits as well as building plan fees is included. There is also a list of facts indicative of St. Catharines’ growth, 1949-1955

3.17 Building Permits – Applications and other information including: A list of 1954 and 1955 building applications; An application for a meat packing plant on Garnet Street which was submitted by Mr. Bubanda Piątkowski; An application to use part of the premises of 70 Welland Avenue for a confectionary store and a request from Mrs. W.H. Hamill of 293 St. Paul Street to add an addition (diagram supplied). A building by-law for St. Catharines from the National Research Council is also within this file, 2 b&w photos, 1954-1960
3.18 Building Permit Application – Restoration of Premises includes an application from Thomas A. Phillips for restoration to Municipality no. 70 St. Paul Street as a result of a fire. No. 72 St. Paul Street which was owned by A.N. Langley was also affected. Floor plans for no. 70 are included, 1959

3.19 Building Permits – Request for a permit to build a gas station from Len J. Washer on the Washer parking lot and Hanson Theatre lot on the south side of St. Paul Street, 1940

3.20 Burgoyne Bridge – Correspondence regarding proposed lease in supersession and cancellation of lease no. 21181 covering privileges at the Burgoyne Bridge; Department of Railways and Canals right of way regarding crossing the Canal; Burgoyne Bridge right of way renewal 1936

3.21 Burgoyne Woods – Correspondence regarding a water line to Burgoyne Woods and installation of water mains and bathing pool, 1935

4.1 Cahill Property 5 Woodland Avenue includes correspondence, application for pension, papers regarding the Walter J. Cahill estate, Mrs. Agnes Cahill’s death, City of St. Catharines tax notices and a bylaw to establish zoning area no. 2, 1934-1958 (non-inclusive)

4.2 Campbell, Judge John S. (1860-1950) served as an alderman for several terms and was the mayor of St. Catharines in 1908 and 1909. The file contains general correspondence, 1925-1948 (non-inclusive)

4.3 Canadian Flag – correspondence regarding the establishment by-law of a Canadian flag, 1960

4.4 Canal – Old Welland (second) re: Cleaning Up, Fencing and/or Development Suggested for Park ,1972

4.5 Cemetery Adjustments, A.C. Kingstone, City Solicitor – correspondence regarding problems regarding individual’s cemetery plots. Some of the plots in question are: Stephens, Greenlaw and Gander plot; Thomas Calvert plot; Martha Foster plot and the Edmund Cawsey plot, 1931-1932

4.6 Cemetery Adjustments – Includes notes about cemetery transfers; a Victoria Lawn Cemetery workman’s time sheet and a list of Flannery Family interments. Included is a diagram of the Franks and Gannon lots in section E of the old cemetery, 1932, n.d.

4.7 Cemetery- Boyle and Smythe plot – Includes: A cemetery deed purchased by James R. Boyle; a power of attorney from James Russell Boyle to
Annetta Margaret Boyle; a transfer of a cemetery plot in section D, division 29 in Victoria Lawn Cemetery by Laura Wight Boyle and James Russell Boyle to R.E. Smythe of Toronto, 1875-1933 (non-inclusive)

4.8 Cemetery – Expropriation of Bessey land for extension of Victoria Lawn Cemetery – includes: Correspondence, an appraisal report of the Bessey Estate in Lots 8 & 9, Concession 9 in the Township of Grantham. The report was prepared by Andy Hawreliak. A plan showing Victoria Lawn Cemetery and the adjacent area is included as well as an indenture between Jennie Gertrude Bessey and Grace Marguerite Quinn of the first part and The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines of the second part, 7 b&w photographs, 1936-1960 (non-inclusive)

4.9 Cemetery – Former St. Andrew’s United Church Cemetery – Port Dalhousie Ward includes papers and correspondence regarding the transfer of this cemetery to the Town of St. Catharines, 1971-1974

4.10 Cemetery – Henry Beatty plot – This file includes indentures and correspondence regarding a cemetery plot in Section T, Division 2, Lot 2, 1879-1938 (non-inclusive)

4.11 Cemeteries – Information from Other Municipalities regarding Endowment Funds, Perpetual and Annual Care Charges including booklets: The Brantford Cemetery Commission Rules and Regulations; Rules and Regulations for the Beechwood Cemetery Company, Ottawa; Rules and Regulations – The Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds and Cemeteries Necropolis, Mount Pleasant, Prospect; Pine Hills and Mount Pleasant Mausoleum: Interesting Facts Relating to Toronto’s Public Cemeteries. Also included is a list of prices for services at various cemeteries, 1924-1935 (non-inclusive)

4.12 Cemetery – Jewish, B’Nai Israel Congregation – Correspondence regarding the purchase of land for a Jewish Cemetery on Ashland Avenue, 1948-1953 (non-inclusive)

4.13 Cemetery – List of Deceased Soldiers in the following categories: Oddfellows, Division no. 1; Oddfellows, Division no. 2; Oddfellows, Division no. 3; Oddfellows, Division no. 4; Oddfellows’ Decoration Day, Division no. 5; Oddfellows’ Decoration Day (Rebeccas); Officers’ graves; Decoration Day, Division no. 1; Decoration Day, Division no. 2; Decoration Day, Division no. 3; Decoration Day, Division no. 4; Decoration Day, Division no. 5 and List of names of deceased members of Order of Sons of England interred in Victoria Lawn Cemetery, 1926, 1929, 1931
Cemetery – MacPherson, Robt. B., Cemetery Plot, Section A, Division 29, Lot 1, Victoria Lawn Cemetery- 690 square feet and sales therefrom. Blueprints are included, 1937

Cemetery – Oddfellows Plot - Section “A” – 2 copies of the Cemetery Register for section A (one copy annotated) and a small notebook containing names and dates of death [for soldiers see file 4.13], n.d.

Cemetery – Mr. Smith [correspondence and notes from the files of Mr. Herbert H. Smith, City Clerk, St. Catharines] Included are: notices to people who are interested in Victoria Lawn Cemetery; lists of unpaid perpetual care lots; annual care due in 1937-1943; cemetery lots sold in 1930-1940; Two-grave lots for sale; Single grave lots sold in 1930-1940; Proposed tariff of fees and charges at Victoria Lawn Cemetery; Cemetery lots sold in 1942 and Cemetery lots sold in 1937-1940, 1933-1945 (non-inclusive)

Cemetery – Perpetual Care, Matters in Disagreement including correspondence regarding the graves of Selina Henrietta Johnstone, David O. McGill, Wm. H. McClive, Josiah Holmes, James Flanagan, Mrs. Alice A. Smith, Ann Macgregor, John Tuite, Thomas Alcock and John Fahey. A Perpetual Care certificate for Welland DeVeaux Woodruff is included as well as a copy of By-law no. 3985 of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines, 1903-1935 (non-inclusive)

Cemetery – Peter A. McCallum Estate, 1936-1944 (non-inclusive)

Cemetery – Plans [in alphabetical order], 1932-1948, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Back lot #1, Division 6, Section M, 1937
Beadle plot, Section L, Lot no.1. n.d.
Beatty plot, Section B, Division 37, 1935
Bissonette and Flynn lot, Division 5, Section C, 1937
Boyle and Smyth lots, Section D, Division 29, 1932
Campbell-Graham plot, n.d.
Carman plot, Section F, Division 7, 1932
Copeland plot, Section A, Division 13, Lots 2 and 3, 1932
Dunklee plot, Section L, Division 18, Lot 3, 1932
Gibb and Ross plot, section L, Division 6 and 6A, 1932
Grant plot, Section M, Division 20, 1932
Grant plot (parts 1&4), Section M, Division 48, 1932
Green plot, n.d.
Hodgins and Switzer plots, Section B, Division 9, Lot 1, 1932
Holmes plot, Section E, Division 7, Lots 1 and 2, n.d.
Hutchison plot, Section B, Division 2, Lot 7, n.d.
Kelly plot, Section M, Division 17, Lots 2 and 5, 1932
King plot, 1941
King George V, Section S, Division 27, Lots 7-12, n.d.
McBride, John plot, Section G, Division 5, Lot 4, n.d.
McCarron plot, Lot no.3, Section C, Division 53, n.d.
Mills plot, Lot 3, Section L, 1955
Mittelberger plot, Section D, Division 4, 1935
Part of section A (New Cemetery), n.d.
Part of sections L and W, 1938
Pattison plot, Section J, Division 24, Lot 4, 1935
Pirritte, Bell, McGeachie plot, Section B, Division 12, 1932
Robinson plot, Section A, Division 4, 1935
Rogers, Jas. A plot, Section B, Division 1, Lot 2 (Old Cemetery), 1932
Rolls plot, Section T, Division 1, Lot 10, 1932
Ross lot and Stein lot, west half of #1 and east half of #4, Division 28, Section B, 1937
Schwenker, Elizabeth, Lot 4, Section M, Division P, 1951
Sections L and P, n.d.
Section T, 1948
Smith plot, Section F, Division 14, n.d.
Smith plot (Joseph Smith & Bedelia Burke Smith), Section M, Division 20, 1932
Southwest portion of section E, n.d.
Stewart and McLaren plots, Division 13, Section G, 1935
Taylor and Bate plot, Section D, Division 1, 1932
Warner Plot, Lot 3, Division 26, Section B, 1937
Woodruff and Boyle plots, 1932
Woodruff and Miller plot, Section D, Division 11, 1932


4.21 Cemetery – William Hamilton Merritt cemetery plot, 1933-1938 (non-inclusive)

4.22 Cemetery – Proposed Acquisition of canal lands adjoining cemetery, from Department of Transport including correspondence and some charts, 9 b&w photographs, 1938-1952 (non-inclusive)

4.23 Cemetery – Section 6, Protestant single graves - Victoria Lawn Cemetery [n.d.]

4.24 Cemetery Revenue 1950-1955

4.25 Cemetery Revenue, 1956-1960
4.26  Cemetery – Rolls plot, Section T – Division 1, Lot 10 and Section T, Division 23, Lot 6 (with diagrams), 1898-1938 (non-inclusive)

4.27  Cemetery – Stein and Ross plots – East half of Lot 4, Division 28, Section B; West half of #1; East half of #4, Section B (with blueprint), 1936-1939, 1943


4.29  Cemetery – Victoria Lawn, Correspondence from Provincial Department of Health etc. The 1941 Cemetery Regulations are enclosed, as well as a proposed increase in the price of cemetery plots and burial fees and discussion about by-law #5495 concerning fees for various services. A completed cemetery questionnaire is also enclosed, 1941-1960 (non-inclusive)


4.32  Cemetery – Committee Reports and Annual Reports from the Superintendent of Victoria Lawn Cemetery, 1954-1960

4.33  Cemetery – Victoria Lawn, Mausoleum including correspondence, most of which is between the International Mausoleum Company, Limited of Toronto, Ontario and the St. Catharines City Clerk. There are lists of deeds issued and interments in the Victoria Lawn Mausoleum. Included are some booklets and flyers including Modern Entombment from the International Mausoleum Company, 1912-1938

5.1  Cemetery – Victoria Lawn, Mausoleum Driveway using Abandoned Canal Lands. This includes a plan showing the diversion of the road to the mausoleum. There is correspondence regarding the application for deed of land from the Department of Transport to provide access to the mausoleum, 6 b&w negatives, 6 b&w photos, 1938-1939, n.d.

5.2  Cemetery – Victoria Lawn, Musical Tower (Davella Mills Memorial) – Includes a plan of the Victoria Lawn Cemetery and adjacent area. There is a sketch of the Davella Mills Memorial Bell and Chimes Tower and dedication program from July 2, 1950. It was erected in memory of David Bloss Mills and Ella Mills. There is also information on Arthur Lynds
Bigelow who was a “bell master”, 1 col. postcard, 1931-1960 (non-inclusive)

5.3 Cemetery-Victoria Lawn, Sidewalk correspondence 1937-1939

5.4 **Centennial Garden Project** regarding 321 Oakdale Ave, St. Catharines correspondence, 1972

5.5 **Central Athletic Park Committee** correspondence, 1931-1941 (non-inclusive)

5.6 **Chaplin, Honourable J.D. (James Dew)** (1863-1937) was a Canadian politician who was born in Toronto, Ont. He received his education in St. Catharines and attended St. Catharines Collegiate Institute. He was the president of the Chaplin Wheel Company, Canada Axe and Harvest Tool Company and the Wallingford Manufacturing Company. He served for four years on the St. Catharines City Council. In 1917, he was elected to the House of Commons as a representative of the Lincoln riding. He was re-elected in 1921, 1925, 1926, and 1930. In 1926, he was also the Minister of Trade. This file contains correspondence, 1925-1937 (non-inclusive)

5.7 **City Hall** - Proposed New Building as Relief Works Project contains bills and reports. A by-law to authorize the erection on a new city hall is included. There is also an interview with Mr. MacBeth (architect), 1934-1935

5.8 City Hall – Temporary Quarters and temporary police cell accommodation, 1936-1937

5.9 City Hall – Tenders for Wrecking Old Building and other pertinent correspondence, 1936-1937

5.10 City Hall – Tenders received October 10th, 1936 for Construction

5.11 **Civil Defence** – Correspondence, progress reports and revenue – also included is a Civil Defense Constitution for St. Catharines and district. There are requests and requisitions for fittings in the Fire Department within the file, 1952-1960

5.12 **Civil Defence Bulletin** from the Civil Defence Co-ordinator’s Office of the Department of National Health and Welfare, 1952-1954

5.14 **Collegiate Institute and Vocational School** – Petitions for same – The ratepayers of St. Catharines felt that the large expenditure needed for this school should afford them the privilege of voting on it in the form of a referendum, n.d.

5.15-5.16 **Condolence – Letters of** – These were sent out by the City Clerk and the file contains cards and letters of appreciation from the families that received the correspondence, 1929-1952, 1954-1960

5.17 **Coronation Ceremony of King Edward VIII**, May 1937 (Abdicated December 11th, 1936) – Contains advertisements for C.T. Brock and Co.’s Fireworks which were used for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations as well as advertisements for memorabilia for King Edward VIII’s Coronation which was to take place on May 12, 1937. Lists of people who were involved in the planning and correspondence are included in this file, 1935-1937

6.1 **Coronation Ceremony, Queen Elizabeth II**, June 2, 1953 – Correspondence regarding the coronation and minutes of the organizational meetings. Advertisements for Coronation memorabilia are also enclosed. Clippings proclaimed that Tuesday, June 2 was a public holiday. There is a souvenir program from St. Catharines, a Greater Niagara Coronation Day Celebration program and an Order of Worship for the Civic Coronation Service at St. George’s Church. Parade orders are also included, 1952-1954

6.2 Photographs of the floats in the St. Catharines Coronation Day Parade [see also file 18.3] taken by Jimmy Simpson. The photographs are numbered and some of the participants include:

2 St. Catharines Boy Scouts Association
17 Knights of Columbus
18 Township of Grantham
19 Citizens of Tomorrow
20 United Commercial Travellers of America
33 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
34 New Canadians
35 B’Nai Brith
37 Canadian Legion Little League Baseball
38 Blood Donor Clinic
39 Imperial Order of Elizabeth
41 McKinnon Industries
43 Hydro
44 Kinsmen
46 Ukrainian Fraternal Society
47 St. Catharines Lions Club
48 Loyal Orange Lodge, 44 b&w photos, 1953
6.3 **Court Houses and Gaols** includes an extract from the *Ontario Statutes Municipal Act* and correspondence regarding repairs to the Court House, 1935-1940 (non-inclusive)

6.4 **Cuffe, Alderman Estelle B.** – General correspondence, 1938-1952 (non-inclusive)

6.5 **Curling Rink** – an estimate, 1939

6.6 **Deveaux, Mrs. Catherine** (deceased) – This file contains information about a fire at 146 Dufferin Street, St. Catharines, 1934

6.7 **Ediphone Company** – Advertisements and correspondence regarding dictating machines and their wax cylinders, 1936-1946, n.d. (non-inclusive)

6.8 Ediphone Company – Series of messages to Canadian Business executives from the Thomas A. Edison Company which produced the Ediphone. These pamphlets featured prominent business executives, 1938-1939

6.9 Ediphone Company – *Ediphone Voice Writing* pamphlets, 1936-1947 (non-inclusive)


6.11 **Empire Lodge of Odd Fellows** regarding the fixing of the property line on Queen Street, St. Catharines and adjustment of taxes, 1939

6.12 **Empire Trade Correspondence** includes correspondence about Empire Shopping Week in Canada. This was based on the premise that some British and European staples were not procurable in Canada therefore they would be acquired from the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, 1928, 1933

6.13 **European War, Protection and Precautions** includes correspondence and clippings. There are pages from *War News* which was put out by the Canadian YMCA. Also included are excerpts from *Industrial Canada*, 1939-1942

6.14 European War, Protection and Precautions – Flyers regarding the war – These include: *King George’s Fund for Sailors; Do You Know; Resolutions of 16th June, 1938; Budget Resolutions; What Canada is Doing; Canada’s War Record* for 1941 and 1942; *Canada at War* for 1941 and 1942; *Canada and the War; Hitler’s Agents in Canada* by Lieut.
William A. Kardash; *Volunteer for Victory; Regulations for (Civilian) Canadian Fire Fighters* and *The ISC Branch*, 1938-1942, n.d. (non-inclusive)

6.15 **Fruit Marketing** – Correspondence, clippings and other documents promoting the use of domestic fruit, 1932

6.16 **General Motors of Canada** – Contains correspondence announcing the acquisition of all the assets of McKinnon Industries by General Motors. Included are minutes of a meeting to determine the state of the city water supply to General Motors Plant #2, 1969, 1972

6.17 **General Workers Association** – was an organization composed of unemployed, full and part-time workers. The association dealt with issues such as relief recipients who were ignorant of the relief system; employed children; transportation for people who were unable to get to their jobs and food allowance. The file contains correspondence, 1937, 1939

6.18 **Glendale Ave. Bridge** – Replacement of Existing Bridge over Twelve Mile Creek. Information involves the extension of Glendale Ave. and a proposed bridge at Regional Road 89 (Glendale Ave.), 1972-1973

6.19 **Glenridge Bridge** – Includes: Reports regarding inspection of the structure by E.H. Darling, consulting engineer; recommendations on the re-building of the bridge by C.C. Parker, structural engineer and a report on the rehabilitation of the bridge by H.G. Acres and Company. Mayor Franklin gave a speech to the Rotary Club on January 8, 1953. He named the speech *The Sad Story of the Fallen Arches or What’s Holding up the Glenridge Bridge*. There was opposition to a proposed expenditure of $664,000 for the construction of the rolled-fill embankment. This file contains diagrams, correspondence and clippings, 1947-1953

6.20 Glenridge Bridge – General contract for the construction of a rolled-fill embankment with concrete culvert and underpass replacing the existing Glenridge Bridge including: instructions to tenderers, form of tender, general conditions, general clauses, specifications and form of agreement. This was put together by the H.G. Acres Company. Diagrams are included, 1953

6.21 Glenridge Bridge – Contains correspondence regarding tenders for construction of a rolled-fill embankment at the site of the Glenridge Bridge; estimate of costs; progress reports; power and communication lines accommodation and information on a temporary closing of the bridge. Diagrams and sketches are included, 6 b&w photos, 1953
6.22 Glenridge Bridge – Contains correspondence regarding the rolled-fill embankment and reinforced concrete culvert extension. Also included in this file are properties to be acquired and purchased, 8 b&w photos, 1954

7.1 Glenridge Bridge Replacement Project – Information on Auxiliary Road and correspondence regarding properties to be acquired and purchased. Diagrams are included, 3 b&w photos, 1955

7.2 Glenridge Bridge Replacement Project – Engineering study on the Glenridge rolled-fill embankment including diagrams. Correspondence about difficulties in connection with the Glenridge fill contract and the proposal to resolve difficulties. There was a payment of hold-back monies to Aiken and MacLauchlan Limited for work on the embankment. Correspondence also dealt with properties to be acquired and purchased, 1955-1957

7.3 Grantham Township – Correspondence regarding taxes and tax assessments. Also included is information on the boundary extension and the annexation of the Queenston Street area and Grantham Township. A list of the Grantham Township Council for 1935 is within this file as well as correspondence about sidewalks on cemetery property and cemetery extension. Issues about street lighting were also discussed. Enclosed is a waterworks and water agreement and Civic Development Reports, 1925-1949 (non-inclusive)

7.4 Grantham Township – Topics covered include: airport taxes, the paving of Eastchester Avenue, South Gate Park plan extension, Township of Grantham restricted area by-law no. 1006, City of St. Catharines annexation of parts of the Township of Grantham, Queen Elizabeth crossings at Lake and Geneva Streets, a city sports park, relocation of the St. Catharines Market, by-law 1140 to define Grantham industrial area no.1 and a list of Grantham populations for the years 1939-1950. Civic Development Reports are also included, 1950-1955

7.5 Grantham Township – Topics covered include: Improvement of the Geneva and Carleton Street intersection, proposed sewage systems, subdivision development, a proposed Geneva Street shopping plaza, easement for a proposed new road to the Scott Street shopping plaza, the Weller sewer agreement, library services to Grantham Township and by-law 1863 for the fencing of privately-owned swimming pools, 1956-1961

7.6 Great War Veterans Association – correspondence regarding various undertakings by the organization including: The Canteen Fund, Poppy Tag Day and Decoration Day, 1925-1927
Greeting Cards and Post Cards – greetings and cards sent to the City Clerk. [these are not local cards], 9 b&w postcards, 23 col. postcards, 1937-1944 (non-inclusive)

Guaranty Silk Dyeing and Finishing Company Limited –
Correspondence regarding the buildings which were built by the company but infringed on the Hydraulic Raceway property. Some of the correspondence deals with the pipeline under and across Phelps and Mill Streets. There is also an application for an outdoor shooting range, 1932-1952 (non-inclusive)

H- General Correspondence, 1972-1973; includes:
Handicapped Association of Niagara District proposal for amendments to the National Building Code respecting facilities for the handicapped and requests for bevelled curbs.
Housing and Urban Development Association of Niagara
Social Club Heidelberg Inc.
Ontario Housing Advisory Committee – including a housing policy
Housing & Urban Development Association of Niagara

Halifax Aid to Fighting Forces – This was an appeal for the welfare of fighting forces from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and municipalities. Included are flyers and correspondence, 1940

Henley Aquatic Association Limited – Includes a flyer from 1935 to raise money for this project. This flyer contains a list of people on the executive committee and a list of captains and crews. Financial statements are also included. There is a report from the Civic Development Committee. Some of the correspondence deals with the observance of the 1947 Regatta Week. A picture of the 1947 and 1950 City Council is also within this file. Programs include: the 1950 Royal Henley Regatta, the fifth annual Captain’s Dinner program from 1951 and the Henley Regatta contract renewed for 20 years. Other items include: Henley Aquatic Association Limited lease of lands known as Henley Island and correspondence regarding a powerboat regatta, 1935-1973 (non-inclusive)

Highway Crossing Over Welland Ship Canal at Homer – The Homer Bridge Committee held a meeting regarding traffic problems at the junction of Highway no. 8 and the Queen Elizabeth Highway at Bridge no. 4 of the Welland Ship Canal. Also included are correspondence and diagrams for the easement of the Homer Bridge overhanging Victoria Lawn Cemetery. A brief which was presented to The Honourable Fred M. Cass, Minister of Highways relating to the construction of a high level crossing the Welland Ship Canal by the Queen Elizabeth Way at Homer is included, 1955-1960
7.13 **Highway Development** – Correspondence includes letters regarding: Lake Street – Niagara Street crossings of the new highway and a cloverleaf at Niagara Street and the Queen Elizabeth Way. Enclosed is a Department of Highways memorandum of agreement regarding Queen Elizabeth Way crossings. A brief was presented to The Honourable George H. Doucett, Minister of Highways respecting Queen Elizabeth Way crossings between the Martindale Cloverleaf on the west and the Welland Ship Canal on the east, 1938-1955 (non-inclusive)

7.14 Highway Development – Plans and diagrams including: the proposed cloverleaf at Niagara Street and the Queen Elizabeth Way; a land plan including parts of registered plans 97, 102 and 103 and part of a corporation plan of no. 2 in the City of St. Catharines including the registered plan no. 91 in the Township of Grantham with landowners; plan to illustrate description of part of the registered plans no. 17, 44, 46, 97, 102 and 103 and part of Township Lot no. 14, Concession 5, Township of Grantham in the City of St. Catharines; County of Lincoln, Department of Public Highways map showing roads and highways and a Dominion of Canada canal lands map for the City of St. Catharines including a list of landowners, 1939, 1941, 1952, n.d.

7.15 Highway Development – Includes correspondence which deals with the following topics: lighting for the Hamilton-Queenston Highway; highway development east and west of St. Catharines; St. Catharines to Hamilton proposed highway; St. Catharines to Stamford Highway crossing the Welland Canal; the Service Road between Geneva Street and Niagara Street and a highway from Homer, north of St. Catharines to Grimsby. There is much discussion of a new provincial highway through St. Catharines. The possibility of a tunnel beneath the Welland Ship Canal is also discussed. Included is a map showing roads from Hamilton to Niagara and an artist’s rendering of the proposed development of the Queen Elizabeth Way at Niagara Street. The *Buffalo Courier-Express* published a pictorial of *Ontario’s New Speed Highway* which is enclosed. Seventeen lots on Facer Street were sold to the Department of Highways, 1 b&w photo, 1935-1941

7.16 Department of Highways – Includes correspondence which deals with service roads and Queen Elizabeth Way crossings. Included is a diagram of Department of Highway owned lands in St. Catharines abutting the Queen Elizabeth Way. There is a diagram showing severances owned by the department on the Queen Elizabeth Way. The suggestion of a plaque commemorating the official opening of the Queen Elizabeth Highway is also addressed, 1941-1954
7.17 Department of Highways – Westchester Avenue – This includes correspondence regarding the purchase of land required in connection with a projected highway continuing Westchester Avenue from a point at or near Princess Street across the old Welland Canal and through land on the easterly side of Thorold Road to the intersection of Westchester Avenue and Queenston Streets. Land required belonged to: the Hiscott Estate, Frederick R. Paxton, A.W. Read, Frederick W. Wilson and Martha Wilson, Mrs. Amelia Fitzgerald, Mr. Murton A. Seymour, Emma L. Steele, Arthur and Emily Winterford, Mrs. Grace S. Delday, Arthur W. Mappin, Arabella McGeachie, Albert G. Albon, Mr. Johnston, William G. Prebble, William Johnson, Arthur Clyde Johnson, John Franklin Johnson, Frances Louise Johnson, Mr. Peterson, Frank N. Hara, John A. Forster and Fred W. Wilson. Included are diagrams of the Westchester Avenue Highway, Welland Ship Canal and a plan of the lock at the Welland Canal. Also included is a statement of cost for the Westchester Avenue Highway and a statement of construction of the Westchester Highway from November 20, 1931 to September 30, 1934, 1932-1942 (non-inclusive)

7.18 Department of Highways – Includes correspondence about the New Provincial Highway through City Corporation owned properties, St. Catharines. Correspondence also deals with a proposed highway crossing at the northerly end of Victoria Lawn Cemetery, 1937

7.19 Department of Highways – Correspondence regarding illegal signs near the Queen Elizabeth Way, 3 b&w photos, 1949-1951

8.1 Historic Engravings – Correspondence regarding the purchase of a print of St. Catharines from the Sir Sanford Fleming group. Two prints were purchased from the Old Authors Shop, Ottawa for a total of five dollars, 1933

8.2 Historical and Museum Matters – Includes correspondence regarding the possibility of establishing accommodation for the Lincoln Historical Society, 1955

8.3 Historical Facts of St. Catharines, Compiled by A.E. Coombs, M.A., B Paed. and published by the authority of the Mayor and Council of St. Catharines, 1939-1951

8.4 Historical Information – The Lincoln County Historical Society endorsed the preparation of an authentic history of St. Catharines. There was also an application on behalf of a group of young people to conduct social and historical research leading to a report entitled St. Catharines: The Story of a Canadian City. Information on Dr. Augustus Jukes (1821-1905) is also included, 1972-1973
8.5 **Homes for the Aged** – Correspondence regarding the establishment of an old people’s home in St. Catharines. A special committee was delegated to establish a home for the aged. Included is a list of prices for care for aged and incapable persons by the City Corporation. Diagrams of a model institution for the care of the aged are included, 6 b&w photos, 1931-1949 (non-inclusive)

8.6 Homes for the Aged – Correspondence, clippings and information for the establishment of an old people’s home. There is correspondence about locating the home on the Traver property on Queenston Street. A question sheet about building a joint home with the City of St. Catharines is included, 1950-1953

8.7 Homes for the Aged – Information on homes in other municipalities and counties including: Algoma, Oshawa, Brantford, Rainy River, Perth, Kitchener, Ottawa, Whitby and Hastings, 1896-1954 (non-inclusive)

8.8 Homes for the Aged – Reports, minutes, agreements and memorandums including: a report on the costs, reports from the Civic Development Committee, reports from the Welfare Committee and a report on the Convention of Social Welfare. A diagram of the proposed Lincoln County and City of St. Catharines Home for the Aged is included, 1942-1954

8.9 Homes for the aged – By-laws, bills and documents including *Public Welfare in Ontario; Caring for the Aged; Department of Public Welfare Regulations; The 1944 National Housing Act; Acts and Regulations respecting Old Age Pensions, Pensions for the Blind and Mothers’ Allowance; The Charitable Institutions Act; The 1949 Homes for the Aged Act; Canadian Welfare; The 1950 Homes for the Aged Act and The Care of Residents in Homes for the Aged*, 1944-1951, n.d. (non-inclusive)

8.10 **Honour Roll Correspondence regarding deceased soldiers of the Second World War** – A Special Memorial Committee consisting of Alderman Coombs, Chairman; Alderman Wallis and Alderman Smith requested that the Canadian Legion, the Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire, the Canadian Corps and the Imperial Veterans to appoint members to the committee. An Honour Roll of those who lost their lives in World War II was created. The Honour Roll was updated on June 10, 1945 and June 17, 1957. Included is an Order of Service for the Honour Roll Unveiling which was held on June 10, 1945 and an invitation to the Special Service of Dedication of the Memorial Plaques on June 1, 1952. The Honour Roll lists names and ranks, 1944-1957 (non-inclusive)

8.11 **Hotel Dieu Hospital** – This correspondence traces the beginnings of the Hotel Dieu Hospital at 155 Ontario Street and adjoining property. A
resume of the thinking and proposed plan for taking care of the shortage of hospital beds in St. Catharines and surrounding areas is included. Information regarding grants to the hospital is available within this file.

Members of the Hotel Dieu Advisory Board in 1953 were: Mr. H.J. Carmichael, chairman; Dr. H.G. Fox, vice-chairman; Mr. E. Doran Hallett, secretary and members: Right Reverend Monsignor A.E. MacQuillan, Mr. George A. Stauffer, A.C. John Franklin, mayor; Mr. Frank J. Murphy; J.L.G. Keogh; J.W. Primeau; Dr. Harry Quinlan; Mr. Cecil Secord; Mr. L. Leo; Sister Mary Immaculate; Sister Gravelle; Sister Callaghan; Miss Ina Larkin and Miss Loretto Sneath. The flyer entitled *Equip Your New Community Hospital* is enclosed, as well as a list of donors and donations to the equipment and furnishings campaign. Hospital rates for 1954 are included. Minutes of Hotel Dieu Advisory Board meetings are also included as well as Constitutions of the Advisory Board. A history of the hospital is part of this file, 1946-1961

8.12 Hotel Dieu Hospital – Plans, diagrams and blueprints including: 1948 blueprints by Chester C. Woods, architect; Sketches for the Yates Street extension done by R.A. Hannright are also included. Drawings of Hotel Dieu Hospital area and surrounding properties, proposed parking area and driveway for orphanage and paving layout, all drawn by B.N. Holt in 1953 are also available in this file, 1948, 1952-1953

8.13 **Housewives’ Consumer Association** – This group was endorsed by the A.F.L. and C.I.O. and labour councils. The group tried to tackle the issue of high prices. They published a booklet entitled *The Canadian Association of Consumers, Your Questions and Answers*. Correspondence within this file deals with “the attitude of certain members of the St. Catharines City Council” in regards to the association. This group was affiliated with the National Council of Women, 1948

8.14 **Hydro-Electric Power Commission** – Contains a copy of by-law no. 62 Respecting the Cataract Power Company of Hamilton from 1897. Included are diagrams of the Decew Falls Extension Tailrace Channel at Welland Vale – location of sewers. There are also diagrams of the proposed channel improvements at Burgoyne and St. Paul Crescent Bridges. Correspondence deals with Decew Falls power development and includes a diagram of the Decew Falls extension at Lock no. 3 to Lock no. 2. There is also a diagram of the lots which the Commission desired to acquire. A diagram of road relocation and temporary diversion is also within this file. Some correspondence deals with the Welland Avenue Bridge crossing at the Old Welland Canal. There is a plan which shows the land to be acquired from the Hamilton Cataract Power, Light and Traction Company, 1897-1942 (non-inclusive)
8.15 Hydro-Electric Power Commission – Included is a blueprint of the DeCew Falls extension and a diagram of the relocation transmission lines. Correspondence deals with the Decew Falls extension and includes a blueprint of the St. Paul Crescent Bridge as well as a blueprint of the Welland Vale Relocation Road revetment, 1943-1944

8.16 Hydro-Electric Power Commission – Correspondence and blueprints regarding the Decew Falls development and St. Paul Crescent Bridge. Also included is correspondence regarding the transfer of land in Thorold Township to the Hydro Electric Power Commission, 1945-1946

8.17 Hydro Electric Power Commission – Included is correspondence regarding Fire Department attachments on Hydro Electric Power Commission poles, street lighting on Queenston Road, street lighting at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, street lighting on Highway no.8 (diagram enclosed) and Niagara rural street lighting. The increased output of Decew Power Plant resulted in a hazard along the banks of the disposal channel. City Council pointed out the dangers regarding this situation. Other topics covered included the St. Catharines Transformer Station and the agreement respecting the sewage outlet into Twelve Mile Creek, 1947-1949

8.18 Hydro Electric Power Commission – Included is correspondence regarding street lighting at Victoria Lawn Cemetery, Decew Falls extension and the Old Welland Canal, the Boyle Road sewage system, concrete paving on Hillcrest Avenue (diagram included), Decew Falls extension installation of sewer and a proposal of the purchase of Welland Canal lands for the Hydro Electric Power Commission, 1950-1952

8.19 Hydro Electric Power Commission – Included is correspondence regarding relocation of Hydro-Electric transmission line tower (Glenridge Avenue, west side), Decew Falls extension, issue of $325,000.00 debentures for public Utilities Commission and the moving of 70-ton transformers from the Decew Falls plant to the Canadian National Railway siding at the Merrittville Highway. Other topics include: the lighting of council chambers and preparation for a changeover from 25 to 60 cycle electrical service, 1953-1955

8.20 Hydro Electric Power Commission – Included is correspondence regarding lands in the vicinity of Boyle Road and Twelve Mile Creek, proposed use of tower line in lots in Grantham (diagrams included) and bridges on Welland Vale Road. A brief regarding the back-channel bridge at Welland Avenue is also included, 1956-1960

9.1 **Immigration & Colonization, Department of, Including Applications for Deportation** – Most deportations occurred because people had come within the undesirable classes as defined in the Immigration Regulations by becoming a public charge [did not have sustainable living means]. Sample cases within this file include:

- Mr. Polecrone was a naturalized Canadian from Greece who lived in St. Catharines for 15 years. He was a successful businessman who was enquiring about bringing his nephew to Canada to work for him.
- A man who was detained in Montreal after entering Canada illegally – his uncle requested that the nephew be allowed to come to St. Catharines where he could train him in his business as a baker.
- A 21-year-old woman from Tyrone, Ireland was employed part-time in Canada, but she required medical treatment which she was unable to pay for. She then became pregnant and it was requested that she was deported before she became a further charge against the municipality.
- A young man from Scotland was employed in Canada. He fell on hard times, and after a year of unemployment, he requested deportation to Scotland where he had job prospects.
- A man brought his brother over to be a baker. The man preferred to live on the dependence of others and his brother could not “get him lined up to our clean Canadian habits”. He underwent a physical. The results are enclosed. It was suggested that he be returned to his former home.
- A 31-year-old Englishman arrived in Canada. He spent a great deal of time in the hospital with abdominal trouble. Because of his precarious health, it was suggested that he and his wife and two children be deported back to Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.
- A young lady came to Canada with tubercular complications. It was suggested that she be deported to her own country.
- A 35-year-old returned soldier who came to Canada from Liverpool, England in 1925 requested to be moved to England where he would receive a soldier’s pension.
- A young man who was on public charge in St. Catharines left the city and his whereabouts were unknown. If he applied for public assistance again, his case would have to be addressed.
- A couple from Ireland represented themselves as husband and wife. Immigration discovered that they were not actually married. They were deported.
- A 46-year-old woman traveled from England with an eight-year-old boy. The woman was employed as a maid, but lost her position. The boy was examined and found to be “feebleminded” [retarded/handicapped] The woman was deported on the grounds of being a public charge and the boy would always be a public charge unless deported.
- A girl’s family was deported from Canada, but at that time, she was not in St. Catharines. She gave birth to a child “out of wedlock” and was deemed incorrigible by her landladies. She was deported back to England.
- A man from Scotland resided in St. Catharines but was sent back to Scotland to join his wife and two children. He had received relief, rent and rations in St. Catharines. He wrote to a young lady in St. Catharines with whom he had kept steady company while in Canada. He asked her for money and then he would return to Canada and marry her. It is said that he was “a persistent kicker and agitator” and he should not be allowed back into Canada because there are “serious charges of moral complications.”, 1925-1933 (non-inclusive)

9.2 Imperial Veterans Corps – Correspondence regarding parades and dedication services and assistance to ex-service men, 1935-1939

9.3 Imperial War Graves Commission – This was a Canadian agency. Correspondence deals with the remains of Major General F.W. Benson of the British Imperial Forces who is said to have died in St. Catharines in 1916 and Lieutenant J.G. Scott. Reference is made the Commission’s Annual Report, but this is not included, 1925-1938


9.5 Lamson, Benjamin F., City Engineer – Files include correspondence about street lighting, sewers, roads and highways, concerns from citizens, garbage collection, relief work, weeds, by-laws, abandoned canal lands, advertising signs, sidewalks, plaques to be erected, the fire hall, gasoline service tanks, traffic signals, public building program and numerous other topics, 1934

9.6 Lamson correspondence – Some of the items under discussion were: Merritt Service Station Company Limited applied to install a gasoline storage tank. Work at the Central Fire Hall was discussed; Shelter for relief men at stone crushing work was discussed and a St. Catharines packing company requested a building application, 1935

9.7 Lamson correspondence, 1936

9.8 Lamson correspondence – Some of the items under discussion were: Relief men were to direct traffic on the market; Shell Oil Company applied to construct a service station on James Street at Lake Street and Welland Avenue and Packard Electric Company submitted a building application which was passed, 1937
9.9 Lamson correspondence – One of the topics under discussion was the consideration of automatic traffic signals at King Street at James Street and King Street at Queen Street, 1938

9.10 Lamson correspondence – The Councils of Grantham and Niagara passed by-laws to divert a portion of the township line road. 1939

9.11 Lamson correspondence – Sulphate of ammonia for weed control was discussed. A dance hall was proposed for the second floor of the Masonic building. New fire hydrant installations were suggested. Alderman Coombs suggested that the city send supplies to soldiers. The ambulance service was also discussed. A memorandum from the Traffic Improvement Committee Meeting from April 29, 1942 is enclosed. There is a reminder to turn on the lights on the clock of the County Building between 9:30 and 10:00 during the blackout. Blacking out the windows of first aid posts at various schools was also discussed. A list of licensed premises open to the public is also within this file, 1940, 1942

9.12 Lamson correspondence – Bell Telephone asked for permission to cross city owned lots. There was discussion of the purchase of Dominion Government Lands for cemetery purposes. Mr. Lamson wrote to the Special Salaries and Wages Committee regarding his salary. There was also some concern about fire inspection of buildings used for public gatherings, 1943-1944

9.13 Lamson correspondence, 1945

9.14 Lamson correspondence – Much correspondence deals with garbage collection and revision of values of buildings in the Glenridge area. The proposed abandonment of railway tracks on Queenston Street is also discussed, 1946

9.15 Lamson correspondence, 1947

9.16 Lamson correspondence – The Pelham Road Bridge over the Canadian National Railway Tracks was discussed as well as the Glenridge Avenue Bridge over the Canadian National Railway right-of-way. The Merrittville Highway and Boyle Road speed limit was also an issue, 1948

9.17 Lamson correspondence – A list of works with estimated costs which could be undertaken with Provincial subsidy is within this file. An application was received from Mr. McKelvie to build a gasoline service station at the intersection of Lake and Louisa Streets. The Glenridge Avenue Bridge from the Canadian National Railway tracks was discussed. A complaint was filed from residents on Beverley, Marren, Philip Streets,
Barley Drive and Ingram Place against the method used in disposing of garbage, 1949

9.18 Lamson correspondence – Consideration of a report of war memorial and honour roll committees was carried. Gordon Brisson wanted to install a store front at 26 Geneva Street. A list of city employees with 15, 20 and 25 years of service is enclosed, 1950

9.19 Lamson correspondence – A traffic signal at St. Paul Street at Chestnut Street was proposed on a trial basis. The stability of Thorold Road was questioned due to landslides there. Constable William Gear did a report on awning encroachments. The list of these encroachments is included and cites businesses on St. Paul Street, Queen Street, King Street, James Street, Geneva Street and Queenston Street, 1951

9.20 Lamson correspondence – An agenda for the Fire, Light and Traffic Improvement Committee is enclosed. The eighth report of the Civic Development Committee is also enclosed, 1952

9.21 Lamson correspondence – The Boyle Road sewer was discussed, 1953

9.22 Lamson correspondence – Topics include: Construction of a sewer on Louth Street, the 1954 road expenditure programme approved by the Department of Highways for $800,000 and the preliminary estimate of the cost to extend Oakridge Avenue from Belton Blvd. to Riverview Blvd. Local improvement rolls are also included. A limited survey of working conditions in nearby municipalities was made with respect to hours of work and rates of pay, 1954

9.23 Lamson correspondence – Traffic problems on Berryman Avenue and a study of area for a street extension in the Richmond Avenue area from Queenston Street to the Queen Elizabeth Way were addressed. The Civic Development Committee’s fourteenth report is enclosed. There is also discussion of the purchase of Packard Electric property for the Dieppe Road widening, 1955

9.24 Lamson correspondence – Topics include: Proposed improvements to the Burgoyne Bridge and proposed paving of Welland Avenue from Geneva Street to Balfour Street. Also included is a memorandum containing a statement by Alderman C.F. Jones respecting an interview with Mr. Joseph Bishop, former assistant to the City Engineer, 1956

9.25 Lamson correspondence – Proposed pavement on Grantham Ave. from Facer Street to Carlton Street and a storm sewer from Eastbourne to Garnet Street were discussed. The Canadian National Railway’s repair account for the Glenridge Avenue overhead bridge is included. The Page-
Berryman storm relief sewer is also discussed. Memorial plaques at City Hall were also a topic of discussion. There was a report on garbage collection units as well as a report on motor vehicles and special equipment. Mr. Lamson was officially appointed as Consulting Engineer for the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines, 1957-1959

10.1 **Land Settlement Plan** – Relief land settlement was an unemployment relief measure for helping worthy people to help themselves by affording them an opportunity of self-support on the land. The Dominion and Provincial Governments and municipalities shared equally in the settlement expenditures. File contains applications to purchase crown lands, applications for settlement and pertinent correspondence. Included is a list of members of the Provincial Back to the Land Committee. Also included is a list of people (with ages) who were relocated to Northern Ontario, 1932

10.2 Land Settlement Plan – Includes correspondence regarding the people who took part in the Land Settlement Plan and a copy of the *First Report of the Relief Land Settlement Committee of Ontario for the years 1932 and 1933*. Some of the correspondence is anecdotal and reveals what life was like for these settlers. Many of the letters contain grievances from the settlers. Some of the locations where families settled were: New Liskeard, Matheson, Cochrane, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Fort William, Port Arthur and Monetville. Also within this file are suggestions as to what to send to put in hampers for families in Northern Ontario for Christmas. 2 b&w photos, 1933

10.3 Land Settlement Plan – Includes correspondence regarding the people who took part in the Land Settlement Plan which includes information about supplies and horses that were shipped to them. A description of the three types of settlement is included. The three types of settlements were: the establishment of families on Crown Lands in New Ontario, vacant farms in the old parts of the province and small holdings or market gardens, 1934-1935

10.4 Land Settlement Plan – correspondence regarding the people who took part in the Land Settlement Plan, 1936-1937, 1939-41

10.5 **Lightening Fastener Company Limited** – General correspondence including a list of employees from 1946 from which seven bargaining representatives were chosen, 1927-1946 (non-inclusive)

10.6 **Lincoln and Welland Canal Area Traffic Improvement Commission** – This was a group that was trying to overcome the highway traffic problems resulting from the construction and operation of the Welland
Ship Canal. Minutes of the meetings of the commission are enclosed, as well as relevant correspondence, 1951-1957 (non-inclusive)

10.7 **Lincoln County Industrial Home** – Contains correspondence which basically consists of requests for the admission of various individuals to the Lincoln County Industrial Home. In about 1884, a committee was formed to discuss the building of a home which would serve the poor and infirm. In 1886, the council voted to construct a home which opened in 1887. A cemetery on Ontario Street in St. Catharines [behind Ford dealership; fenced, but no surviving markers] was formerly the site of the Lincoln County Industrial Home. This Home closed when the Linhaven Home for Seniors opened its doors, 1927-1935 (non-inclusive)

10.8 **Lincoln County Jail** – Work for Inmates – In 1940 the City Council decided that men who were serving short sentences for intoxication should be compelled to work. This resolution was passed and the file contains pertinent correspondence, 1940-1941, 1943

10.9 **Lincoln County Proposed New Court House and County Bldg.** – Includes diagrams, correspondence, space requirements and costs for the new court house and county building. A report for the 2 buildings is included as well as a County Building site report, 1955-1960

10.10 **Lincoln Electric** Franchise Agreements, 1928-1932, 1938

10.11 Lincoln Electric Light and Power Company Limited correspondence – which deals with topics such as change of ownership and removal of hydro poles, 1927-1938 (non-inclusive)

10.12 **Lincoln Hotel** – Listed as Hotel Lincoln at 184-200 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines. W.H. Brown was the proprietor. This file contains correspondence between the Liquor Control Board of Ontario and the City of St. Catharines regarding the business assessment on the hotel, 1927-1928, 1931

10.13 **Lincoln Regiment** – Rumours of an amalgamation of the 19th Lincoln Regiment and the Welland Regiment sparked opposition. The City Council of St. Catharines and the Lincoln County Council were unanimous in their opinion that this old historic regiment should remain in the county as a unit. There is also a letter from the Minister of National Defense stating that these units were not mobilized in 1939, but they were called upon to provide guards for vulnerable points, 1936, 1939

10.14 **Linhaven Home for the Aged**, A joint County and Municipal home was proposed. This file includes minutes discussing the establishment of the home, minutes of the Building Committee and minutes of the
Management Committee. The laying of the cornerstone and the official opening took place in 1957. The programs are included. Also included are a flyer from the donation committee, correspondence and a sketch of the building which was built on Ontario Street, St. Catharines, 1954-1958

10.15 Linhaven Home for the Aged – Minutes from the Linhaven Management Committee and correspondence are included, 1959-1960

10.16 **Local Council of Women** – This women’s group went by the motto “Do unto others as ye would that they should do to you”. They were involved in projects such as: the rationing of butter, compulsory pasteurization of milk for human consumption, increased pay to dependants of men in the Services, gifts to soldiers, dolls and toys for children and recommendations to the Ontario Government to give Tuberculin tests. The President’s monthly newsletter is included as well as correspondence, 1939-1956 (non-inclusive)

10.17 **Files regarding the Mayors of St. Catharines include requests for favours and employment as well as complaints from citizens. Invitations to various functions are also a part of the Mayoral correspondence.**

**Mayor – Frederick H. Avery** (1882-1964) served as a Councillor from 1920-1931. He was the Mayor of St. Catharines from 1932 to 1934. He owned a music store on St. Paul Street. The store was Avery and Hara Limited. This file contains correspondence, much of this pertains to the Emergency Relief Campaign, 1931-1932

10.18 Mayor Avery – General correspondence which deals with the Relief Campaign. The financial reports for 1932 and 1933 of the Woman’s Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada are enclosed, 1932-1933

11.1 Mayor Avery – General correspondence – Most correspondence deals with the Relief Campaign. At this time, the Mayor was running for the position as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Lincoln Riding. There is a receipt from CKTB for an election address. Other correspondence is from businesses and associations, 1934-1936

11.2 Mayor Avery – Congratulatory letters and responses on Avery’s success in running as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Lincoln Riding. He was a Liberal Party member, 1 col. postcard [view from the Clifton Hotel], 1 b&w postcard, 1934

11.3 **Mayor Wilfred R. Bald** (1892-1982) – Bald was a Councillor from 1947 through 1957 and 1963-1972. He was the Mayor of St. Catharines from 1959-1960. Statements of revenue and expenditure are within the Bald
files. Included is an address by Mayor Bald on the Inaugural Meeting of the St. Catharines City Council for 1959-1960. A letter from the House of Commons regarding the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway is also within the file. A booklet entitled The Case Against Chicago’s Water Diversion from the Great Lakes by the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is included, Jan.-Feb. 1959

11.4 Mayor Bald – Correspondence which includes a list of contributors to the British Methodist Episcopal Church on Water Street for the church fire fund [March 11]. On March 24, Russell M. Thompson wrote to the Mayor about the progress that was being made on activities of a service club for “coloured [Black/Negro] people”. Retail hours for stores, as well as a proposed teachers’ training college in the Niagara District were discussed, March-May 1959

11.5 Mayor Bald – A visitor to St. Catharines made a complaint about the First Church of Christ Scientist. They claimed that the Bethel Assembly caused a general disturbance. This disturbance was investigated, and Reverend O.W. Gilbert and Reverend Allen responded to the complaint. They said that the present evangelistic effort would probably terminate that weekend. This church was located at the corner of Church and William Streets. On September 12, a petition was presented to the St. Catharines City Council by representatives of the Negro [Black/Coloured] population regarding racial discrimination. A letter regarding this matter was written by Reverend Christopher J. Loat of St. Thomas’ Church. A report on the investigation of air pollution was also presented during September, July-September, 1959

11.6 Mayor Bald – The citizens of St. Catharines were shocked by the eviction of the Charles Summers Family from their apartment. The reason for their eviction was their colour. Public sympathy was aroused and a new Human Rights Council sprang up because of public controversy. An October 26 list is enclosed which lists community organizations which requested a by-law outlawing racial discrimination in apartment houses and multiple dwelling units. Other topics include a resolution presented by the Labour Council regarding the Canadian automotive industry; a proposed low rental project and the preservation of the Morningstar Mill, October-December, 1959

11.7 Mayor Bald – Included is a proposal from the Hudson Bay Company for the establishment of a commercial building on St. Paul Street. The radio station CFRB conducted a “Talent Searchlight”. The Canadian automotive industry was discussed. A list of the St. Catharines General Hospital board of governors for 1960 is included. Correspondence regarding the English Electric Company is enclosed. This correspondence concerns their heavy financial losses. There is also a brief about a proposal to close the plant. A
presentation of a silver trowel which was used by Sir Allan Napier McNab, M.P.P., Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada took place at the laying of the corner stone of the Town Hall and Market Place in St. Catharines. There was a complaint of traffic congestion at Facer Street and Grantham Avenue [photos are included], 1 col. postcard, 7 b&w photos, January-March, 1960

11.8 Mayor Bald – Mayor Bald wanted to extend Highway no. 58 from Welland to St. Catharines where it would be possible for the city to acquire right-of-way. A list of break-ins was submitted to Chief Constable Anderson. A biography of Mayor W.R. Bald is included, April-May, 1960

11.9 Mayor Bald – Ridley College 71st Annual Prize Day Program is enclosed. Topics discussed include: changes in the Queen Elizabeth Way necessitated by the new Skyway at Homer and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews exchange visits (including a list of participants). The Canadian Automotive Industry continued to be an area of concern, June-August, 1960

11.10 Mayor Bald – Correspondence continued to deal with the Canadian automobile industry. The Kiwanis Club submitted a request that the lands known as the third Welland Canal be designated as a national historical site and that a museum of shipping be established in the area. A draft regarding National Pulp and Paper Day (Sept. 28) is included, and a copy of the anti-discrimination resolution which was passed by St. Catharines City Council was announced. Information about the pulp and paper industry of Canada is also within this file, September-October, 1960

11.11 Mayor Bald – Included is a draft of a radio talk given on CKTB by Mayor Bald regarding Education Week. Information on Tuberculin testing is included, November 1960-March 1961

11.12 **Mayor Mackenzie A. Chown** (1921-1983) – Mayor of St. Catharines, interim from January 8 to December 1968. He was elected as mayor in 1969 through 1972. He also served as an alderman 1958-1967 – General correspondence and documents, 1972

11.13 **Mayor Charles “Tod” Daley** (1890-1976) – Mayor of St. Catharines from 1939 until September of 1943 when he resigned following his election to the Ontario Legislative Assembly. He was a councillor from 1935-1937. This file contains general correspondence including requests for employment, relief and affordable housing. Mr. E.H. Lancaster prepared a summary outlining improvements needed at the Garden City Arena, January-August, 1939
11.14 Mayor Daley – General correspondence including a Red Cross appeal and a “five minute speech” regarding the Red Cross and its importance in the national war effort. Flyers from the Citizens’ Research Institute of Canada are included. The titles are: Public Waste is not only a Thief of Public Resources and a Public Enemy but it is a Saboteur and In the Midst of War Prepare for Peace. Lightning Fastener Company also provided some information on their company, September-December, 1939

11.15 Mayor Daley – General correspondence including a copy of Systems Narrator which features the article The City of St. Catharines, Ontario Uses Modern Control Systems in their Efficient, New Municipal Building. The Kinsmen Club of St. Catharines started a campaign to sell “Lick Hitler Stamps” along with the other Kinsman Associations in Canada. Correspondence also dealt with St. Catharines citizens taking European refugees into their homes, 2 b&w photos, January-August, 1940

12.1 Mayor Daley – General correspondence in which it is noted that employment and housing continue to present a problem. There is a copy of a speech given by Mayor Daley regarding War Savings Certificates. The St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce submitted a paper on Real Estate Taxation. Mayor Daley had a conference with the Minister of Public Works and Transport regarding a Westchester Avenue purchase of land from the Government and maintenance of lock walls. A bacteriological analysis of the St. Catharines water supply was completed, September-December, 1940

12.2 Mayor Daley – The Mayor made an inaugural address which tackled the issue of St. Catharines boundaries. The Honourable James G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services sent out a notice about a Salvage Campaign [this was the salvage and collection of discarded materials which could be transformed and re-used for war purposes]. St. Catharines was already in the lead with its Victory Bags Association. A newspaper article described a woman being jailed for failing to pay a one dollar dog license fee for her soldier son’s dog. “China Week” was announced in order to have citizens more fully understand the importance to the cause and democracy of China’s resistance and develop democracy between China and Canada. The Department of National Defence proclaimed a “Call to Arms”, 1 col. postcard, January-June, 1941

12.3 Mayor Daley – General correspondence including a request by Con Smythe for St. Catharines be used for the training of the Maple Leafs [apparently this was not the first time the team trained in St. Catharines]. The letter from the Maple Leafs was signed by C.H. Day. The Mayor requested a Solemn Reconsecration for the courage of the fighting men. There is reference to a strike at McKinnon Industries. A book of poetry called Petals by Nanna [Lemon, Maggie M., 1884-] is also included. An
analysis of Canada’s position by Wood, Gundy and Company entitled *Canada Enters Third Year of War* is part of this file. A request for cigarettes “for our boys overseas” was made. Included, is a speech made by Mayor Daley regarding War Savings Certificates. Air raid precautions were also discussed 2 b&w postcards, 1 col. postcard, July-December, 1941

12.4 Mayor Daley – The Inspection Board of United Kingdom and Canada was sending females to work at McKinnon Industries. These women were experiencing difficulty in finding accommodation. General correspondence included information about the formation of a special committee to study food allowances in St. Catharines. There was a certain amount of malnutrition among persons on relief in this city. There was an announcement of a presentation at the Capitol Theatre in St. Catharines entitled *When Air-Raids Strike*. Within this file is a pamphlet entitled *Lions British Child War Victims Fund, Supporting the Little Heroes of Britain*. This pamphlet contains photos of the children and information on the “Waifs and Strays Society”. Much of the correspondence within this file deals with Wartime Housing Limited. The Mayor also submitted a letter to the Fire Marshal in Toronto suggesting that St. Catharines should have additional equipment and an improved department. He felt that improvements should be made due to the war, January-August, 1942

12.5 Mayor Daley – Happy Day, Manager and Coach of the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Club wrote to Mayor Daley about the fact that both the Providence Hockey Club and the Maple Leafs would be training in St. Catharines. A flyer entitled *Air Raid Precautions for Industrial and Business Premises* is within this file. There was discussion about the Second Welland Canal. The Mayor wrote a letter to Sergeant Richard Bell of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment and complimented him on an edition of the regimental newspaper *L’Inc Well*. A speech about St. Catharines’ first trial blackout and the Victory Loan Campaign is included. Also, within this file is a letter expressing gratification to the Mayor, the Parks Board and the people of St. Catharines, sent by Happy Day, Manager of the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Club. A poem by Philip Bellows is enclosed. The poem is entitled *Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill*. Wartime housing was discussed as well as the possibility of building a woman’s dormitory in Riordon Park. The War Production Board sent a questionnaire to the city mayors regarding their cities’ part in the war, September-December, 1942

12.6 Mayor Daley – General correspondence consisting of congratulatory notes on Mayor Daley’s re-election as well as a copy of his Inaugural Address. Wartime housing and a shortage of coal were discussed. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board made a request to conserve clothing, food and household equipment. The Civilian Defence Committee submitted a report
on air raid warnings. Included is an appeal from the Greek War Relief Fund, 2 b&w photos, January-June, 1943

12.7 **Mayor A.C. John Franklin** (1914-1972) Franklin served as a Councillor for a number of terms. He was the Mayor in 1952-1953 and 1958. – General correspondence consists of congratulatory notes and an Inaugural Address. A Police Department payroll list is enclosed as well as a cost of living index for December 1951. Mayor Franklin released a document regarding the amalgamation of the communities of Humberstone and Port Colborne into a single operating unit. The British Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada submitted a 1951 annual statement, January 1951-February 1952

12.8 Mayor Franklin – A shipbuilding review and outlook is included in this file. The Polish Legation in Ottawa released a news item relating to art that was stored by the Canadian Government during the war. Only an insignificant and less valuable part of the collection was returned to Poland after the war. A letter signed by Conn Smythe of the Toronto Maple Leaf thanked the Mayor for a wire that he sent and contained an apology that the results of the game were not more gratifying. A photograph of the sod-turning ceremony at Thompson Products is enclosed, 1 b&w photo, March-May, 1952

12.9 Mayor Franklin – General correspondence including a monthly tabulation for July 1952 from the Public Utilities Commission, June-August, 1952

12.10 Mayor Franklin – General correspondence, some of which deals with the Grape and Wine Festival. Duties of the Chief Probation Officer and Assistant Probation Officer are outlined. A program for the Key Turning and Official Opening of the New Men’s Social Service Center on Church Street is included. William R Dalziel was the Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army who ran the Center, September-December, 1952

12.11 Mayor Franklin – A history of Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, Ontario is within this file. Included is a program for a World Vision Rally held at St. Catharines Collegiate Auditorium on January 25, 1953. This was sponsored by the St. Catharines Youth for Christ. The International President, Dr. Bob Cook spoke at the event [Dr. Billy Graham was listed as the First Vice President]. Mayor Franklin’s inaugural speech for 1953 is also included. The widening and paving of Yates Street was discussed. A flyer from the Canadian National Sportsmen’s Show in Toronto is included. A letter from the Secretary of State was sent to the Mayor to inquire if he would desire an invitation to be present as Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen. The Mayor agreed to serve as an Honorary Chairman on the Committee of the Hotel Dieu Hospital Campaign, January-March, 1953
12.12 Mayor Franklin – A questionnaire regarding municipal government was filled in by the Mayor. An address to the Thorold Board of Trade by Arthur Schmon of the Ontario Paper Company is also enclosed. The Mayor accepted the Chairmanship of the Greek Earthquake Relief Fund, April-August, 1953

12.13 Mayor Franklin – The Mayor was sent a brief regarding the impending crisis confronting textile workers of Canada. The Christmas Seal Campaign sent out an article entitled *Tuberculosis – What does it Mean to You?*, September 1953-1954

12.14 Mayor Franklin – The development of the St. Catharines Airport was discussed. Included is a memo to the Mayor regarding the proposed north south provincial highway. The City of St. Catharines joined in the celebration of the Canadians of Byelorussian origin on the 40th anniversary of the country’s Proclamation of Independence, January-March, 1958

12.15 Mayor Franklin – A meeting was called by Mr. George Brodie, President of the Niagara Regional Development Association regarding planning in the Niagara Region. Allan Bronfman, National Chairman of the Canadian Committee of Israel’s Tenth Anniversary Celebration gave a speech which is included in this file, April-May, 1958

13.1 Mayor Franklin – Biographical material on Mayor Franklin is included. At the annual Thompson Products Sports Night, an invitation was extended by the Toronto Maple Leafs’ Manager, Rudie Schaffer for St. Catharines school children to be guests at a ball game in Maple Leaf Stadium. A study of Highway no.58 and the City of St. Catharines was completed by R.R. Bailey, City Engineer. A proposal of the Canadian Subsidiary Companies of General Motors Corporation is enclosed. This was submitted to the U.A.W., A.F.L. and C.I.O., June-August, 1958

13.2 Mayor Franklin – A copy of the minutes of the Hotel Dieu Advisory Board Meeting of September 16, 1958 is included. Some statistics about St. Catharines are in the file including population figures for 1850, 1900, 1925, 1950 and 1958. Dr. Franklin voiced concern about a path for school children extending from Village Road to Briardale School. Information on the Lincoln County Music Festival Association is also included. Thompson Products normally refrained from participating in campaigns for Religious Groups for fear of showing favouritism, but they contributed to the B.M.E. Church Fund (after the fire at the church) in order to show that the “coloured [Black/Negro] members of this church” were a symbol that should be preserved with dignity, 3 b&w photos, September 1958-1959
13.3 Mayor Norman James Alexander Macdonald (Mac) Lockhart (1884-1974) – Lockhart was the Mayor in 1935. He was also on the Board of Education for 12 years and he was the Lincoln M.P. from 1935-1949. Mayor Lockhart’s inaugural speech is included. The fifth annual report of the St. Catharines and Lincoln County Game and Fish Protective Association is provided. Much of the correspondence deals with citizens on relief, or wishing to be on relief. There is an example of A Citizens’ Emergency Relief Committee statement of relief received by one of the St. Catharines’ residents, January-March, 1935

13.4 Mayor Lockhart – Much of the correspondence deals with relief and welfare. Included is a schedule of works for the Unemployed Works Program. There is a letter from the Universal Negro [Black/Coloured] Improvement Association of Toronto requesting that Mayor Lockhart speak at their annual picnic (Emancipation Day Picnic). The Corporation of the Village of Port Dalhousie wrote to the Mayor regarding a lack of progress being made regarding sewage and pollution of Twelve Mile Creek and the Old Welland Canal. CKTB radio station celebrated its second anniversary [a sample of the CKTB embossed stationary is enclosed], April-December, 1935

13.5 Mayor William John Macdonald M.D. (1875-1956) – Interim Mayor in September to December, 1943 and Mayor 1944 through 1948. He served as a Councillor 1940-1943. General correspondence, much of which revolves around relief and housing. There is a program for the Call to the Congress of Canadian-Soviet Friendship which was held in Toronto. A statement of votes given to each candidate for Mayor and Alderman at the election held on January 1st, 1943 is enclosed, September-December, 1943

13.6 Mayor Macdonald – Included is the Mayor’s inaugural speech. Questions and answers about Juvenile Court and Welfare are enclosed. A proclamation from the City of St. Catharines was issued urging all citizens to work and pray for victory, January-July, 1944

13.7 Mayor Macdonald – The Ontario Safety League anticipated a tremendous upsurge in traffic accidents with the removal of gasoline and tire restrictions. The Agricultural Supplies Board sponsored a collection of milkweed pods as a substitute for kapok and was vitally needed for life preserving equipment for the armed forces. The Association of Real Estate Boards submitted resolutions regarding post-war housing rentals, August-December, 1944

13.8 Mayor Macdonald – Correspondence deals with the airport. Some of the buildings were being turned over to the War Assets Corporation. The Mayor wrote to Bruce D. McEwan to congratulate him on being awarded
the Flying Cross. The St. Catharines Y.M.C.A. submitted and annual boys’ work report, January-April, 1945

13.9 Mayor Macdonald – Hyde Steel Products wanted to establish a business in St. Catharines and found St. Catharines to be indifferent to locating new industries within the city. Mayor Macdonald indicated willingness to serve on the International Committee to bring the World Security Headquarters to Niagara Falls, May-August, 1945

13.10 Mayor Macdonald – A request was made regarding the dates that Poole’s Photography operated in St. Catharines. The Mayor’s response was “1878-1920”. A McKinnon employee died from possible dust inhalation. There was concern that this could have been a work related illness. An emergency meeting was held to open the gates of Palestine for the survivors of Europe’s death camps. The housing situation in St. Catharines continued to be a problem. The St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce wanted to have wartime controls removed in November of 1945. A vote was taken at McKinnon Industries. Workers were in favour of a strike. The Ontario coal shortage was also discussed. Mr. A.A. Schmon entertained the Mayor at Baie Comeau, Quebec, September-December, 1945

13.11 Mayor Macdonald – The tenants of wartime housing completed a community centre. Mayor Macdonald was interviewed about his life. Coal shortage details were studied, January-April, 1946

13.12 Mayor Macdonald – It was stated that the War Asset Corporation was requested to vacate certain buildings for the use of the Flying Club. A copy of an article about St. Catharines was published in Agricultural and Industrial Progress. Mayor Macdonald pleaded for the safe return of nine-year-old Marion Rusnak of Welland Avenue [The body of Marion Rusnak was never found. Sydney George Chambers was found guilty of her murder and hanged on December 16 1947. He was the only person ever executed in St. Catharines], May-December, 1946

13.13 Mayor Macdonald – Inaugural address and general correspondence, January-April, 1947

13.14 Mayor Macdonald – The Y.M.C.A. submitted its 88th annual report which covered 1946. There was some concern regarding traffic accidents on the Queen Elizabeth Way between the Homer Bridge and the Henley Bridge. Traffic hazards were also noted at the point where Highway no. 8 leaves the Burgoyne Bridge going west. Declaration of Policy on Social Services by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities is included. St. Catharines statistics which contains a list of large industrial plants is also within this file. A list of members of the St. Catharines Rowing Club who
were participants in the National Rowing Championships of 1947 is included. The General Motors “Train of Tomorrow” was slated to be on display in September, in Toronto, May-August, 1947

13.15 Mayor Macdonald – Leasing of the airport and the end of rationing are discussed. The Mayor was interviewed on CKTB and provided some statistics about St. Catharines, September 1947-December 1947

13.16 Mayor Macdonald – The Mayor addressed the people of St. Catharines to ask them to voluntarily save electricity. The Mayor’s inaugural address is also included, January-April, 1948

13.17 Mayor Macdonald – Our World (“a national Negro [Black/Coloured] magazine”) asked the Mayor to provide information about the people of St. Catharines and the Reuben Flowers family whose home was razed by fire. The residents of St. Catharines, “with fine spirit” banded together and contributed a new home to a “Negro resident”. The magazine wished to do an article on this. McKinnon Industries was considering a strike vote and T.J. Cook, President and General Manager sent out a notice to all hourly rated McKinnon employees. The McKinnon workers went on strike, May 1948-August 1948

13.18 Mayor Macdonald – McKinnon Industries submitted a paper to the Mayor to inform him as to the state of their negotiations between them and Local 199. The Mayor attended the opening of a home for the blind which opened in St. Catharines on September 14, 1948 [This home was on the corner of what is currently Queenston and Eastchester Streets. The building was constructed for the CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) and it was named “Linwell Hall”. The name was comprised of the first portion of the names of the counties which it served, including Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand]. A list of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities dated September 1948 is included. A list of pay increases for local industries was compiled for Mayor Macdonald. A broadcast of Local 199 was aired on CKTB. Bob Price (an employee at McKinnon Industries) pleaded for an end to the strike which had been going on for three months. Mention is made of the Mills Memorial Home for the Elderly which was located at 183 King Street, St. Catharines. There was also a Catholic institution called Mount Carmel Home at 78 Yates Street, St. Catharines. This was also a residence for the elderly. The city council received a request from the Hotel Dieu Sisters of St. Catharines for a contribution to build a hospital. Included is a St. Catharines Collegiate Institute and Vocational School chart of Provincial Aggregate Averages compared with St. Catharines Collegiate Aggregate Averages for upper school examinations, September 1948-1956 (non-inclusive)
14.1 **Mayor Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Case McCordick** (1873-1946). He was the Mayor in 1930-1931 and a councillor from 1925-1929. He was employed at his father’s tannery business (McCordick Leathers Ltd.) which he took over in 1899. The file contains general correspondence including a complimentary season ticket for the All-Canada Exhibition in Toronto during August 1930 and flyers for the Workers’ Educational Association of Toronto which touted itself as the link between labour and learning. There are many letters of condolence to the citizens of St. Catharines who had lost loved ones. There was also discussion of the St. Catharines Bus Company Limited with the Canadian National Railways. An Unemployment Relief sheet for the week ending December 13, 1930 is enclosed, 1930.

14.2 Mayor McCordick – A campaign was started to build a new grandstand for the Henley Course at Port Dalhousie. A diagram of reserved seats and boxes is enclosed. Unemployment was a problem in St. Catharines. Relief tickets and the sale of potatoes as a healthful low cost food were discussed. The Unemployment Research Committee of Ontario wrote to Mayor McCordick regarding methods dealing with unemployment and relief. Unemployment Relief sheets for the weeks ending February 7 and 14, 1931 are enclosed. Board of Health estimates for 1931 are also enclosed, 1931-1932.

14.3 **Mayor Richard Menzies Robertson** (1902-1978) – He was the Mayor from 1949-1951. Mr. Robertson served as a councillor in 1944, 1945, 1947 and 1948. A newspaper article from the St. Catharines Standard on January 3, 1949 was entitled *Richard Robertson has Learned Secret of Success in Life* by Jimmie Simpson. Mayor Robertson’s inaugural speech is included. The Welland Avenue United Church was opposed to a Brewers’ Warehousing Company locating on Lake Street, January-April, 1949.

14.4 Mayor Robertson – The symbolic figure of the “Iron Man” was discussed. This was a figure of a fireman which was carried by the St. Catharines’ firemen in parades. It was “captured and retained” by other fire departments. A beautification campaign was held by Mayor Robertson in which citizens were encouraged to beautify the grounds around their homes. A copy of the *Rotary Club Gossip Sheet* for June 14, 1949 is enclosed. Mayor Robertson is featured in one of the articles. The St. Catharines Kiwanis Club built a recreational centre which opened in July of 1949. For public relations reasons, the Kiwanis Club invited the Maple Leaf Baseball Club of Toronto to come to St. Catharines and put on an exhibition game with the St. Catharines Stags. Unfortunately, the Toronto Baseball Club had no open dates open at that time. A list of oarsmen who won Dominion Championships was submitted by the Canadian.
Association of Amateur Oarsmen. A different list of names was submitted regarding Mayor Robertson’s beautification campaign, May-August, 1949

14.5 Mayor Robertson – Congratulatory letters for the Mayor’s beautification contest are included. Mr. James F. Howe was the first place winner. The Lincoln and Welland Regiment Association was formed on August 16, 1949 and a reunion for October of that year was planned. Yale and Towne employees who were members of the United Electrical Workers Union met with the Mayor regarding American imports and the threat of Canadian unemployment, 1 col. postcard, September-December, 1949

14.6 Mayor Robertson – The Mayor’s inaugural speech is enclosed. Information on the St. Catharines Stags Baseball Club is included as well as general correspondence, January-March, 1950

14.7 Mayor Robertson – This file contains minutes from the Children’s Aid Society of the City of St. Catharines from April 11, 1950. The Girl Guides Association had a celebration commemorating forty years of Girl Guiding in Canada. The event was held in Montebello Park. The first troop of Girl Guides to be formed anywhere on the North American Continent was formed in the City of St. Catharines. Mayor Robertson gave a greeting and address to the Girl Guides in which he honoured Mrs. A. H. Malcomson, founder of the association in St. Catharines. Dr. S.R. Laycock visited St. Catharines. He was the Dean of Education at the University of Saskatchewan. His biographical sketch is included, April-May, 1950

14.8 Mayor Robertson – Shut-Ins Day was observed on June 4, 1950. This was the 10th anniversary of this day which initiated in Goderich. A pamphlet is enclosed. There was discussion of an emergency railway strike, June-August, 1950

14.9 Mayor Robertson – An epidemic of ringworm was discussed. The Junior Lacrosse Club won the junior championship of the world. The rest of the letters are general correspondence, September-December, 1950

14.10 Mayor Robertson – The Mayor’s Inaugural Speech is included. The Vienna Boys’ Choir appeared in St. Catharines on Jan. 18, 1951. Mr. Coldwell, National Leader of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation was the guest of the Board of Education. The Community Nursing Registry of St. Catharines requested financial support from the St. Catharines City Council. Mrs. L.C. Andersen, Division Commissioner of the Girl Guides requested that the Story of the Scroll be sent to Mayor Robertson. A copy is included, January-February, 1951

14.11 Mayor Robertson – A mass safety meeting for all employees of industry was held by the Niagara Peninsula Division of Industrial Accident
Prevention Association. A flyer is included. Mayor Robertson’s business establishment [a warehouse] was almost totally destroyed by fire on March 4, 1951. A meeting was held to discuss problems relative to traffic movement across the Welland Canal, particularly at Welland, Homer and Port Colborne, March-April, 1951

14.12 Mayor Robertson – W.J. (Jimmy) Simpson submitted ideas for the promotion of the Garden City. The Public Utilities Commission of the City of St. Catharines submitted a balance statement. A tour of St. Catharines and district was held for the delegates to the Ninety-fifth Annual Session of the British Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, May-June, 1951

14.13 Mayor Robertson – A list of ten women that the Mayor deemed as outstanding in the community is included. The names included: Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. R.T. Shannon, Mrs. J. Cropper, Mrs. John W. Jacobsen, Mrs. J.J. Bench, Mrs. W.C. Vaughan, Mrs. J.H. Merriman, Miss Shirley Washer, Miss Margaret Lutman and Mrs. Thomas Weir. The Cleveland Indians Baseball Company sent a letter to the Mayor in regard to St. Catharines being considered for a future franchise in the Class “D” classification of organized baseball. The letter was signed by Eddie Stumpf, Business Director. A copy of The Indian News for August/September 1951 was enclosed with the letter, July-September, 1951

14.14 Mayor Robertson – Dr. McKinnon Phillips, Minister of Health, Ontario laid the cornerstone at the St. Catharines General Hospital. Simpson Motors advertised a garbage truck for sale. A photograph of the truck was included. There was discussion about whether or not the Market would be moved to the Armory Grounds, October-December, 1951

14.15 **Mayor John Smith** (1892-1977) – Served as Mayor from 1954-1957. He was a Councillor from 1940-1942, 1944-1948 and 1952-1953. He was elected as M.P. for the Lincoln Riding on June 10, 1957 and took his seat on October the 14th, but did not resign as Mayor. A radio report by Robert H. Saunders, Chairman of Ontario Hydro was aired on CFRB and other stations. The subject was frequency standardization and the report about this is enclosed, December 1953- February 1954

14.16 Mayor Smith – An article appeared in the St. Catharines Standard on March 20, 1954 in which the Mayor urged amalgamation between St. Catharines and a part of Grantham. The rest of the file is made up of general correspondence, March-April, 1954

14.17 Mayor Smith – Included are notes from the Niagara Region Land Use Coordinating Committee Conference which discussed land use in Niagara.
The Canadian Slovak Hall had its official opening on May 13, 1954. The Royal Black Preceptory No. 159 (Royal Black Knights of Ireland) planned to commemorate the Relief of Derry. They expected twelve to fifteen thousand visitors, May-July, 1954

14.18 Mayor Smith – The Police Association bargaining agreement was discussed. All municipal officials were asked to come to the assistance of the victims of the Toronto hurricane disaster, August-October, 1954

14.19 Mayor Smith – The Remembrance Day Address for Mayor Smith is enclosed. There is also a paper on *The Work of the Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium*. A letter containing assessment figures, tax rates, pension and welfare statistics is also within this file. Another letter outlines population, climate, housing and transportation in St. Catharines. The St. Catharines District Trades and Labor Council wrote to the Mayor regarding the closing of Central School. An unsigned letter was written to the Mayor to persuade him not to let married women be hired for jobs, November-December, 1954

15.1 Mayor Smith – At the first council meeting of the year, the Mayor gave a report which covered topics such as: amalgamation with Grantham Township, a sewage disposal plant and trunk sewerage system, an overpass at Geneva Street and the Queen Elizabeth Highway, metered parking on the Market and other off-street parking facilities, representation in Ottawa and Toronto in regard to the Homer Bridge, planning of the part of the Welland Canal which was to play a part in the St. Lawrence Seaway project, taking action against unemployment, updates of the St. Catharines Airport, proposal for a bookmobile, industrial development and repair to streets and sidewalks. Biographical information about the Mayor is also included. A list of leading city officials and departmental heads of the City of St. Catharines is within this file. The Office of Civil Defence submitted a proposed budget for 1955, January-March, 1955

15.2 Mayor Smith – A Home for the Aged committee was formed. The Davis Lumber Company Building Supply Super Market on Dunkirk Road made plans for their grand opening to be held in May. The opening was to feature the unveiling of a 30 foot high Totem Pole which was the largest Totem Pole east of British Columbia, 1 col. postcard, March-April, 1955

15.3 Mayor Smith – The Mayor gave a speech to observe Decoration Day on June 5th, 1955. There had been some discussion about swimming pool rates so a report was submitted. A Lake Ontario Search and Rescue Organization took shape which included various yacht clubs taking action, May-June, 1955
15.4 Mayor Smith – A report was submitted to the members of City Council regarding the cracks on top of the embankment fill at Glenridge. The World Boy Scout Jamboree was announced for August. This would be the first time a Scout Jamboree would be held outside of Europe. Plans for a joint home for the aged were discussed, July-September, 1955

15.5 Mayor Smith – A paper entitled *Tuberculosis – A Community Problem* is enclosed with information on the Easter Seal Campaign. Minutes from the Lincoln and Welland Canal Area Traffic Improvement Commission are enclosed, 1 b&w postcard, October-December, 1955

15.6 Mayor Smith – The chief of the Fire Department submitted some statistics on ambulance service. An address by W.M.V. Ash, Chairman of the Highway Safety Conference is included. The title of the speech is *One Day to Live*. Edward G. Pleva broke down *The Traffic Problem* into three major categories. Mayor Smith discussed the General Motors strike, January 1956

15.7 Mayor Smith – Shell Canada put out six posters in support of the drive to reduce traffic accidents. These six posters are enclosed. A list of salaries paid to officials in the City of St. Catharines is enclosed. A document outlining Bill Number Ninety Nine to amend the Fire Department Act is also enclosed, February-March, 1956

15.8 Mayor Smith – The St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce submitted its views to the Fowler Commission on Broadcasting in which they stated that The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had secured a monopoly on network broadcasting. This document is enclosed. Information on the St. Catharines and District Association for Retarded [handicapped] Children is also included. Mayor Smith’s remarks on the 80th anniversary of St. Catharines are within this file, April 1956

15.9 Mayor Smith – General correspondence, May-June, 1956

15.10 Mayor Smith – The building of a new bridge on Welland Vale Road was discussed. The rest of the file is general correspondence including a thank you letter from The Mary Schmon Singers for a grant which was awarded to them, July-August, 1956

15.11 Mayor Smith – Biographical material on Mayor Smith is enclosed. Minutes of the meeting of the Lincoln and Welland Canal Area Traffic Improvement Committee are included. The Russian Minister of Fisheries visited St. Catharines and were met by a small demonstration. J.J. Shanahan, Veteran of the 1st and 2nd World Wars submitted one of his poems to the Mayor. The poem’s title is *O Canada Fights with United Nations*. Clean Air Week was discussed. A special committee found that
Atlas Steel in Welland and Cyanamid in Niagara Falls caused pollution, but St. Catharines did not have a problem. A flyer from the Baltic Federation in Canada is also within this file. It is entitled *Facts Warn: Communism = Deportations, Torture, Murder*, September-October, 1956

15.12 Mayor Smith – The Hungarian Christian Association of St. Catharines was helping the Hungarian people in their quest to attain freedom in their home country. A document entitled *Negotiating with the United Steelworkers of America* is within this file. There was a suggestion that the St. Catharines Community Centre on Dieppe Road should be made available as a school for the Retarded [handicapped] Children’s Association. The St. Catharines and District Big Brothers Constitution is included. Plans were in place for the official opening of the Arthur A. Schmon Nurses’ Residence, 1 b&w photo, November-December, 1956

15.13 Mayor Smith – Includes Mayor Smith’s inaugural address. Low rental housing in St. Catharines continued to be an issue. CHCH TV requested an interview with the Mayor. The city of St. Catharines was to be featured on a CHCH show called *Ontario Tonight*. The Ontario Temperance Federation of Toronto, Ontario sent out bulletin no.4 which was called *Examine the Facts*. An announcement that Mayor Smith was seeking nomination as Progressive Conservative Candidate for Lincoln is also included, January 1957

15.14 Mayor Smith – Included are minutes of the Planning Board of the City of St. Catharines Planning Area. Minutes of a sub-committee appointed by the Local Employment Advisory Committee are also included. A special defence briefing conference was held in Arnprior for the Canadian Federation of Mayors. Mayor Smith received congratulatory letters on being chosen as the Progressive-Conservative Party candidate. The Mayor supported the efforts to rehabilitate the R.C.S.C.C. Ship “Renown” in Kinavy Park, February-March, 1957

15.15 Mayor Smith – A workshop on rehabilitation was held by the Handicapped Association of the Niagara District. *Examine the Facts* no.5 from the Ontario Temperance Federation is included. A list of outstanding women in the community included: M. Jean King, Helen Lancaster, Kathleen Schiller, Waneita Peirson and Ethel Aaroe. In reply to an inquiry, the Mayor wrote that the Protestant Orphans’ Home on Ontario Street was discontinued and the Home Building was sold to the Hotel Dieu Hospital and used as a Nurses’ Home. The assets from the Orphan’s Home were used to build a home for the aged. Information on the Horticultural Society including the Horticultural Societies Act are enclosed. A statement of receipts and disbursements for May 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957 from the Niagara Grape Festival Committee is within this file, April-May, 1957
15.16 Mayor Smith – *Examine the Facts* no.6 from the Ontario Temperance Federation is included. There was discussion about improvement to Port Dalhousie Bridges. The ongoing Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal submitted a report on their expenditures. The 1957 Grape Festival budget is enclosed. There was a plan put in place to improve the roads, buildings and grounds at the airport, June-July, 1957

15.17 Mayor Smith – Clean-up of the Old Welland Canal was discussed. A pamphlet entitled *Welfare Services in Ontario* is also enclosed. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners are also within this file, August-October, 1957

15.18 Mayor Smith -Safe Driving Week was observed, November-December, 1957

15.19 **Mayor Walter James Westwood** (1865-1937) held the title of Mayor in 1936. Between the years of 1915 and 1935 spent time as a counsellor. At the time of his death, he was a Chief Magistrate. Included is the Mayor’s inaugural address. The Coloured [Black/Negro] Community Hall (Building Hall Committee) which was located at 123 Chestnut Street requested that the Mayor make a speech at their annual picnic in August, in Port Dalhousie. The letter was signed by B.J. Spencer Pitt [This was a precursor to Emancipation Day which was established in Ontario in 2008], January 1936-August 1937

15.20 **Mayor John David Wright** (1872-1948) held the position of Mayor from 1928-1929 and 1937-1938. He owned Wright’s Sanitary Bakery at 55 ½ Geneva Street. He served as a councillor from 1921-1926, 1930 and 1931. This file contains general correspondence, 1928

15.21 Mayor Wright – Plans were made for the visit of Mr. Albert Chamberlain, President and Founder of The British Welcome and Welfare League. The St. Catharines Flying Club organized the opening of the Niagara District Airport. Rides were given to people at the opening and a tragedy occurred that was dubbed the “worst aviation disaster in eastern Canada”. A skyways six-passenger monoplane crashed and exploded near Lock 15 of the Welland Canal. The dead included: Frank Bradfield, age 39 who was the pilot; J.A. McDonald, age 42 who was the official photographer for the Welland Ship Canal; Mrs. Agnes Bennett, age 37; John F.L. Bond, age 33; Allan Bond, age 7 and Louis Bennett, age 22. Letters of condolence to the victims’ families are included. Other issues include the local armories which were in demand for use as a roller rink and an exhibition places, 1929
15.22 Mayor Wright – The Mayor’s inauguration address is included. There was a rumour that the Mayor was in favour of the operation of slot machines. The Mayor emphatically stated that he was opposed to the illegal use of slot machines. The Mayor issued loyal greetings to their majesties King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of their Coronation. A poem entitled *The Garden City* was submitted to the Mayor by Elsie M. Fry whose nom de plume was Roberta Francis, 1937

16.1 Mayor Wright – Mayor Wright’s inaugural speech is enclosed. The Polish community of St. Catharines looked to the Mayor to retrieve the charter and stamp the Canadian Polish Society from their former president so that they might revitalize the society. History of the Order of the Masonic-affiliated Order of Amaranth is enclosed. The order was created by Christina, Queen of Sweden in 1653. B.J. Spencer Pitt wrote that the Negro [Black/Coloured] Convention sponsored by the Universal Negro Improvement Association would be convening in Toronto in August. They were trying to have the President-General [Marcus Garvey] as their speaker [This was a precursor to Emancipation Day which was established in Ontario in 2008], January -July, 1938

16.2 Mayor Wright – Monarch Knitting Company was involved in a deadlock in a grievance situation. The Mayor sent a congratulatory letter to Major E.F. McCordick. The men of the Tenth (St. Catharines) Field Battery won the Governor-General’s Cup and six other trophies, September-December, 1938

16.3 **McKinnon Industries** and **H.J. Carmichael, President** – Contains correspondence which mainly deals with people looking for jobs. A fire report is included regarding a fire which took place on June 15, 1932 in building H. This was caused by a flash at the oil tank. A list of the number of employees and total wages paid from October 1936 to January 1939 is also included. Blueprints of the curve for the siding on the new fuse building are also within this file. A strike took place in 1941 and is documented in *McKinnon General Motors Facts* of September 20, 1941. There are also blueprints of the new die building with changes to the sewer layout and a profile of the proposed siding scales, 1925-1945 (non-inclusive)

16.4 McKinnon Industries – A diagram of the proposed location of the gasoline pump and underground storage tank is enclosed. The suggestion of staff housing was proposed. A diagram of a four truck ramp and clock house at building number 8 was also provided. A photograph of an overview of the company is included, as well as specifications for the construction of a tunnel under Ontario St. The Pleasant Avenue parking lot was also discussed, 1 b&w photo, 1946-1959 (non-inclusive)
16.5 McKinnon Industries – Blueprints and diagrams including: Scheme no.1, layout of buildings on McKinnon Industries property, the new die building with changes to the sewer layout, layout of the south east corner of department 42, changes to export siding, layout of plant no.1 showing ex. buildings and layout of Pleasant Avenue parking lot, 1937-1959 (non-inclusive)

16.6 McKinnon Industries – Reports, Conferences etc. with reference to Negro [Black/coloured] labour brought from other municipalities. Included in this file are correspondence, clippings and lists which deal with this matter. There is a list of men sent to work at McKinnon Industry by Reverend J. Ivan Moore. Their names, addresses specific jobs and ethnicity are listed. Alderman Miss Estelle Cuff and a small committee condemned General Motors by stating that approximately 110 workers, skilled and unskilled had been imported into the city by the said company. The council was concerned as to what percentage of these people would become relief charges. Miss Cuff failed to envisage the broad benefit to the economy of the whole of St. Catharines. She said that her statement was unintentionally and inadvertently published. The number included seven coloured workers. A list of employees furnished by McKinnon Industries lists names, addresses and jobs. A list of hospitalization costs for McKinnon Industries is provided as well as a list of men temporarily on relief. There is also a letter to Mr. Smith, City Clerk regarding the names of coloured employees which were no longer employed by McKinnon Industries. These men were advised not to stay in the city with the hopes of being taken on at a future date. This was signed by W.A. Wecker of McKinnon Industries. Alderman Barley, Chairman of the Finance Committee called a special meeting to interview Mr. Wecker concerning employment of coloured labour at the company plant, 1938

16.7 McKinnon Industries – On September 19, 1955 a strike was called at McKinnon Industries. Proposals for increased wages and improved benefits were offered to workers. The union was demanding a “Guaranteed Annual Wage”. Insurance benefits were also offered. The strike involved 17,000 workers of General Motors in five major cities of Ontario. The strike lasted for 148 days, 1955-1956

16.8 McNulty, James C., M.P. for Riding of Lincoln – Correspondence addressed to Mr. McNulty regarding the Unemployment Insurance Act and issues involving the Welland Ship Canal, 1972

16.9 Memorial Service, His Majesty King George V, died January 20th, 1936 – Funeral January 28th, 1936 – Included is a badge and ribbon for the royal mourning period. There are pages from The Ontario Gazette and The Canada Gazette, a proclamation that January 28th would be a public holiday to be observed in national mourning and a program for the Civic
Memorial Service which was held in St. Paul’s United Church in St. Catharines, 1936

16.10 **Memorial Service, His Majesty King George VI**, died February 6th, 1952 – Funeral February 15th, 1952 – Included is a page from The Ontario Gazette, a program for the Civic Memorial Service which was held at St. Catharines Collegiate, correspondence and clippings, 1952

16.11 **Merritt, Late Honourable William Hamilton** – Honour Ceremony which was held on June 26, 1959. This ceremony was sponsored by the Municipal Council of the City of St. Catharines and took place at Memorial Park at the Merritt Monument in St. Catharines. It was held on the occasion of the official opening ceremony of the St. Lawrence Seaway in St. Lambert, Quebec by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Included are clippings, lists of invited guests and correspondence. An official program of the event is enclosed as well as programs for other events which took place during that same time period including: The Christening of the “Seaway Queen”, the official opening of the restored McFarland Home, McCormick Dam power opening and director’s visit and the dedication ceremony of the Niagara Falls illumination board, 1959

16.12 **Merritton, Town of** – Included is general correspondence regarding the Town of Merritton. Issues include: sewer systems, the fire department, assessment problems (the services of Ronald T. Keating were acquired), paving of Lincoln and Jacobson Avenues, an inquiry regarding a cemetery in Merritton, annexation of part of Grantham Township into the Town of Merritton, Merritton Community Day and Second Welland Canal clean-up. Also included, are Town of Merritton by-laws no. 663 and 681 (zoning and building by-laws). Merritton Municipal Officials for 1954 are also listed, 1926-1960 (non-inclusive)

16.13 **Miller Road Race Committee** – The committee asked if they could recognize the presence of Robert Rankine [Rankine was probably the greatest runner of his time. He was male athlete of the year in 1935] in St. Catharines on May 25th, 1936. The City Council did not grant this request, but appropriated ten dollars to the group to defray the cost of prizes for a race held in May of 1936. Mr. James Miller was President of the Miller Road Race Committee and Springburn Club of St. Catharines, 1936-1937

16.14 **Morgan, J. Trevor M.P** (1923-1989), Riding of St. Catharines. Mr. Morgan was a Progressive Conservative party member of the House of Commons of Canada. In 1954, Morgan was a councillor for Port Dalhousie. He then served as Port Dalhousie’s Reeve from 1956 to 1960.
From 1962 to 1968, he served as an Alderman in St. Catharines. Between 1969 and 1972 was a councillor for the Niagara Region. He was first elected at the St. Catharines riding in the 1972 general election. He served his term in the 29th Canadian Parliament, but was defeated at St. Catharines by Gilbert Parent in the 1974 federal election. This file contains correspondence and documents which deal with the high water levels in the Great Lakes, particularly Lakes Ontario and Erie, 1973-1974

16.15 Mundialization of St. Catharines, Twinning with Port of Spain, Trinidad – Correspondence and a document declaring Mundialization between St. Catharines and Port-of-Spain, Trinidad signed by Mayor Mackenzie A. Chown of St. Catharines and witnessed by Mayor J. Hamilton Holder of Port-of-Spain, 1968, 1972

16.16 Museum, St. Catharines – Mr. Alex W. Ormston was appointed as interim administrator of the museum. Operating estimates for the year 1972 for the St. Catharines Historical Museum are enclosed. A brief regarding the museum was submitted to City Council on April 24, 1972. The museum submitted applications for registration as a charitable organization. A 1973 list of the Board of Directors is enclosed. Mr. Samuel D. Woodruff was appointed to fill the office of Mr. John Quinlan on the St. Catharines Historical Museum Board. A brief on the demolition of old buildings in St. Catharines was submitted to the Mayor and City Council from The St. Catharines Historical Museum Board. Alderman Joseph LaPlante filled a vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of Alderman Kirby Howe. The Constitution of the St. Catharines Historical Museum is enclosed, 1972-1974

16.17 National War Finance Committee – This file contains a copy of The Budget and You issued by the National War Finance Committee of Canada and a copy of War Finance Review Published by the National War Finance Committee for its voluntary workers across Canada. Worker’s reports are included. A great emphasis was put on the Victory Loan. The third Victory Loan parade was held in 1942. Suggested speech drafts are included as well as Victory Loan flyers and an application for a Victory Loan. The Daily Dagger Digger listed salesmen and totals received, 1942-1945

16.18 Navy League – The Navy League was granted land for the cadets. There was to be a building, which, when complete would become the property of the Navy League to be supervised under by the Ontario Division of the Navy League and operated under the jurisdiction of the Kinsmen Club of St. Catharines. Out of gratitude, the Navy League invited the Mayor and City Council to participate in a cruise on Lake Ontario. It was suggested that the Navy League Building which was located on the Armory grounds,
be moved to Kinavy Park. The Kinavy Park lands were leased to the Navy League for a term of ten years, 1941-1942, 1952

16.19 **Newman Bros., Limited** – Damage to Sidewalk at Deanery – Newman Brothers was charged with damaging the Deanery sidewalk during construction of the Deanery on Lyman Street. Newman Brothers denied these charges stating that the sidewalk needed repair before the job was begun, 1957-1960

16.20 **Niagara District Hydro-Electric** – Correspondence regarding workmen’s compensation, 1936

16.21 **Niagara Editorial Bureau [see also Ontario Editorial Bureau]** – Contains correspondence and press releases including a broadcast script for John Fisher as he reported on St. Catharines, Ontario. There is also a petition from the Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans for rehabilitation and benefits. Many of the press releases extol St. Catharines as an ideal city. A copy of the *Police News* (May-June, 1949) contains an article on St. Catharines. A Niagara Editorial Bureau flyer is also enclosed, 1946-1949

16.22 Niagara Editorial Bureau – Correspondence and press releases. Prime Minister St. Laurent [12th Prime Minister of Canada, from 15 November 1948 to 21 June 1957] was welcomed to the city. A list of correspondence, press releases, advertising and services for 1951 is also within this file, 1950-1952

16.23 **Niagara Grape Festival** – Contains flyers, correspondence and bumper stickers. Certificates of award were handed out to the city and to Mayor Smith for contributing to the success of the first annual Niagara Grape Festival. Subsequent certificates were also awarded to the Mayor. Documents regarding the Vintage and Pioneer Car Run are included as well as the program for the Grape Festival of September 25, 1953 and rules for the Grape Queen contest. A program for the 1954 parade and map of the parade route are also within this file, 1 b&w photo, 1952-1955

16.24 Niagara Grape Festival – Minutes of the meetings of the Canadian Wine Institute are within this file, as well as correspondence and programs of events. A Grape Festival ribbon and a flyer for the 1956 festival are also included, as well as certificates of appreciation. In 1958, the title changed to the Niagara Grape and Vintage Festival. In 1960, the name changed to the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, 1956-1960

16.25 **Niagara Grape and Wine Festival** – Much of the correspondence in this file consists of requests by various groups to sell refreshments at the parade. Also included, is a report to the City of St. Catharines Canadian
Wine Institute Ontario Grape Growers’ Marketing Board submitted by Alderman William Dickson, 1971-1973

16.26 Niagara Parks Commission – General correspondence – Most of this pertains to the 1929 Ontario Fireman’s Convention, 1928-1953 (non-inclusive)

16.27 Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium – Includes a proposal from 1929 to the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines, Ontario for the construction of a modern Tubercular Sanatorium. A grant of $25,000.00 was given to the building fund of the sanatorium. Subsequent grants were also given. A Buy Christmas Seals flyer from 1935 is enclosed. Minutes of the meetings of the Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium Association are also within this file. There is also a copy of the Fourth Annual Report of the Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium Association of 1954 which contains photographs of Dr. Shaver and other officials as well as officers of the Central Council of Christmas Seal Sale Units. A list of nursery mothers and other employees of City Hall were x-rayed in 1960. Their x-ray results are noted, 1928-1960 (non-inclusive)

16.28 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – Included is the expense account of the City Clerk’s Office for taking the votes of electors on a proposed by-law to authorise a franchise agreement with the Canadian National Railway in 1925. Topics within this file include: rehabilitation of tracks, St. Catharines statistics for 1927-1928, bus service on Glenridge, repairs to pavement adjacent to street railway lines, alteration in bus routes and the cost of fares to Port Dalhousie. There is also an article on electric railways. Fares were a dominant point of discussion as well as depreciation in bus operation, 1925-1936

16.29 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – Contains an application to the Provincial Highway Department for approval for bus service from St. Catharines to the Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium, and from St. Catharines to Port Colborne. There was also a proposed service from St. Catharines to Niagara Falls. An application was submitted for the railway company to operate passenger buses between Hamilton and Niagara Falls. Included is a blueprint of Canadian National Railways relocation of tracks. This blueprint includes McKinnon Industries, Port Dalhousie and the Ontario Street crossing. The discontinuation of operation of electric passenger cars between St. Catharines and Niagara Falls was discussed. Homer vicinity residents petitioned for an extension of bus service to the Welland Ship Canal. Within this file there is also a map of the 1941 Catherine Street Route, Geneva York Route and Lake Carleton Route, 1937-1942

16.30 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – There was a problem with smoking and a considerable amount of spitting on buses and streetcars. A
comparative statement of passengers carried, mileage operated, revenue per mile and operating expenses per mile for 1934 to 1943 is included. A by-law was passed to prohibit smoking on streetcars. Transport commissioners had no jurisdiction over buses. Income statements for railways and coaches are included. There was discussion about removal of track on Queenston Street Bridge as well as talk about traffic congestion on Ontario Street between King and St. Paul Streets. In 1947, a fares schedule was discussed, 1943-1947

17.1 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – Bus stops were discussed, including a bus and streetcar stop in front of the Hotel Leonard on St. Paul Street. There was proposed abandonment of railway tracks on Queenston Street – Victoria Lawn Route. Macdonald Gardens Subdivision petitioned to have bus service provided to their district. Proposed fare increases were discussed. Substitution of motor buses for electric cars was also discussed. A pamphlet entitled *What are the Facts about Municipally-Owned Transit?* is enclosed. Development of St. Catharines’ industrial area was a topic of discussion, 1948-1950

17.2 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – There was a proposal to remove the crossing gates at Niagara Street (blueprints are enclosed). Statements of revenue, income and expenses of bus operations are included. A blueprint of the track on Welland Avenue is within the file as well as a blueprint of the crossing gates at Niagara Street. A blueprint of a plan of tracks between Niagara Street and Queenston Street is also provided. Smoking on buses continued to be an issue, 1951-1952

17.3 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – A resolution to increase fares was passed. Statements of revenues and expenses are enclosed. There was a petition from Glenridge residents not to change the bus route. McKinnon Industries relocated their propane gas tank (a blueprint is enclosed). A review of the bus operation schedule was slated for discussion, 1953-1954

17.4 Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway – There were suggestions for bus schedules on poles at transfer points. An informal conference was held at the City Clerk’s Office regarding bus operations. An N.S. & T. Bus Services schedule, effective September 18, 1955 is enclosed. A survey was conducted on mass transportation. The report is included. Changes were proposed for a number of routes. A bus schedule, effective April 26, 1959 is also enclosed, 1955-1959

17.5 **O- General Correspondence**, 1971-1973 includes:
Oakville, Corporation of the Town of
Ontario…A New Awareness
Ontario Conference on Local Government
Ontario Council of Regents for Colleges an Applied Arts and Technology
Ontario Genealogical Society
Ontario Goodroads Association
Ontario Municipal Recreation Association
Ontario Progressive Conservative Party
Ontario Safety League
Ontario Swimming Pool Association
Ontario Theatre Festival
Ontario Youth Summer Enterprises

17.6 **Ontario Editorial Bureau** [see also Niagara Editorial Bureau] – Press releases and correspondence including many messages written for Mayor John Franklin. One of the greetings from the Mayor contains a picture of him. A copy of a story covering the City of St. Catharines is also included. This was put out for publication in the *Liberal Advocate*, 1952-1953


17.8 Ontario Editorial Bureau – Press releases and correspondence including a flyer from Zonta International regarding the Amelia Earhart Graduate Scholarship for Women. A breakdown of populations, religions and nationalities for St. Catharines and district for 1956 is enclosed. A very detailed description of St. Catharines for publication in the *Liberal Advocate*, 1957 is also included. A St. Catharines City advertisement which was to appear in the *Financial Post* is also within this file as well as a biography of Captain James Norris, 1956-1957

17.9 Ontario Editorial Bureau – Press releases and correspondence including a program for the Western Ontario and Niagara Peninsula Sectional Championship (skating) sponsored by the Winter Club of St. Catharines, January 7-9, 1960. Also included are biographical notes on Mayor John Franklin, 1958-1961

17.10 **Ontario Paper Company** – Includes an Ontario Paper Company shipping chart which includes newsprint transportation points and pulpwood transportation points. Some correspondence and clippings are also within the file, including 1952 promotions within the company, 1934-1955 (non-inclusive)

17.11 Ontario Paper Company – *Thorold News*, 1942
17.12 **Ottawa – Preservation of Lock 3 Old Welland Canal** – Correspondence 1931, 1933

17.13 **Ottawa – Prime Minister of Canada** – Correspondence between The City of St. Catharines and Prime Ministers W.L. Mackenzie King, Louis St. Laurent, Q.C., and John Diefenbaker. Most of the correspondence deals with motions and resolutions put forward in St. Catharines. Letters from the Prime Ministers were written by their personal secretaries. Also included is a brief which was presented to the St. Catharines City Council by representatives of the Local Union of the United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. The title of the brief is *Total War Production*, 1936-1960 (non-inclusive)

17.14 **Packard Electric Company Limited** – Correspondence regarding land exchange at Geneva, Race, Bond and Mill Streets. Some blueprints are included. Drainage conditions at No. 2 Plant Site (with blueprints) are discussed as well as Chestnut Street parking facilities. The widening of Dieppe Road was also under discussion, and a map is included, 1936-1960 (non-inclusive)

17.15 Packard Electric Company Limited – Blueprints including: Plan of the property of Packard Electric Company, 1928; Plan of part of Lot 16, Concession 6 – Grantham Township, 1937; Part block plan showing new oven, proposed new extension in place of old oven, 1937; Plan showing part of Lots no. 16 and 17, Concession 6 – Grantham, 1938; Plan showing part of Lots 78 and 79 shown of corporation plan no.2, 1940; Packard Electric Company property as plotted from apparent intention of descriptions, n.d. and Plan showing a proposed subdivision of part of Lots 13 and 14, Concessions 8 and 9 – Township of Grantham now Town of Merritton and City of St. Catharines, 1957.

17.16 **Parade – Arranged by Mayor Daley for Promotion of Sale of War Savings Certificates** - Includes correspondence regarding the planning of the parade and clippings from the February 16, 1941 parade. Letters of appreciation are also included, 1941

17.17 **Parade – Arranged by Mayor Daley for The Victory Loan Campaign** – Includes invitation letters to the parade planned for June 8, 1941. The parade route is outlined and the participants are listed. Other Victory Loan Parades were held on October 18, 1942, May 9, 1943 and October 31, 1943. Participants and parade routes are provided., 1941-1943

17.18 **Parades, Military, Clubs, Organizations etc.** – Requests to hold parades, 1972-1973
17.19 **Park Properties – Southerly Annexed Area of City** – Correspondence and clippings pertaining to park properties east of Glenridge Avenue area and north of Boyle Road. The city purchased 22 acres of land from Mr. Wilfred Belton on Boyle Road. Plans and a blueprint are included. The park is currently named Woodgale Park, 1955-1959 (non-inclusive)

17.20 **Parking Lot – Municipal – Area Adjacent to 157 King St. and Extending through to Church St.** – Correspondence, dealings with land owners, blueprints and tenders for operation of the parking lot are included, 1954-1959 (non-inclusive)

17.21-17.22 **Parking Lot – Municipal – Mary and Chestnut Streets** – Contains a brief on off-street parking in downtown St. Catharines. Lists of proposed land purchases on Mary and Chestnut Streets are included. $497,500.00 was borrowed by the City of St. Catharines so pay for acquiring and establishing a municipal parking lot. Also included is a list showing the owners of property on Academy Street from St. Paul to King Street who received letters regarding the by-law to acquire land for the proposed parking of vehicles. Documents and correspondence deal with property owners and acquisition of property, 1959-1961

17.23 **Parks and Recreation Dept. – Arena Matters** – Contains a contract between the St. Catharines Hockey Club and the Recreation Commission of the City of St. Catharines. A fund shortage occurred at the Garden City Arena. Correspondence deals with: lacrosse, rental of the Rex Stimers Arena, Buffalo Sabres training camp in St. Catharines, wrestling shows at the Garden City Arena, St. Catharines Summer Hockey School, operation of a Black Hawk Junior “A” Club in St. Catharines, an addition to the Garden City Arena and rental rates. The file also contains information relating to negotiations between the St. Catharines Hockey Club and the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines. A feasibility study for enlarging the seating capacity and ancillary areas in the Garden City Area is also enclosed, as well as architectural drawings. Mr. Paul Emms, General Manager of the St. Catharines Black Hawks, requested more space in the arena. Junior O.H.A. attendance comparison figures are also included as well as a contract between the Buffalo Sabres Hockey Club and the Corporation of St. Catharines, 1969, 1972

17.24 **Parks and Recreation Dept. – Arena Matters** – Correspondence deals with: Rental of the arenas, a drive for funds to build the Bill Burgoyne Memorial Arena, summer figure skating school, the Buffalo Sabres training camp in St. Catharines. A report was submitted by Swan Wooster Engineering Company on the inspection and structural analysis of the Garden City Arena, Rex Stimers Arena and Merritton Arena. A contract between the St. Catharines Summer Hockey School and the Corporation of St. Catharines is also included, 1973
17.25 Parks and Recreation Dept. – General Correspondence – Topics include: a Christopher Street playground, a proposed park at Cliffords Creek, Lions Memorial Swimming Pool renovations (Merritton), Boomerangs Camping Club, Regional Summer Games, summer rowing school, playground equipment on school grounds, Line fence on Ted Street and Lancaster Park (photographs are included), downtown beautification and proposed development of Hydro lands in Twelve Mile Valley. This file also contains a report to the general committee of City Council on buffer landscaping, 4 col. photos, January-June, 1972

17.26 Parks and Recreation Dept. – General Correspondence – Topics include: proposed tennis courts at Guy Road Park, guidelines for project development, Morningstar Mill maintenance, Vine Street Medical Clinic, Niagara Regional Summer Games and requests from schools for ice rinks. A brief for a swimming pool at West Park Secondary School is also included, July-December, 1972

17.27 Parks and Recreation Dept. – General Correspondence – Topics include: Rental purchase of an aerial tower, study of the weed cutting program, Grantham Family Y.M.C.A., St. Catharines Folk Arts Festival, student summer employment program, Merritton Figure Skating Club, St. Catharines Ladies Softball, Opportunities for Youth program, Veterans Unlimited, softball at Lancaster Park, Holy Name Youth Organization Minor Hockey League of St. Catharines, playground equipment, downtown beautification, lease of land to Niagara Frontier Caterers, Welland Rose Festival Parade, a park site on Haig Street and St. Catharines Day on Henley Island, January-June, 1973

17.28 Parks and Recreation Dept. – General Correspondence – Topics include: Roadside mowing on Regional Roads, West Park swimming pool facility, Leander Rowing Alumni Association, Ontario Youth Summer Enterprises Program enterprises to paint playground equipment, Grape Festival band concerts, Victoria Lawn Cemetery long range development program, senior citizens centre and abandoned cemeteries in the City of St. Catharines and outdoor natural rinks, July-December, 1973

17.29 Parks and Recreation Dept. – Lakeside Park – Much of the correspondence deals with Henry’s Boats at Port Dalhousie. The proprietor was Henry Bernhart. Other topics include: softball at Lakeside Park, the tile bed at Lakeside Park, amusements at Lakeside Park and high water levels at Lakeside Park, 1970-1975

18.1 Photographs of Election Candidates including: Wilf Bald, Myles Leeson of Merritton, Mackenzie A. Chown, Bernard Cooperman, Mr. Maroney, Trevor Morgan, Bob Bell, Bill Marshall, Tom Quinlan, John

18.2 Photographs from the St. Catharines Standard including: The 15th Annual Scouts’ Religious Service, Ridley Cadet Corps., St. Catharines Curling Club including President M.C. “Bert” Aikens, members of the Welland Regiment, Lincoln Music Festival including John Sankey, jets over Thompson Products, Ernest McCulley, Steven Davidovich, D.A. Garvie, Dr. Frank Turner and John Davis, Merritton Lions event, St. Catharines Horse Show with Lt. Gov. Breithaupt, four members of the Mack School from the class of 1912, Elizabeth Kenworthy, Florence McArter and James Brighty, aftermath of the Niagara-on-the-Lake twister, picnic for the blind, St. Saviour’s Memorial Church, Miles Morrow, Phil Michlin, Roy Hock and F. Okey and a riot at the Guelph Reformatory, 24 b&w photographs, 1952

18.3 Photographs from the St. Catharines Standard including: Municipal Beach; Culp Family Reunion; bus for the Salvation Army Fresh Air Camp; soap box derby: Niagara Grape Queen; D. McKenzie and J. Nicholson; art class; violinists; George Drew; Niagara Cottage Hospital; British Amateur Open Champ; rowers including Jackie Pearce and Bill Hammond; Buffalo and St. Catharines rowing teams; Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Berndt’s 50th wedding anniversary; Major McGuiness; John Murray; Doris Green Beuler; Tommy Sumbler; Coronation Parade floats [see also file 6.2] including: McKinnon Industries parade float, Lion’s parade float and Bright’s Wines parade float; Thorold Canadian Corps. on parade in Port Dalhousie at the corner of Main and Lock Street; civil defence; Grantham Lions photo; Alex Sinclair of the Canadian Sea Cadets; the scout pool; Lion’s Club photos; MacDonald Avenue, Thorold; Dr. Theophilus Mack Chapter of the I.O.D.E; Southgate Park being built; Harry Mooradian and Jack Abel; Collegiate Cadets; Betty Billiard and Mrs. Norman Marshall; Ernest Smith; Covello Brothers backhoe; Boy Scout, Gerry Michaud on his way to the Coronation; St. Catharines Coronation church service and other Coronation pictures; Ridley Cadet Corps; Beamsville High School Girl Cadet Corps. and air show parachutists, 68 b&w photographs, 1953

18.4 Photographs – from the St. Catharines Standard - undated and not labelled. Pictures include: a convalescent facility, established in 1937 which was first called the Hamilton Nursing Residence. It was shortly thereafter named Bellevue Lodge Convalescent Home. It was on the corner of Monck and Bellevue Terrace in St. Catharines; police retrieving a pair of coveralls found in the woods; Carney’s Hardware Store, Thorold; photos from Pelham High School; Town of Niagara water tower; Welland Canal; speed boat races; young curling champions; a concert in the park featuring Ukrainian dancers [the stage is adorned with Union Jacks]; work for
crippled [handicapped] children; a car repair shop; Table Rock House, Niagara Falls; A broken bridge; a smashed car at a railway crossing; Ambulance attendants loading and unloading patients; Bright’s Wines parade float; a part of a parade in front of the Hotel Leonard and in front of the Lincoln Theatre; the flight locks; the old Lincoln County Jail on Niagara Street; the lift bridge at Port Robinson?; Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent at City Hall [?] in the 1950s; St. Paul Crescent going down to the lower level bridge (east side of old canal); St. Paul Crescent heading to the lower level bridge (Burgoyne Bridge is in the distance) – east side of old canal; Mrs. Embury; some of the members of the Merritton Branch of the Canadian Legion; Mr. and Mrs. Leeson celebrating an anniversary; St. John Ambulance members; The “Scott Misener” ship and a plowing contest featuring the oldest plowman and the best plowman, 57 b&w photos, n.d.

18.5 Picnic – Civic Picnic – Alderman A.F. Goring, Chairman of the Civic Development Committee of the City Council was delegated to organize a municipal picnic. The picnic was held for members of all Civic Boards and Commissions and their employees. The picnic was held at Queenston Heights Park each year. Included are plans, correspondence and invitations, 1936-1937, 1939

18.6 Playground Management Committee – Correspondence deals with a teen-age recreation program, supervised playgrounds, use of public-school grounds including equipment and the creation of crafts. A copy of resolution no. 163 concerning supervised playgrounds is enclosed as well as Playground Management Committee reports. The possibility of providing softball activities for boys and girls was also explored. Applications for the supervisor of playgrounds are also within this file, as is, a flyer entitled Safe Playground Equipment. There is also a report on supervised playgrounds., 1943-1945

18.7 Playground Management Committee – Contains a report on the training of playground supervisors. File contains letters of application for the position of playground supervisor. Permits for operating playgrounds are enclosed for: Victoria School, Prince of Wales School, Memorial School, Edith Cavell School, Central School and Alexandra School. A playground budget for 1946 is also enclosed. A 1946 report of the Chief Supervisor, Thomas E. Orr is also within this file, as well as a supervised playgrounds annual report for the same year and an inventory of playground equipment. Chief Supervisor Morrison submitted a 1947 report on playgrounds, 1946-1948

18.8 Plebiscite – April 27th, 1942 regarding the Method of Raising Men for Military – Included is an address broadcast by the Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, M.P. entitled National Security – The Issue in the
Plebiscite. In this document, King states that the “issue is not conscription but powers of government...It is in the face of this peril that for the defence of our freedom and of our country, the government asks you to give it a free hand”. Correspondence and polling stations are within this file, as well as Tim Buck’s Appeal – Vote “Yes” on the Plebiscite which was put out by the Tim Buck Plebiscite Committee, 1942

18.9 Post-War Projects – Included is a paper by Frederick M. Babcock of Washington D.C. entitled Housing, Now and in the Post-War Era. An item entitled Minister Says Plan Prepared for Peace-Time appeared in the Nov. 3, 1942 Hamilton Spectator. Dr. F. Cyril James, Chairman of the Committee on Reconstruction outlined the basic problems of reconstruction. A questionnaire regarding the after-war program was given to each city by the Citizen’s Research Institute of Canada. General post-war planning was outlined, as well as post-war planning for youth. The St. Catharines Suburban Roads Commission submitted a report on post-war reconstruction. Post-war development of parks and playgrounds was also discussed. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce put out a booklet called A Program for Reconstruction. There was also a flyer put out by the Citizens’ Joint National Committee for Post-War Organization. The Junior Chamber of Commerce proposed projects for reconstruction work. Some of these proposed projects included: public tennis courts, a new bus terminal, a covered market and a provincial park at Effingham. The agenda of a Post-War Reconstruction Committee Meeting is also included, 1942-1943

18.10 Post-War Projects – Most of the correspondence focuses on the Post-War Planning Committee. The Department of Planning and Development at Queen’s Park, Toronto submitted explanatory notes for a report of proposed post-war public works projects including: highways, bridges, airports, sewers, schools, hospitals, public buildings and parks. A survey of post-war employment prospects in St. Catharines was completed by R.F. Clarke. This file also contains The UAW-CIO Post-War Plan, 1944-1945

18.11 Properties – Asphalt Plant, Site, Berryman Ave. – Correspondence regarding the sale of the asphalt plant on Berryman Ave. to M. Morris and Sons whose junk-yard business was on Geneva Street. The property was then sold to Transit Mixed Concrete Limited. Legal documents and diagrams are included, 1949-1956 (non-inclusive)

18.12 Properties – Empire Rug Mills Limited – This property was composed of part of Lot 15 in the 6th Concession of the Township of Grantham. The lands were previously owned by the Hydraulic Raceway. Empire Rug Mills requested additional raceway land, 1939
18.13 **Properties – Exchange of Lands with Charles F. Hotte** – Mr. Hotte’s auto wrecking yard was located on the west side of Edith Street near St. Paul St. West. An agreement for the sale from the City to Charles Franklin Hotte of Lots No. 1448, 1449 and the northerly half of Lot 1450 on the easterly side of Louth Street was drafted. Diagrams and correspondence are included, 1940-1941

18.14 **Properties – F.C. McCordick Leathers Limited, 2 Chestnut Street South** – The property owned by F. C. McCordick Leathers was appraised at $28,934.00 in the event that it might be required for municipal purposes. This evaluation was done by Rollason Realty Limited. This valuation did not include machinery used in the operation of the business. The land and business were re-evaluated at $38,598.00 by George C. Weed Limited, Real Estate and Insurance Brokers. C.K. Bradley and Company appraised the property at $33,400.00. The City Council ultimately decided against the purchase of the property as it was not immediately required for City Corporation purposes, 1952-1953

18.15 **Properties – Glenridge Subdivision** – Includes a 1913 indenture in which the Corporation of St. Catharines registered a plan of Glen Ridge Subdivision in the Registry Office. The said plan shows the lands which are subdivided into building lots. Land transactions involve the following citizens, companies and properties on the streets listed:

- Mr. A.G. Hacker: Ridgewood Road and Wychwood Road
- Mr. Stuart K. Watt: Rockcliffe Road
- H.E. Rose and Company: Glenridge Avenue and Ridgewood Road
- Mr. John Smith: Exchange of lots – Wychwood Road (Lot 231) for Ridgewood Road (Lot 238)
- Mr. A. Boyce: Exchange of lots – Ridgewood Road (Lot 241) for Ontario Street South (Lot 308)
- St. Catharines Golf Club: to extend Willowdale Ave.
- Mr. W. H. Beemer: Glenridge Avenue
- Mr. George R. Bradley: Rockcliffe Road
- Mr. Fischer: Ontario Street South
- Queen Street Baptist Tennis Club: Glenwood Avenue and Ridgewood Road
- James E. and Laura G. Stuart: Rockcliffe Road
- Mr. A. Evans: Ridgewood Road

Correspondence and legal documents make up most of the file, 1916-1939 (non-inclusive)
18.16 Properties – Glenridge Subdivision – Included is correspondence about amended deeds necessitated by changes of lot numbers. There is an advertisement for Glenridge half and quarter acre homesites listed at $250.00 per lot. By-law no. 4942 which provides restrictions in the area known as Glenridge is enclosed. Land transactions involve the following citizens, companies and properties on the streets listed:

- W.B. Rollason, Glenwood Avenue and Riverdale Avenue
- Edward E. Binder, Ontario Street South
- St. Catharines Optimist Club, Glenridge Avenue
- Mr. Harold O. Goddard, Forrest Hill Road
- Stuart H. Fleming, Glenridge Avenue and Highland Avenue
- Newton J. Day, Ontario Street South
- Mr. Thomas Edmondson, Hillcrest Avenue
- Mrs. Doris Siegerman, Hillcrest Avenue
- Mr. John Smith, Glenwood Avenue
- Winnifred Lawson, Cliff Road
- Mr. E.V. Frost, Cliff Road

Correspondence makes up most of the file. Some diagrams of properties are included, 1940-1953 (non-inclusive)

18.17 Properties – McSloy Estate Property, 157 King Street – City Council was interested in purchasing this property for City Corporation purposes. The property was purchased from Anna V. McSloy. Alterations to the property were deemed necessary if the Lincoln Health Unit were to occupy the premises. The property was sold to Mr. Thomas R. Wiley, architect for the purpose of conducting the architectural practice. A diagram of the property is included, 1952-1953

18.18 Properties – Old Fire Hall Site – Sale of Property – This property was located at the southeast corner of St. Paul and Chestnut Streets. It was purchased by Lawrence Moorhouse, Certified Public Accountant. One of the conditions of the sale was that the building be demolished and a modern store was to be erected on the site. The site became the property of Herman Furs who allowed Henry Birks and Sons to store merchandise within the building. A request was submitted by Herman Furs to the city to widen Chestnut Street. This request was denied until building operations commenced. A shortage of steel postponed the building operations. Extensions on dates for the commencement of building were granted. Due to ill health, Mr. Herman decided not to proceed with the building program. The Fire Hall site was abandoned and there was an offer to
return the property to the City Corporation. Herman Furs applied to operate a parking lot on their property. Diagrams are included, 1949-1955

18.19 **Properties – Purchases & Sales, Grisenthwaite Investments Ltd. & Geneva Investments Exchange of Lands – Nihan Estate** – Grisenthwaite Construction Company acquired the Nihan Estate Farm at the corner of the Queen Elizabeth and Geneva. They requested from the city, a triangular piece of land bounded by the old canal right-of-way, the railroad tracks and the Nihan Estate. Principal Investments Ltd. proposed a shopping centre on the north side of the Queen Elizabeth Way at Carlton Street, west of Geneva Street. Principal Investments was taking over the property acquired by the Grisenthwaite Company which they acquired from the Nihan Estate. The land was then exchanged to Geneva Investments Limited and consideration was given to an expansion of the commercial area in the Geneva Park Survey. Diagrams and plans are included, 1952-1954

18.20 **Properties – Purchased from City by Stothart Construction** – Stothart Construction purchased land on Westchester Ave, Westchester Crescent, Princess Street South and Melbourne Avenue. Also purchased was land on Collier Street on the east side of Stothart Construction Company. The City requested the redemption of Lot. no. 12 in the Princess Park plan. Lot no. 12 was returned to the City. Diagrams are included, 1948-1954

18.21 **Properties – Read Lampman and Black Mill Property** – The City granted Mr. Lampman the right to remove tobacco which he had stored in the Hyatt Chemicals Plant (that company vacated the property and it was turned over to the Lincoln Supply Company of which Mr. J. Lampman was the proprietor). Mr. Lampman acquired the Black Mill Property at 2 Race Street. He requested another ten to fifteen feet of frontage from the City. A plan prepared by Douglas G. Ure and Sons is enclosed, 1937-1954 (non-inclusive)

18.22 **Properties Rented** – Included is correspondence regarding rents and leases and a lease in which the lessee proposes to rent the described property of the purpose of housing families on relief, 1934-1936, 1944

18.23 **Properties – Revzen & Tomarin Purchase Hyatt Chemicals Limited** – The Revzen and Tomarin Company who specialized in scrap iron, steels, metals, rags, papers, etc. bought the J.H. Williams and Co. Plant on Thorold Road (last occupied by the Hyatt Chemical Company). Revzen and Tomarin purchased the Whitman and Barnes Property, 90 Oakdale Ave. (formerly Thorold Rd.). This property was owned by McKinnon Industries. Revzen and Tomarin removed the Canadian National Railway siding from the Hyatt Chemical Plant at no cost to the City. A blueprint is included, 1938
18.24 **Properties – St. Catharines Improvement Corporation Limited**

**Including Tax Matters** – Included are some lists including: Properties vacant from January 1, 1931 to October 1, 1932; summary of unpaid taxes; loss of rent on vacant properties in 1931; summary of taxes for the year 1932; properties on the tax sale list of November, 1952 and taxes on occupied property controlled by Mr. F.W. Wilson, 1931-1937, 1938

18.25 **Queenston Street Railway Bridge** – Includes an application by the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the Niagara St, Catharines and Toronto Railway Company and the Port Dalhousie St. Catharines and Thorold Electric Railway Company Limited to pay and contribute to the applicants, one quarter of the amount which has been expended by the applicants in the construction and erection of the bridge on Queenston Street. The Board of Commissioners for Canada submitted orders of the board on the new bridge. Much of the correspondence deals with finances regarding the bridge. A blueprint of the floor plan for the concrete floor of the Queenston Street Bridge is enclosed. The City of St. Catharines applied for approval of plans for a concrete deck with an asphalt wearing surface on the Queenston Street Bridge. Deterioration and repairs were also discussed, 1906-1960 (non-inclusive)

18.26 **Radio Broadcasts** – Included are scripts for brief broadcasts covering such topics as: Golf clubs, parks and playgrounds, Lacrosse, the Canadian Legion and Mr. Mikolajczak of the Polish Broadcasting Bureau, 1938, 1940

18.27 **Railway and Canal Department Hydraulic Raceway Lands** – During the Industrial Revolution, hydraulic raceways were used to take the energy of flowing water to operate small factories. The first hydraulic raceways were constructed shortly after the completion of the old canal while it was owned by the Welland Canal Company. They were constructed partly by the Welland Canal Company and partly by the efforts of the Hydraulic Raceway Company which was organized by John B. Yates and associates. It was proposed that the City Corporation should acquire these lands which were to be abandoned by the Welland Canal Company. Correspondence deals with these abandoned hydraulic raceway lands. A map is included, 1928-1944 (non-inclusive)

18.28 **Receptions – Air Training Corps and European Cadets to Niagara Area – Visiting St. Catharines, Wednesday August 5th to Friday August 7th, 1953** – Includes a general file of international Air Cadet exchanges prepared by the Air Cadet League of Canada. A Civic Banquet was held at the Leonard Hotel. Other activities on the agenda included: a visit to fruit farms, a tour of Queenston and Queenston Heights, the floral
clock, Sir Adam Beck Power Development, Niagara Falls, a visit to the Coca Cola Plant and Welland Canal flight locks and lift bridges. A visit also took place in 1954. The itinerary for that visit is also enclosed, 1953-1954

19.1 **Receptions – Athletic Teams Winning Championships – Banquets, Presentations, etc.** – Includes the program for the 1938 Banquet held in honour of Bantam, Midget and Juvenile Ontario Lacrosse champions, 1938 and Midget Ontario Baseball Champions, 1938. Lists of teams and letters of acceptance are within the file. Lists of teams include: members of the St. Catharines Rowing Club, Lacrosse Club members, the juvenile basketball team. A list of proposed head table guests is included as well as a program for the November 27, 1946 Presentation Dinner, 1938, 1946

19.2 **Receptions – Athletic Teams Winning Championships – Banquets, Presentations, etc.** . Lists of teams and letters of acceptance are within the file. Lists of teams include: McKinnon Merry Mac Ladies, St. George’s bantam Ontario champs, Juvenile “A” hockey team, Kiwanis Bantams, St. Catharines Rowing Club Canadian champions, Welland Ave. Church basketball team, Wethey’s Bantam Hockey team, Lion’s Juvenile Hockey Team, Canada Bowling Association singles champion, Kiwanis Bantam Lacrosse Team and St Catharines Junior Athletics (Canadian champions). A program for the December 10, 1947 Presentation Dinner is also included, 1947

19.3 **Receptions – Civic Reception for Returned Service Men** – An executive committee reviewed the question of reception of returning veterans. Lists of discharged men for the receptions were put together containing names, addresses and dates of discharge. Another list contains names, rank, unit and address. A list of names of returned men was compiled for the 1946 and 1947 February banquets. Plans for the Tenth Field Battery parade and reception are enclosed. A flyer from the Birks-Ellis-Ryrie Company is included. They sold gifts that were suitable for returning soldiers, sailors and airmen. Invitations to the banquets are enclosed, 1945-1947, n.d.

19.4 **Receptions – The Governor General and Her Royal Highness, Princess Alice** – His Excellency The Right Honourable The Earl of Athlone, K.G., Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada and his wife, Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone were to accompany the Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands to St. Catharines on August 27, 1940. Owing to the war, his Excellency wanted the ceremony to be as simple as possible. The party desired a tour of McKinnon Industries and they invited the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to meet with them. Correspondence includes invitations, letters of refusal and lists of invited guests including: Regents of the
I.O.D.E., Boy Scout executives and people who were to be presented to His Excellency and Her Royal Highness. Mayor Charles Daley’s speech is included. Within this file is A British war medal booklet entitled *For Services Rendered*. Contained in the booklet are British war medals, decorations, badges and flags for the years 1914 to 1918. Insignias of the Army and Navy are also included in the booklet, 1940

19.5 **Receptions – Governor General and Lady Tweedsmuir**, May 13th, 1936 – Plans and correspondence regarding the visit are enclosed. Many of the letters are from the Government House, Ottawa. A list of the people on the reception committee is enclosed, as well as lists of representatives of various women’s welfare organizations of St. Catharines who attended a planning meeting. The program of events is included and an address of welcome is also enclosed. Letters from Ottawa stressed that His Excellency did not want to give any sort of speech, flash-light photographs were not to be taken and Their Excellencies were sorry to hear that Mayor Westwood was seriously ill. Alderman Frank G. Coy gave the address in place of Mayor Westwood. Lists of people in the eight car convoy are included. A notebook of people who were invited to the event is included. Part of their tour included Graduation Exercises at Collegiate Institute where Lady Tweedsmuir presented diplomas, pins and prizes to the Mack School of Nursing graduates, 1 b&w photo, 1936

19.6 **Receptions – Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, and H.R.H. Prince Philip – Royal Tour** – The main reason for the Queen’s visit to Canada was the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Although the Queen was invited to visit St. Catharines, the citizens were greatly disappointed that the Niagara Region was on the itinerary for this particular trip, 1959

19.7 **Receptions – His Excellency the Governor-General, The Right Honourable Vincent Massey** – This file includes an article from the *Globe and Mail* from January 25, 1952. The title of the article is *Active Career Rewarded, Name of New Governor Synonymous with Arts*. Most correspondence deals with invitations and responses. A program for the visit is enclosed. Also within the file is a list of guests who would be seated at the head table at the civic luncheon which was held on March 14, 1953 at Ridley College, 1952-1957 (non-inclusive)

19.8 **Receptions – Honourable George C. Marler, Minister of Transport** – A reception was planned for the Honourable George C. Marler, Minister of Transport following his tour of inspection of the Welland Ship Canal area. The agenda for dinner which was held on Thursday, October 6, 1955 at the Welland House is enclosed, 1955

19.9 **Receptions – Imperial Economic Conference Delegates** – A list of the members of the Municipal Boards of 1932 is enclosed. A suggested list of
names of persons to receive invitations to meet members of the British Empire Conference visiting St. Catharines is included. A program is included which covers the visit to Hamilton, Niagara and the Welland Canal. Cars were loaned to the delegates by local citizens whose names are listed. Staff of the head office of the Welland Ship Canal are also listed, as well as guests who were invited to the August 6, 1932 reception in honour of the delegates to the British Empire Conference, 1932.

19.10 Receptions – Lieutenant-Governor Herbert A. Bruce & Mrs. Bruce – It was suggested that the Lieutenant-Governor might visit Ridley College and the General Hospital in connection with the sixtieth anniversary ceremonies being held at the hospital on June 21st, 1934. These plans were not followed through and were postponed until a more propitious occasion, 1934

19.11 Receptions – Lincoln and Welland Regiment – Returned from Overseas – A parade and reception were planned to welcome home the 1st Battalion of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. In the notes to Mayor W.J. Macdonald it is stated that: stores and businesses would close during the parade and civic reception; the Board of Education were to allow school children to watch the parade and the Mayor was to send out invitations to civilian dignitaries and military personnel (list attached). Arrangements concerning the parade and reception are included, 1946

19.12 Receptions – Mary Schmon Singers – The Mary Schmon Singers of St. Catharines performed at the Chicagoland Music Festival which was held at Soldiers Field, Chicago on August 18, 1956. Mrs. Mary Schmon presented a gold key to St. Catharines to Mayor Daley at the Chicagoland Music Festival Luncheon. The key was a gift from Mayor John Smith of St. Catharines. A script for the introduction and sign-off of this performance is included, 1 b&w photo, 1956

19.13 Receptions – Mayor G.Y. Jutras and Representatives of the City of Victoriaville, Que. – Mayor G. Yvon Jutras of Victoriaville, Quebec brought a group of twenty-five people to St. Catharines to attend the Grape Festival ceremonies. A reception was held for the guests, 1956

19.14 Reception and Luncheon – Navy Day Observance, August 26th, 1956 – A parade began in the morning. This was followed by a church service which was held at St. George’s Church. A luncheon was then held at the Welland House. A list of guests at the head table is provided. Navy Day was also celebrated in Port Dalhousie with a softball game and a band concert, 1956
19.15 **Receptions, Presentations etc.** – This file includes correspondence about receptions for various groups including: the New Westminster Adanac Lacrosse Club of British Columbia and the Burrard Lacrosse Club of Vancouver. Information on watches and rings for athletics winners is also within this file, 1938-1954 (non-inclusive).

19.16 **Receptions – The Honourable Louis Breithaupt, Lieutenant-Governor, and Mrs. Breithaupt**, Wednesday, June 25th, 1952 – Arthur A. Schmon invited the Honourable Louis O. Breithaupt to officiate at the opening of the twenty-fifth annual St. Catharines Horse Show. City Council asked if Lieutenant-Governor Breithaupt could visit the Municipal Building to meet members of City Council and their wives, 1952.


19.18 **Receptions – The Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada**, October 26th, 1950 – Correspondence includes invitations to the Civic Dinner to honour the Prime Minister. A program for the Prime Minister’s visit, head table guests and a car ride schedule are enclosed as well as a memorandum for Mayor Robertson regarding the visit of the Prime Minister. The latter half of the file contains clippings which date from October to November, 1950.

19.19 **Reception and Dinner – St. Catharines Teepee Junior Hockey Club – Canadian Champions** – A dinner was held on May 12, 1954 at the Welland House for the Edmonton Oil Kings (picture included). Head table guests are listed. On May 21st, 1954 members of the St. Catharines “Teepee” Hockey club were honoured at the Hotel Esquire. Lists of team personnel and Teepee players are included. A program from the Civic Dinner is also within the file, 1 b&w photograph, 1954.

19.20 **Receptions – Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis** May 30th, 1949 – The itinerary included: reception by Mayor and Mrs. Robertson and the City Clerk; His Excellency deposited a wreath at the Cenotaph at Memorial Park; the official reception took place on the front steps of City Hall; the Mayor’s formal address was given and Her Excellency was presented with flowers; the visitor’s book was signed; they arrived at Montebello Park where they were greeted by school children. Medals were presented to Mr. W.W. Park and Mrs. Hannah Schroeder by His Excellency in recognition of good
services to scouting. Her Excellency planted a tree following an in inspection of Girl Guides. His Excellency spoke briefly to the children. A tour of McKinnon Industries was to follow and then they were to be presented to The Board of Governors at the General Hospital. They would remain at the Hospital for the graduation ceremonies. This was their first official visit to St. Catharines. The file includes correspondence and clippings, 1949

19.21 **Receptions – Their Excellencies Lord & Lady Bessborough**, October 25th, 1933 [See also RG 354 – Canadian Shredded Wheat Company Fonds] – Contains correspondence regarding the visit. This visit was part of a two week Southern Ontario tour. The St. Catharines visit included: A Civic Reception at the Canadian National Railway Station, a visit to the General Hospital, a visit to the Simcoe Canning Company and arrival at Montebello Park for reception and inspection of the Sea Cadets, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. The final stop was the inspection of the Red Cross Hostel. An address to the Lord and Lady Bessborough is included, as well as lists of people to be presented at the hospital and at the Red Cross Hostel, 1933

19.22 **Receptions – Their Excellencies Lord & Lady Willingdon**, October 7th, 1929. Viscount Willingdon was Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada. A welcoming speech from Mayor John D. Wright is enclosed. Arrangements for the reception on his arrival at the Canadian National Railway Station in St. Catharines are included along with a diagram. After the reception, which included an inspection of the Guard of Honour the party moved to the Soldiers’ Memorial where his excellency placed a wreath at the Cenotaph. Next on the agenda was St. Catharines Collegiate Institute where scholars, Girl Guides, Empire Girls and Boy Scouts were addressed by His Excellency. Montebello Park was the next stopping point for a Civic Ceremony where the Victorian Order of Nurses, members of the Municipal Executive of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire and citizens were presented. From there they went to a luncheon at Ridley College. Correspondence is included regarding the planning of the visit, 1929

19.23 **Receptions – Their Majesties King George VI & Queen Elizabeth, Wednesday** June 7th, 1939 – Contains correspondence regarding the preparation for the visit of Their Majesties. Mayor Daley was in office at the time of the visit. A decorating committee was formed and citizens
were encouraged to prepare for the royal couple by making their homes cleaner and more attractive, 1939

19.24 Receptions – Their Majesties King George VI & Queen Elizabeth, June 1939 – Included in this file are: the order of procession which had the King and Queen in car number one and the Prime Minister of Canada, W.L. Mackenzie King in car number two. The programme at St. Catharines and Niagara Falls included: a tour of St. Catharines, after which, His Majesty accepted an address from the City of St. Catharines. The speech by Mayor Charles Daley is included. Citizens were encouraged to decorate their homes if they were on the tour route. A contest was held and entry forms and lists of the winners are included. Port Weller, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Queenston Heights formed the next part of the tour. An address of welcome from Mayor Hanniwell and the citizens of Niagara Falls was held at the Administration Building in Queen Victoria Park. This was followed by an inspection of the Wind Tunnel under the Falls and a private dinner at the Sheraton Brock Hotel. His Majesty inspected the Guard of Honour (Lincoln and Welland Regiment) before leaving for the United States, 1939-1940

19.25 Receptions – Their Majesties King George VI & Queen Elizabeth, June 7th, 1939 – Contains correspondence and advertising from companies [in alphabetical order]:

- Argus Manufacturing Company crests
- Badge and Specialty Company badges
- Balmer & Blakely ornamental plasterers
- Bixby – Beattie Co. flags & shields
- Burke’s Peerage crests & coats of arms
- C.T. Brock & Co.’s “Crystal Palace” fireworks
- Canadian Corps Association (Ontario) Salute to the Empire
- Commercial Signs of Canada flags, shields and bunting
- Cooks & Hopkins badges
- Dominion Textile Company Union Jacks
- Edwin C. Ford badges [2 badges included on card]
- Frost Steel and Wire Company Ltd. flagpoles
- Hudson’s Bay Company flags
- J.J. Turner & Sons flags
- John Leckie Limited flags
- Legionary Library And the People Cheered by R.K. Carnegie (souvenir book)
- Meakins & Sons Ltd. flags & shields
- Mine Safety Appliances Co. armband and first aid kits
- Muff Bed hats
- Poppy Fund decorations
Primrosa ceramics
T.W. Hand fireworks
Tansey Company buttons
Taylor Advertising decorations
Three Studios portraits
Tomlinson & Magor flags and bunting
Trophy-Craft souvenirs
Wagstaff & Brunt semi-porcelain
Woods Flags flags

Also included are: a “reserved space” ribbon; judge, official and committee ribbons; 2 special police armbands and a hat, 1939

19.26 Receptions – Their Majesties King George VI & Queen Elizabeth, Wednesday June 7th, 1939 – Canadian visit newspaper clippings, 1939

19.27 Receptions – Their Majesties King George VI & Queen Elizabeth, Wednesday June 7th, 1939 – Publications including: Visit to Canada of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen by the Interdepartmental Committee on The Royal Visit; The Royal Visit to Canada by The Dominion Securities Corporation Limited; The Royal Visit 1939 by Aluminum Company of Canada Limited; Official Programme Salute to the Empire by the Canadian Corps Association (in Ontario) and The Royal Tour of Canada and the United States by the Canadian National Railways System. Maps of The Canadian National Railway Station in St. Catharines; the city of St. Catharines; Their Majesties’ Canadian itinerary; Welland and the County of Lincoln are also included, 1939

19.28 Reception – Their Royal Highnesses, Princess Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh – Oct. 14, 1951 – Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Canada October 8 to November 12, 1951. They arrived in St. Catharines after visiting Niagara Falls on Sunday, October 14th. Mayor Richard M. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson were presented to their Royal Highnesses. The Lincoln and Welland Regiment Band played the national anthem. This took place at the Canadian National Railroad Station. Mayor Robertson presented a welcoming address which is enclosed. Her Royal Highness made some remarks to the citizens, particularly to the school children. The royal couple signed the guest book. The train departed for Hamilton while the St. Catharines Pipe Band played. Also included are: The Visit to Canada of Their Royal Highnesses The Princess Elizabeth and The Duke of Edinburgh 1951, issued by the Department of The Secretary of State of Canada; a souvenir picture of the royal visit and a copy of Canadian National Magazine Royal Visit Picture Supplement, 1951
20.1 **Recognition Night – Retiring Civic Employees with 25 Years’ Service, 1972**

20.2 **Relief – Canal Workers** – Data on wages and family size was submitted by the Public Welfare Department regarding a limited number of canal workers, 1936-1937

20.3 **Relief – Farm Placement** – A sum of money was set aside by the Federal and Provincial Governments to undertake the rehabilitation of employable recipients from urban centres where no prospect of employment existed. The selection of farms, supervision of placement and follow-up were the responsibility of the municipalities from which the applicants were removed. This file focuses on the Shorthouse and Davidson Families. The Shorthouse Family moved to a farm near Chippawa. The Davidson Family were moved to Stevensville. Documentation, correspondence and reports are enclosed. Regulations in respect to the Farm Act are also enclosed, 1940-1941, 1943

20.4 **Relief – Gardening Project** – The Unemployment Relief Department issued seeds to the unemployed for garden plots or municipal gardens. The Province bore its share of the cost and the purchase of such seeds. Alderman Cuffe asked the Relief Gardening Committee to establish a policy dealing with relief recipients who refused to participate in the project, 1933-1936, 1939-1940

20.5 **Relief – Housing – Food and Fuel Including Hostel** – Includes letters to the city asking for help with food or housing. A Central Supply Warehouse was set up at Queen’s Quay, Toronto which sold items at the lowest possible price. A Citizens’ Emergency Relief Committee was located on Geneva Street in St. Catharines. Most of the cases dealt with lack of affordable housing, food shortages and general poverty. The Red Cross Society in St. Catharines planned to open a hostel, 1925-1942 (non-inclusive)

20.6 **Remembrance Day** – Contains correspondence, proclamations, programs for Remembrance Day services and information on parades. A booklet entitled *The Rise of a New Spirit* is also enclosed. This booklet contains the evidence of the spread of Moral Re-Armament, 1927-1955 (non-inclusive)

20.7 **Requiem Mass – Special Tribute to Late King Albert I of Belgium, February 22nd, 1934** – Contains invitations to a Requiem High Mass which was celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Morris at St. Catherine’s Roman Catholic Church, St. Catharines, 1934
20.8 **Ridley College** – Includes the minutes of the meeting to arrange details regarding the construction of a private sewer in, and through Ridley lands. All correspondence deals with maintenance work done at Ridley. Two invitations (an inspection and a track and field day) are also included, 1931-1960 (non-inclusive)

20.9 **Rose Society of Ontario** – Included are *Rose Society of Ontario Newsletters* and *The Rose Bulletin*, 1935-1948 (non-inclusive)

20.10 **Royal Visit to St. Catharines** – *Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, Thursday June 28, 1973* – The itinerary included a presentation of flowers and signing of the guest book at the train station in St. Catharines. Then, the Royal party travelled through St. Catharines to Fort George, 1973

20.11 **St. Catharines General Hospital** – Not all patients were allowed to stay at the St. Catharines General Hospital, some were moved to other hospitals, depending on the circumstances. In this file is a case where the hospital suggested that a patient with an incurable disease be sent to the Toronto Hospital for Incurables. Patient financial accounts were of great concern. The City Corporation paid the bills for many indigent patients. An investigator was hired to call at the homes of all people who insisted that they could not pay their bills to determine if they should receive free hospital service. No indigent patients were to be admitted to the hospital without a signed order from the City, except in the case of an emergency. Included is a sample of a hospital bill. The hospital discontinued its ambulance service and turned the business over to the Grobb Bros. A plan to build a highway at the rear of the hospital was contested.

Lists in this file include:
- Non-residents of the city of St. Catharines who died in November, 1927 in this hospital.
- Non-residents of the City of St. Catharines who died in January and February, 1928 in this hospital.
- Non-residents of the City of St. Catharines who died in October, 1928 previous to entering the hospital.
- Births for the last two weeks of December, 1930
- Deaths in this hospital for the month of March, 1931
- Indigent patients for the month of August, 1931

A blueprint of the hospital is included, 1925-1931

20.12 **St. Catharines General Hospital** – Many patients resided outside the limits of St. Catharines and their notices were redirected to the Township of Grantham. Fees for services are listed, as well as resolutions that were adopted by the St. Catharines Medical Profession. A contract between the
City and the General Hospital regarding the Isolation Hospital is enclosed. The Report of the St. Catharines General Hospital for September 30th, 1933 is also within this file. A booklet entitled The By-Laws, Rules and Regulation for the St. Catharines General Hospital for 1937 is also included., 1932-1937

20.13 St. Catharines General Hospital – An article entitled The Hospital was written to acquaint the public with various phases of hospital administration and with some of its difficulties and problems. An executive committee meeting was held on April 11th, 1939. The minutes are included. The Department of Defence requested the Board of Governors to allow a portion of the hospital for first aid, medical and surgical care for various military units in the district. An untitled report is contained here. It includes: Officers, Board of Governors growth, indigent patients, new additions, grants, need for equipment and a survey of the hospital and financial data. A brief regarding the St. Catharines General Hospital to the Finance Committee of the City Council of St. Catharines is enclosed. A blueprint showing part of Lot no. 3492 is enclosed. A list of the St. Catharines General Hospital Rates of December 1, 1946 is included. Lists in this file include:
Deaths which have occurred in this hospital since April 1, 1940
Isolation hospital occupation, January 1 – September 30, 1943

A history of the Isolation Hospital Unit is enclosed. Prior to 1926, the Board of Health operated the Isolation Unit which was located on Lincoln Avenue. In 1926, the Isolation Unit was transferred to the General Hospital. The Hamill property on Queenston Street was purchased and the General Hospital agreed to take over the administration and operation of the unit. In 1932, it was agreed that the Hospital would continue to administer and operate the unit and the City Corporation would pay some of the patients’ fees. Mr. C. Bruce Hill delivered a speech entitled Here are the Facts about the St. Catharines General Hospital Expansion. A pamphlet about the hospital expansion is also enclosed, 1938-1948

20.14 St. Catharines General Hospital – A Hospital and Community Survey Report for St. Catharines General Hospital by Malcolm T. MacEachern, M.D. and Henry G. Farish, B, B.A., M.H.A., M.D. is within this file. There is also Your Hospital – Reports for May, 1950 and a statement showing amounts paid to hospitals by municipalities for 5 years, 1948, 1950

20.15 St. Catharines General Hospital – Application for the use of Hydraulic Raceway Lands – This includes correspondence, a map and a contract between the hospital and the city concerning part of the Hydraulic Raceway, 1937-1947 (non-inclusive)
20.16 **Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority** – Contains a joint submission from a number of cities and towns to The St Lawrence Seaway Authority in the matter of Welland Canal tolls. There is a contract between the City of St. Catharines and R.K. Kilborn and Associates to make a topographical survey and subsurface excavation from the culvert at Lock 4 at Chestnut Street to the Glenridge Ave. embankment. They would call for tenders and supervise the work. A programme for the Official Opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway for June 26, 1959 is enclosed [Queen Elizabeth II and President Dwight Eisenhower were in attendance]. Cleanup of the Second Welland Canal was discussed. There was damage to the City Culvert under Thorold Road leading to the Second Welland Canal. Other topics which were discussed include: entrance wall extensions at Lock 3; channel improvements and miscellaneous filling and grading and closed conduit in Thorold, Merritton and St. Catharines, 1959-1960

20.17 Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority – Topics include: A proposed lease to the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines of Martindale Pond; joint regulations respecting transit of vessels on the St. Lawrence Seaway; retention of leases held by the Henley Aquatic Association; conveyance of former Second Welland Canal reserve land to the City of St. Catharines; renewal of leases; extension of the use of canal lands for picnic purposes; licences and a grant by Her Majesty the Queen to the City of St. Catharines of six parcels of former Second Welland Canal Reserve lands in the Merritton area, 1972-1973

20.18 **Saint Lawrence Waterway Project** – Contains an article dealing with the Railway phase of the St. Lawrence Seaway. A petition to William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada and the Honourable Mitchell Frederick Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario regarding St. Catharines and surrounding area as a manufacturing zone and a fruit growing area. It was suggested that the Federal Government and Provincial Governments take steps to proceed with the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway [this is dated March 8, 1937]. A copy of the *Great Lakes Outlook* for August 1944 is enclosed. The Thorold Civic Planning Board discussed where Thorold and Welland County would fit in with the St. Lawrence Seaway development and the enlargement of the Welland Ship Canal. They also questioned how they could share in the industrial expansion which would follow. The *New York Times* of Sunday June 29, 1958 published a special segment on the St. Lawrence Seaway which is enclosed. The *Ontario Hydro News* for July-August, 1958 is also enclosed, 1934-1958 (non-inclusive)

20.19 **Sanatoria for Consumptives including Regulations** – Contains Amendments to Sanatoria for Consumptives Act dated June 27, 1938. Samples of admission and discharge papers for patients are enclosed. The Sanatoria for Consumptives Amendment Act, 1939 is within this file and
the routine for admission of patients to the Sanatorium is also included, 1938-1939

20.20 **Sea Cadets Corps** – Correspondence regarding the H.M.S. “Renown” situated in Kinavy Park [see also file 15.14]. The file consists of correspondence, Navy League Committee minutes for Oct. 17, 1956 and invitations to annual inspections, 1955-1957, 1959

20.21 **Secord, Laura Ingersoll, Commemoration** – Contains clippings and correspondence regarding the 1953 motorcade to honour Secord’s famous walk. There is an invitation to a ceremony at the John Decou Stone House as it was officially declared an historic site on October 13, 1953. A copy of *Ontario Government Services* for November 2, 1953 covers this historic occasion and *A Declaration of the John DeCou Stone House as an Historic Site* is also included, 1953-1956 (non-inclusive)

20.22 **Sewage Project – Grantham Avenue to Port Weller** – This includes discussion about the clean-up of the Old Welland Canal and removal of municipal sewage. Reports, correspondence and information on contracts are included. A plan of the City of St. Catharines Port Weller Sewer showing proposed easements is also included. Memorandums, maps and lists of property owners who will be affected are also within this file, 3 b&w photos, 1948-1949

20.23 **Shickluna Homes – St. Paul Crescent and Newton Street Historic Sites** – This file contains information on properties known municipally as nos. 73, 73A, 73 ½, 75, 77, 79, 81 and 83 St. Paul Crescent and nos. 12 and 16 Newton Street. These buildings were known as the shipbuilder’s houses, and were built and/or owned by Louis Shickluna, the first shipbuilder in St. Catharines. He lived in the buildings known as nos. 73, 73A and 73 ½ St. Paul Crescent and he used the building at 75 St. Paul Crescent as a store. The double home on Newton Street was known as “The Ship’s Inn” and was built in 1827. These homes were listed for sale and were offered to the City of St. Catharines with the hope that they would be retained as historic sites. The City declined the offer to purchase these buildings on September 8, 1971. On January 21, 1972 the Assistant Director of National and Historic Parks Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development advised that the houses were not considered to be of sufficient historical or architectural significance to qualify for a financial grant. The Art Association passed a resolution supporting the acquisition of the buildings to use for workshops and exhibitions. The location of these properties (immediately adjacent to Rodman Hall) made them even more desirable to the art community. On May 28, 1973, the City Corporation decided not to purchase the buildings, 1971-1972
20.24 Simcoe Canning Company – Rebuilding Program – Simcoe Canning Company contemplated demolishing a portion of its plant in St. Catharines and rebuilding with a more permanent structure. They decided that an increase in taxation would not warrant such an expenditure and considered closing the St. Catharines plant and transferring their activities and operations to one of their large idle plants located at Jordan Station where the rate of taxation would be lower and water could be acquired at a much lower cost. The City looked into this matter to perhaps approve of a fixed assessment, however the Government could not approve of a fixed assessment, 1935

20.25 Smith Fund – Wings for Britain – A proposal was made to organize a fund from among the Smiths of Canada for the purpose of buying a Spitfire as a gift to Britain. A Canada-wide fund named “Wings for Britain” which was organized by a group of Montreal citizens and given registration under the War Charities Act was already established. It was thought that it would be advantageous for the Smiths Fund to affiliate with this group. The cost of one plane was estimated at $22, 350.00. Alderman John Smith of the St. Catharines City Council received the approval of the Department of National War Services. Any person by the name of Smith who was desirous of contributing to the fund could do so by communicating with the alderman. Alderman Smith noted that it was not his intention to limit contributions entirely by the name of Smith. Any contributions would be gratefully received. Clippings and correspondence reflect the publicity and cooperation associated with this fund. The outcome of this fund is not reflected in this file, 1941

20.26 Soap Box Derby – Most of the correspondence deals with liability issues and preparatory issues surrounding the Soap Box Derby. A ramp which was erected at the airport caused some concern regarding liability. The St. Catharines Standard and Crews Chevrolet Oldsmobile sponsored the derby. Some of the insurance policies are enclosed. An official program for the 4th annual St. Catharines Soap Box Derby for 1950 is also included. In 1954, the contestants were vying for the honour of representing Canada at the Akron International Finals. The Works Department, the City Engineer and the Civic Development Committee of the City Council were involved in preparation for the event each year. In 1958, Donald Ward won the event and went on to the competition at Akron, Ohio, 1948-1960

20.27 Soldiers Enlisting for Service in Second World War – These lists include full names, address at time of enlistment, age and date of enlistment, regimental number, unit, rank, marital status, next of kin and address of next of kin [the first set of names is in alphabetical order]. A list of military abbreviations is included. Updated information on soldiers and new recruits is also provided. Within the file are lists of members of No. 2-B Coy. Veterans Guard of Canada with regiment numbers, rank, name,
address, marital status and numbers of children under 17. A list of members of St. Paul Street United Church who joined active service is also within the file, 1940-1942

20.28 **Soldiers’ Insurance Policies** – Includes queries and responses from the insurance companies, 1936-1940 (non-inclusive)

20.29 **Soldiers – Separation Allowances** – This includes a list of municipal and Red Cross loans to soldiers’ dependents, 1940

20.30 **St. Catharines Amateur Athletic Association** – Letters regarding permissions and permits, 1929-1934

20.31 **St. Catharines Folk Arts Council** – The Folk Arts Council of St. Catharines elected a new executive. The new chairman was Paul Solomonian. The Folk Arts Council received a grant of $10,000 from the Federal Government to open a Multi-Cultural Centre in St. Catharines, 1972-1973

20.32 **St. Catharines Golf Course Limited** – A document in the matter of the petition of St. Catharines Golf Club Limited for Supplementary Letters Patent decreasing and increasing the capital stock of the company. William James Wood and Peter Francis Joseph Dolan were listed as the president and secretary of the St. Catharines Golf Club. Correspondence deals with the construction of a sewer and the proposal of the club to build an 18-hole golf course. The club held a bond drive which permitted them to go ahead with their plans. The city accepted a conveyance of two lots which the club was reserving in the Highland Park Plan. The club would never have to pay taxes on these lots. A map is included, 1939-1948 (non-inclusive)

21.1 **St Catharines – H.M.C.S. St. Catharines** – A ship named the H.M.C.S. “St. Catharines” was launched on the Pacific Coast and was scheduled to be in active service in the Navy. This was one of His Majesty’s Canadian ships. The Mayor of St. Catharines suggested that the ship (a corvette) and its crew be supplied with extra equipment and comforts by the citizens of St. Catharines. A meeting was called, and Mayor Daley read communications from the Department of National Defence. A list of equipment and supplies for the ship was decided upon. Lists of books, equipment, supplies and amenities are included. Information on the ship is provided under the title *H.M.C.S. “St. Catharines” – River Class Frigate*. The St. Catharines Women’s Committee of the St. Catharines Navy League made 25 seamen’s leather vests which were also sent. Sigma Phi Sorority sponsored a mystery drama, *Night Must Fall* which was presented by the Welland Little Theatre Group. The entire proceeds from this play went toward the purchase of equipment for the frigate. A copy of the
program is within this file and it contains a picture of the H.M.C.S. “St. Catharines”. In September 1945, the frigate H.M.C.S. “St. Catharines” was declared surplus to Canada’s peacetime naval requirements and it was turned over to the War Assets Corporation for disposal. In 1950, the ship was reported to weather station P. The ship’s bell was presented to the city in 1960. The highlight of the frigate’s career during World War II was the participation in a 32-hour running fight with a German U-boat. The submarine was forced to the surface and scuttled by its crew, 1942-1960 (non-inclusive)

21.2 **St. Catharines – List of Mayors and Aldermen from Years 1885-1976, 1885-1976**

21.3 **St. Catharines Organizations, Clubs, Societies etc. –** Included are lists of the executive members of fraternal and benevolent societies, women’s organizations, public health auxiliary, liaison officers of the St. Catharines Consumers’ Branch, social and sporting activities, Victorian Order of Nurses, sororities, churches of St. Catharines and more, 1940-1945 (non-inclusive)

21.4 St. Catharines Organizations, Clubs, Societies etc. – Included are lists of the executive members of fraternal and benevolent societies, women’s organizations, sororities, bands in St. Catharines, the St. Catharines Civic Orchestra Association, service clubs, Hospital Auxiliary and more, 1946-1960

21.5 **St. Catharines Packing Plant –** Stanley Bulanda of St. Catharines Packing Company at 85 Garnet Street, St. Catharines petitioned to be entitled to resume his abattoir and packing house business which he operated from 1923 until the time of his enlistment in the Canadian Artillery in 1939. His wife ran the business from 1939 until 1941 when she was no longer able to carry on. A by-law stated that a place could not be used for slaughtering animals unless it was more than 200 yards from a dwelling-house and not less than 50 yards away from any public street. Mr. Bulanda claimed special circumstances such as: the business had been there since 1923, Mr. Bulanda enlisted voluntarily. Mr. Bulanda was married and had fourteen children. The owners and dwellers near the business signed a petition in favour of Mr. Bulanda. It was deemed that Mr. Bulanda be allowed to process and sell, but not slaughter animals at 85 Garnet Street, 1946-1956 (non-inclusive)

21.6 **St. Catharines Riding and Driving Club Limited** – Contains a letter to the City Clerk from Lieutenant-Colonel A.L. Bishop regarding the “first of its kind” in St. Catharines Horse Show in October of 1927. Correspondence deals with subsequent horse shows and requests for grants. Also included is the full page ad of the Corporation of St.
Catharines which was featured in the Horse Show program. A list of directors of the St. Catharines Riding and Driving Club for 1939 is in the file. Other correspondence deals with flooding on Ashland Avenue, 1927-1959 (non-inclusive)

21.7 **St. Catharines Standard Ltd.** – Correspondence deals with printing orders and subscriptions, 1925-1958 (non-inclusive)

21.8 **St. Catharines Visitors’ Register** – A visitor’s register of “Book of Remembrance” was to be prepared in view of the King’s visit. This was to the suggestion of John G. Williams who did illuminated manuscripts, and heraldry. The Mayor and City Clerk disregarded the correspondence from Mr. Williams, therefore, the book was not given to the city and Mr. Williams said that his services would not be available to the city, 1939-1943 (non-inclusive)

21.9 **St. George’s Church – Memorial** – Correspondence regarding a request to erect a marker or monument to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the building of St. George’s Church. The Council approved the application of St. George’s Church, 1935

21.10 **St. Paul Street West, Ontario Street to Yates Street Establishment of Boundaries** – Correspondence regarding the establishment of boundaries. Included is by-law 4196 to define the boundaries of St. Paul St. West. This by-law read a first, second and third time and adopted and passed on the 19th day of March in 1934

21.11 **Street Banners and Signs – Applications etc.,** 1934-1941 (non-inclusive)

21.12 **Street Name Changes and Renumbering – St. Paul Street renumbering** – This list contains: owners names, frontage, old house number, new house number and occupant. Many of the occupants are businesses. Intersections are also noted, [1933-1934]

21.13 **Street Name Changes, 1935-1946 (non-inclusive)** – Some of the suggestions included:

- Park Street to Market Street (1924)
- Connaught Road to Gardiner Place (1935)
- Westchester (from St. Paul Cres.to old Welland Canal lands) to Yates St. East
- Westchester (from Thorold Rd. to Grantham Avenue)
to Eastchester Avenue

Westerly portion of Westchester to Ridley Road (1938)

House numbers on Carlton Street North side were changed (1941)

Rolls Avenue to Dunlop Drive

Ontario Street South to South Drive [many residents filled in a form with their preferences for a name] (1946)

21.14 Street Name Changes, 1947-1958 (non-inclusive) – Some of the suggestions included:

Queenston Street to St. Paul Street (from end of St. Paul to city limits)

North Service Road to Dieppe Road (from Grantham Avenue to easterly city limits)

Portion of Rosetha Street and portion of Helen Street to Chelsea and Marmora Streets respectively (map included)

A block was completed on St. Paul Street (232, 234 and 236). Street numbers were assigned to Bond Clothes, R. Neill Ltd. and Lady Ellis.

South Service Road to Dunkirk Road

Westchester Avenue (from Blain Place to Canal Street) to Beard Place

Westchester Avenue (from Geneva Street South to Princess Street) to Westchester Crescent

Welland Avenue West to Welland Vale Road

Merrittville Road to Glenridge Avenue

Caroline Street to Briar Road

Marnie Lou Drive
Extension to Marsdale Drive

Linda Street to Strathmore Road (1956)

Mountainview Avenue to St. Julien Drive (1958)

21.15 **Street Name Changes, 1972-1973** – Some of the suggestions included:

Stanmary Drive to Willowood Drive (not changed)

Agnes Street to Post Road

St. Alfred’s Drive to Hill Park Lane

Reubin Avenue to Linlake Acres

Nottingham Street to Nottingham Court

Riverside Boulevard to Loraine Drive (map included)

Dudley Crescent to Thorncliff Drive (map included)

The Tender Fruit Growers’ Marketing Board submitted a list of fruit varieties grown in the Niagara Peninsula to help with providing street names.

21.16 **Street – Change in Name of – Louth Street** – On August 23, 1954 the Works Committee of the City Council moved that Louth Street be renamed Louth Street North and Louth Street South, 1955-1956

21.17 **Taylor and Bate Limited** – Includes minutes of a meeting of the directors of Taylor and Bate from October 22, 1928. E.T. Sandell was the President. Also included is a fire report regarding the south end of the bottling room which was gutted. The fire was thought to have been started by an electric heater, 1927-1934 (non-inclusive)

21.18 **Telegrams** – Subjects include: The automobile tariff, burials for indigent people, suspension of a bus line vehicle permit, discussion of aviation in the municipality and application of Wherry Bus Lines to operate in Merritton and Thorold, 1925-1929

21.19 Telegrams – Subjects include: Unemployment and deportation, Henley Regatta, by-law respecting noise, Seagrave Plant, application of Wherry
Bus Lines, official relief costs and returns for various months including births, marriages and deaths, 1930-1939

21.20 Telegrams – Subjects include: observance of the birthday of King George VI, Bill Number 45 respecting housing standards, lumber for soldiers’ land settlement, installation of parking meters, the acute housing shortage in St. Catharines and maintenance of bridge on Pelham Road, 1940-1946 (non-inclusive)

21.21 Telegrams – Subjects include: Dispute at Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company, Dominion Natural Gas, Cub Aircraft Manufacturing Company’s desire to locate at the St. Catharines Airport, urgent housing shortage, a wedding gift to Princess Elizabeth, rise in the price of milk and noxious odours from the old Welland Canal due to industrial waste, 1947-1949

21.22 Telegrams – Subjects include: Lighting of the intersection of Queen Elizabeth Way and Lake Street, carillon chimes equipment, the visit of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Breithaupt, information regarding population, taxable assessment, estimated business, assessed acreage and road mileage, provincial licensing of electricians, salaries for firemen, condolences on the death of Queen Mary, congratulations to the Teepees, pay rates for St. Catharines Works Department, information on schools in St. Catharines, permanent Provincial Police patrol at the Homer Bridge and the strike at McKinnon Industries Limited, 1950-1955

21.23 Telegrams – Subjects include: St. Catharines statistics, purchase of a 65 foot aerial ladder for the Fire Department, Kiwanis Club donation of land and subsequent building of two apartment buildings, St. Catharines statistics, matter of concern that only European wines would be served to Queen Elizabeth during her visit, opening of Linhaven Home, Yale and Towne Manufacturing Company dispute, Merritton annexation application hearing, engineers sent to St. Catharines to discover the source of air pollution and Port Dalhousie vote on amalgamation, 1956-1973 (non-inclusive)

21.24 Tenders – Burgoyne Bridge – Contains the Municipal Corporation of the City of St. Catharines Tender Form – Specifications Instructions to Bidders for Construction of Storm and Sanitary sewer (stage 1), Town and Country Subdivision from R. Blake Erwin and Associates, Consulting Engineers. This folder contains a diagram for off-street parking. Tenders for painting the Burgoyne Bridge are also included. An expenditure list for the Burgoyne Bridge from 1928-1938 is also part of this file, 1939-1959 (non-inclusive)
21.25 **Tweedsmuir, Lord Governor General of Canada** – Includes a copy of a letter to Lady Tweedsmuir regarding the death of her husband. The rest of the folder contains clippings on the life and death of Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir. 1940

21.26 **Unemployed Single Men to Government Camps** – The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines was caring for a number of single men under the Government Relief Plan and was desirous of sending them to participate in road work which was being undertaken by government departments. Fifty single men were to be sent to the Board Camps in the Ottawa Valley, but those camps were full. Camp number seven near Huntsville, Ontario had room for some of the men. A list of the men is provided. At the Board Camps, the men would work for eight hours a day in return for board and sleeping accommodation. They were paid a monthly rate of ten dollars. If they were off work for any reason, pay would be deducted. An additional rate of fifty cents was added to their renumeration, but it was deducted and placed in a medical fund. John Robertson wrote letters to the Mayor and he stated that the men were becoming restless and needed other diversions besides reading and card playing. Because of this letter, a radio was provided. Other camps were located at Haliburton and Minden, 1933-1934

21.27 Unemployed Single Men to Government Camps – Long Point and Port Rowen Camps are mentioned. Correspondence deals with suitable clothes and footwear for the camps. A list of men who had applied for, and a list of men who were at Long Point Camp is enclosed. A list of men who were sent to Port Rowen, Ontario is also enclosed, 1935

22.1 **Unemployed Workers – Correspondence and Reports** – Contains a document of complaint from a wife against her husband that he has neglected to provide necessaries for his wife and children. The husband was arrested. Reports on individuals on relief are enclosed, as well as correspondence. The reports are quite detailed including: marital status, names and ages of children, summary of relief received [some include itemized lists of clothing and food received] and reports on the behavior of the recipient. One of the citizens has a Red Card Report [Red cards were issued by Industrial Workers of the World]. The majority of men on relief in St. Catharines were required to work on an average of three full weeks of six days of eight hours each month. A petition from Mr. D. Stock who represented the unemployed workers stated that relief workers were being shamefully and systematically starved by inadequate rations being doled out unfairly by irresponsible and incompetent persons and an irresponsible Relief Committee. In connection with the difficulties with relief, 39 men walked off their jobs. There is a list of the names of the men who walked off, and the ones who were reinstated. Mr. H. Carmichael was the chairman of Relief Committee in St. Catharines, 1928-1934 (non-inclusive)
22.2 **Unemployment Problems Affecting Ontario Municipalities, Winter Season 1957-1958**, It was resolved that the St. Catharines City Council urged the Government of Canada to accept, in conjunction with the provinces, the full costs of relief and welfare assistance for employable men and women and their families who applied to municipalities for emergency assistance. Similar letters from other cities are enclosed. A *Brief on the Current Unemployment Situation* prepared by the St. Catharines and District Labour Council in January of 1958 is also enclosed.

22.3 **Unemployment Research Committee of Ontario** – Contains correspondence regarding the organization of the Unemployment Research Committee. Mr. D.B. Harkness and Mr. E.D. MacPhee contacted Mayor McCordick about the program. Dr. H.M. Cassidy wrote a book entitled *Unemployment and Relief in Ontario*, 1931-1932

22.4 **Unemployment Situation** – The McKinnon Section of Local 199, U.A.W., C.I.O. appeared before City Council to bring before the council the alarming situation of unemployment. At that particular time, over 800 former McKinnon employees were laid off. An address was presented by the Honourable William A. Goodfellow, M.P.P. who was the Minister of Public Welfare. The Peninsula Labour, Unemployed Workers Council and the Trades and Labour Council presented a brief to the City of St. Catharines. St. Catharines, Merritton, Grantham, Port Dalhousie and Thorold presented a brief to the Federal Government asking for serious and favourable consideration to: provide wider benefits, provide contributions to municipalities for relief of employable unemployed, initiation of a federal public works program, review of immigration regulations, enforcement of regulations under the customs act to prevent dumping of below cost primary and secondary products and elimination of excise tax on lower priced automobiles. Minutes of the Local Employment Advisory Committee National Employment Service for a meeting held on October 7, 1954 are also enclosed, 1954

22.5 **Union – Municipal Bldg. Employees Local 157 – Canadian Union of Public Employees**, Includes an agreement between the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 157. A list of members of C.U.P.E. Local 157 for 1972 is enclosed, 1972-1973

22.6 **United Automobile, Aircraft & Agricultural Implement Workers of America – Also Electrical Union** – United Auto Workers of America announced a meeting addressed by their International President, Homer Martin.
A talk was given to the St. Catharines Mayor and Council. It was called Total War Production. The focus of this was that the trade unionists desired victory for the Allied forces.

Fred G. Steeve, International Representative of the UAW-CIO and Ernest Whealy, President, sent a list of resolutions to the City of St. Catharines regarding the automotive industry’s suitability for quick conversion to mass production of war materials.

Fred Steeve also posted a flyer, Dissatisfied with Management. St. Catharines Steel Products let 75 skilled employees go rather than discuss their complaints. Mr. Steeve pointed out that St. Catharines Steel’s job was to supply vital ammunition to the fighting forces. The dismissal of these men was not helping the war effort.

A copy of War-Worker (special St. Catharines edition) for September 1, 1943 is enclosed.

A flyer entitled Labour Presents Arms from the Industrial Division, Wartime Information Board, Ottawa is enclosed.

A flyer entitled Jobs for Canadians UAW-CIO Win the Peace Plan from the International Union, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW-CIO) is enclosed.

The McKinnon workers went on strike in St. Catharines in 1948. McKinnon is a subsidiary of General Motors, but General Motors refused to recognize that McKinnon employees were entitled to receive the same wages as General Motors workers in other parts of Canada.

In 1953, the McKinnon Section of Local 199, U.A.W. C.I.O. brought to City Council’s attention the problem of growing unemployment.

In 1957, John L. Ideson, President of Local 199 of the United Auto Workers appealed to the St. Catharines City Council to strengthen public education in Canada.

Local 199 addressed the problem of imported manufactured goods 1938-1960 (non-inclusive)

22.7 United Empire Loyalist Association – Correspondence regarding the 50th Anniversary celebration of the United Empire Loyalist Association, St. Catharines Branch. Major Vaughan McLean Howard of Toronto was the speaker, 1952

22.8 United Hospitals’ Campaign – Contains a flyer entitled The United Hospitals Campaign and You! The Executive Committee of the United Hospitals Campaign set an objective of $30.00 per employee for industry. All employees were asked for one hour’s pay per month for 16 months. The contributions were made on a voluntary basis but payroll deductions could be made. Lists of employee’s subscriptions are enclosed, 1949, 1951

22.9 Unwatering Old Welland Canal – The Department of Railways and Canals proposed to unwater the old Welland Canal between some point in Thorold to approximately Lock 3 at St. Catharines. This would affect local
industries and sewage disposal. A committee of the Council was appointed to work in conjunction with committees from St. Catharines, Merritton and Grantham Councils to protest against the unwatering of the old canal, 1929-1930

22.10 **“V” Day** – A V-E Day Management Committee, Retail Section of the Chamber of Commerce was formed. Mr. F.R. Cavers was the Chairman. O. Milligan, J.M. Dempsey and W.F. Butcher were part of the committee. Recommendations regarding V Day included: flags and decorations; traffic was to be rerouted from the area bounded by Ontario, St. Paul, Geneva and Church Streets; Mr. Empringham of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway should be invited to attend the meeting; there should be a publicity and advertising committee which would include C.K.T.B. and Gould Leslie Ltd; patriotic organizations should be invited to send a delegate to the meeting; stores should close when the official word was received; regimental and army bands were discussed and a church service would be planned. Included is a copy of *Canadian War Orders and Regulations* from December 11, 1944. There is also a list for festivities for Observance of Victory-in-Europe Day. This would be proclaimed a holiday by the Dominion Government. Also within the file is a sheet entitled Observance of Victory-over-Japan Day. On this day, church bells would ring and factory whistles would sound. The day would be observed as a general holiday. A program for the VJ-Day Parade is also enclosed, 1944-1945

22.11 **Victoria Industrial School** – This was a residential school in the southwest area of Toronto which took in vagrant boys to train them and improve their lot in life. There were no bars or cells. Boys were made to feel as if this was a home rather than a prison. This was the first institution of its type in Canada. Students ranged in age from 10 to 14. The matron at the institution played a motherly role while the guards acted as fathers. The boys were taught carpentry, printing, farming, baking and tailoring. The school also had a greenhouse, hospital, skating rink and swimming pool. The institution was run in a military style with the boys wearing uniforms. In 1928, the school was named Mimico Reform School. It began to take in boys with more of a criminal history. It closed in 1934. Within this file there are letters and reports about St. Catharines’ boys who attended this school, 1924-1934

22.12 **Victory Bags Association** – This file includes correspondence regarding the method of collecting salvage in various municipalities – The City Council gave $800.00 to the Victory Bags Association to help winterize the building that housed the organization and to pay for a paper baler. In the collecting of salvage material, most of the proceeds were turned over to the local Red Cross. The primary object of the committee was to cooperate with the Department of National War Services in the National
Salvage Campaign. Comparative profit and loss statements for the years 1957-1959 are included, 1940-1960 (non-inclusive)

22.13 **Victory Loan Campaign** – This file begins with the second Victory Loan campaign. The National War Finance Committee was formed to coordinate the activities of the War Savings and War Loan Committees. The purpose of this merger was to reduce the number of national campaigns, avoid duplication of effort and promote economy in administration. *Bulletin no. 1* and *Bulletin no. 2* were put out by the Dominion Ceremonials Committee regarding the second Victory Loan. $841,000,000.00 was collected in the first Victory Loan. The Department of National Defence sent a Demonstration Train across the country to acquaint the public with various units of the Canadian Army and their functions, to exhibit modern army equipment, to promote the War Loan and to assist the Red Cross in registering blood donors. A flyer entitled *Second Victory Loan 1942 – The Honour Program, What is it and How it Works* is enclosed. A list of employees on the Official City Corporation payroll who completed payments on their Victory Bonds is included. An analysis of establishments for the third Victory Loan is also included. *Hit Parade IV* for the fourth Victory Loan is a booklet which monitors the canvassing district and the St. Catharines salesmen. In one of these booklets, the leading salesman was W.H. Gittings and the runners-up were H.B. Willson and B.S. McCulloch. There are five of these booklets. On the cover it says “See which General will be the first to knock the Nazis out of the park!” The generals include: special names, employees and general canvass. Numbers for the city employee subscriptions for the 2nd through the 6th Victory Loans are included, 1942-1944

22.14 **Victory Torch, Reception at Montebello Park, June 6th, 1941** – A symbolic torch was sent to Prime Minister Winston Churchill. This torch was created with Canadian materials by artist Ted Watson. The inscription on the base was “Canada’s Victory Loan 1941 – Part of the Tools”. A Dominion Torch Committee was formed to synchronize a Dominion-wide program in connection with the Victory Loan. The plan was to have a “Torch Day” program in the principal cities of all provinces. A bulletin entitled *Victory Loan, 1941 – Dominion Torch Committee – Religious Sub-Committee* outlined various poems, prayers and benedictions to be used at various religious services. A Victory Torch timetable, as the torch moved from town to town is included as well as the Victory Torch program. The St. Catharines ceremony was held on Friday June 6, 1941 at 7 pm in Montebello Park and a parade was held on June 8th, 1941

22.15 **Wading Pool – Lincoln Park Community Centre** – Included are: instructions for bidders to build the pool, a construction contract between Rymer Brothers and the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines and statements and expenditures, 1956-1957
22.16 Walker, W.W. and Sons, Dispute with McKinnon Industries Limited
– McKinnon Industries manufactured steel and iron products 600 feet from Mr. Walker’s property. Mr. Walker, a florist, had a house and also a florist shop and nursery. As part of his business he specialised in growing orchids which are particularly sensitive to pollution. Mr. Walker filed an injunction in relation to noxious fumes and smuts which caused his shrubs, trees, hedges and flowers to die. McKinnon had to cease foundry operations on November 1, 1951. New premises for the company were under construction, but would not be ready to operate for a number of months. This would mean the laying off of approximately 1000 employees. A ripple effect would cause work stoppages in other plants that were dependent on McKinnon Industries. Local 199 U.A.W. – C.I.O. appealed to the administrators of the City of St. Catharines to find some arrangement which would permit continued operation of the plant until their new premises were completed, 1951

22.17 War Assets Corporation - Surplus military equipment was offered for sale – This file contains purchase orders and correspondence regarding orders. Some of the items which were for sale included: a siren, a hose, lots in Grantham Township and buildings, 1945-1948

22.18 War Effort – Funds, Donations and Assistance – Correspondence deals with a request to City Council for assistance amounting to $75.00 per month for recreation rooms for soldiers. There was an inquiry into the “Smith” fund to buy a spitfire [see 20.25]. A salute to Britain was held on St. George’s Day, Wednesday, April 23, 1941. Notes for Salute to Britain are included. An active service canteen opened at 164 St. Paul Street. Mrs. Alban Butler and Mrs. Charles Morgan represented the group of ladies who opened the canteen. The International Union Local 199 presented a number of resolutions to the City of St. Catharines and Mr. King’s views on compulsory military service are also included, 1940-1944 (non-inclusive)

22.19 War Memorial -1st World War 1914-1918 Bronze Plaques in City Hall Bearing Names of Deceased Servicemen – This file contains lists of the war dead including: Soldiers from the Village of Port Dalhousie; a list of names provided by officers of the St. Catharines Branch of the Canadian Legion; a list of people whose names were overlooked; a list of men from the Township of Grantham; a list of men from Merriton and a list of St. Catharines citizens who were killed in action, died of wounds or sickness and who were buried overseas during the war of 1914-1918. There are notes from citizens who were offering names to be included on the plaques. A blueprint of the plaque and an alternate plaque are enclosed. Sketches are also enclosed. These tablets were erected just inside the front
entrance of the Municipal Building, 1 b&w photo, 1937-1948 (non-inclusive)

22.20 **War Memorial – Great War 1914-1918** - Contains sketches of memorials. A list of the City of St. Catharines fallen of the Great War [World War I] is provided. An agreement was made up between the War Memorial Committee of the City of St. Catharines and The McIntosh Granite Company of Toronto. Minutes of the War Memorial Committee are enclosed. An invitation was sent to His Royal Highness, Edward, Prince of Wales that he might dedicate the city’s war memorial during his visit to the Dominion of Canada. His Royal Highness had a strict rule against unveiling local war memorials because the requests were too numerous. He agreed to lay a wreath on the memorial on August 7, 1927. The text chosen for the memorial was “The men were very good unto us and we were not hurt. They were a wall unto us both by night and day”. The inscription of “In memoriam requiescat in pace” was also requested. The cenotaph was located in Memorial Park. Some of the correspondence deals with maintenance and upkeep of the cenotaph, 1927-1939 (non-inclusive)

22.21 **War Memorial – Second World War 1939-1945** – Contains a diagram bearing the soldiers’ names. A War Memorial Committee was created. The idea was that the memorial would take the form of a Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium. The idea was sent to fraternal and benevolent societies (list enclosed). Some organizations were in favour of the idea, but The Imperial Veterans Association was opposed to the idea as they wanted the memorial to benefit the veterans. Many ideas regarding the building were sent to the committee. A summary of the replies is included. A list of the names to be put on the plaque is included. The name of William Horne Dudley was inadvertently omitted from the plaque, 1945-1952

22.22 **War – Requests for Military Exemptions**, 1942-1945 (non-inclusive)

22.23 **War Savings Stamps and Certificates** – War Savings Certificates were touted as the safest investment obtainable. For every $4.00 invested, you would receive $5.00 in return. Employees were encouraged to have deductions taken from their pay. Canadians were asked to lend their savings to our soldiers, sailors and airmen. The “Honour Roll” was announced for employers and their employees. This would give recognition to outstanding co-operation in the regular purchase of War Savings Certificates. Included are: pledge forms, correspondence, instructions to employers and employees, flyers, posters, remittance forms and a speech for Rotary Clubs and similar organizations, 1940-1943
22.24 **War Trophies – Received in St. Catharines** – A German 77m. gun no. 36 was given to the Town of St. Catharines as a war trophy. This was sent by Lieutenant Colonel A.G. Doughty, Director of War Trophies. St. Catharines also received a 105 mm. gun no. 249. An “All Out” war effort for 1942 meant that every available piece of scrap metal had to be salvaged in order to keep war industries at their peak. The Department of Munitions and Supply asked the city to donate any trophies stationed in parks, squares or other public places to be made over into other implements of war with which to combat the common enemy. They also asked for the 105mm gun G. 249 to be returned. The Mayor did respond that there were other sources for scrap metal such as the bridge that went over the Welland Canal on Ontario Street and was slated to be removed, 1919-1942 (non-inclusive)

22.25 **Wartime Prices and Trade Board Rentals** – City Council discussed the subject of the application of rent control in St. Catharines despite the fact that there was little statistical information on housing in St. Catharines. An industrial employees survey shows number of houses wanted and number of rooms wanted by employed people in St. Catharines. The Rentals Administrator of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, W.M. Martin wrote that he was alarmed about rental conditions throughout the Niagara Peninsula. Copies of the rental regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board are included. City Council appointed a special committee to deal with rents. A pamphlet entitled *Rent Control in Canada, Questions and Answers* issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board is included. 16 Chestnut Street was suggested as an emergency housing project. Other topics in this file include police and firemen’s uniforms and maximum prices for fuelwood in Central and South-Western Ontario, 1940-1945

22.26 **Waste Paper – Solid Wastes and Re-cycling** – A report on *Garbage Recycling* submitted by G.V. Kidson, Faculty Advisor and G.B. Harper, Student in Charge. This project was done at Brock University and was part of the Opportunities for Youth program, 1971

22.27 **Wedding Gift – Princess Elizabeth** – The City of St. Catharines inquired about a gift to Princess Elizabeth which would take the form of food for the needy in Great Britain. It was decided that 200 cases of canned peaches would be forwarded to the British Ministry of Food to be shared by the people of Great Britain. Mr. R.C. Elkins, Sales Manager at Canadian Canners Limited was sent a cheque for $1,116.66 in payment for 200 cases of peaches plus freight charges, 1947-1948

22.28 **Welch – Robert S. M.P.P.** – Includes a copy of Mr. Welch’s speech *The Need for Re-Creation* which was presented to the Meeting and Conference of the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association. Also within the file are copies of resolutions passed by the City Council and general
correspondence. Topics include: construction safety, water levels in the Great Lakes, re-establishment of the Parks Assistance Act, discontinuation of tolls at the St. Catharines and Burlington Skyways, Oakville’s dog tax, the use of abandoned railway lines for recreational purposes and other topics, 1972-1973

22.29 Welland Canal – Chestnut Street Crossing Lock Four, Second Canal – C.W. West, the Superintending Engineer was authorized by the Chief Engineer to make an offer to the City of St. Catharines. The Department of Railways and Canals would contribute $5,000.00 toward any scheme for improvement to the Chestnut Street crossing and the City would provide and maintain the crossing to the satisfaction of the department. The City would not be held responsible for any failure of the lock walls which would be used as abutments for the proposed bridge, 1935-1936

22.30 Welland Canal Department – The main content of this set of files is correspondence regarding leases, licences, sales and rentals. Included is the itinerary of the Honourable Dr. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals when he visited the Welland Ship Canal on October 25, 1930. A booklet entitled The Fourth Welland Ship Canal – History and Engineering Detail is enclosed. This booklet was published by the Detroit Board of Commerce. Also enclosed is a blueprint of the Welland Canal which features land which is to be sold to the City of St. Catharines, 1925-1937

22.31 Welland Canal Department – This includes a map of the Third Welland Canal right-of-way from Port Dalhousie to the ship canal and a diagram of Lock no. 4, 3rd Canal, 1938-1947 (non-inclusive)

22.32 Welland Canal Department – Includes a map of the Second Welland Canal, 1948-1956 (non-inclusive)

22.33 Welland Canal Dock at Homer – The City Clerk inquired to the Canadian Steamship Lines as to the charges for shipping through the warehouse such as storage charges and loading charges. Canada Steamship Lines responded regarding their rates, and other companies were informed. Their responses are enclosed, 1934-1935

22.34 Welland Canal - Niagara Street & Queenston Street crossing on abandoned section – Includes a plan of the Welland Canal showing the new canal near the Niagara Street Bridge with grades and public utilities. City Council discussed the removal of the bridge across the abandoned Welland Canal at Niagara Street. Enclosed is the estimated cost of removing the bridge and lowering the grade at the Niagara Street crossing. There is also a map of lands at the Niagara Street crossing proposed to be conveyed to the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines. Also included is
a Niagara Street improvement plan showing the roadway between Vine and Trapnell Streets at the disused Welland Canal, 1934-1940 (non-inclusive)

22.35 **Welland Canal – Right of Way on abandoned water-way** – Contains a map of the Third Welland Canal showing canal lands in the City of St. Catharines and Township of Grantham between former Locks 7 and 10, 1936

22.36 **Woodruff “The Doctor Haynes Woodruff Bounty”** – Edward Haynes Woodruff, physician initiated an indenture of trust settlement to be paid to a committee consisting of: the Mayor of St. Catharines, the County Judge and the Worshipful Master at St. George’s Lodge No. 15. This trust was to be expended each year to one or more boys of good moral character who were residents of St. Catharines or vicinity who desired a technical education or useful trade. The net income from the fund would rest with the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, 1921, 1933-1934


22.38 **Ziraldo Lands West of Ontario Street bordering on Martindale** – A by-law was passed to dispose of the road allowance between Lots 20 and 21, extending from the Corporation line of Port Dalhousie to the Corporation line of St. Catharines. The Ziraldo Family owned lands in Lots 20 and 21, Concession 2 in the former Township of Grantham. A map is enclosed, This was in connection to a proposed subdivision plan filed by Plunkett Properties Limited, 1973

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**Subject Access:**

600 Bald, Wilfred Rand, 1892-1982.
600 Bench, J. J.
600 Chaplin, James Dew, 1863-1937.
| 600 | Hawley, Estelle Cuffe, 1893?-1995. |
| 600 | Avery, Frederick H. |
| 600 | Chown, Mackenzie Alan, 1921-1983. |
| 600 | Daley, Charles, 1890-1976. |
| 600 | Franklin, A.C. John, 1914-1972. |
| 600 | McCordick, Frank Case, 1873-1946. |
| 600 | Smith, John, 1894-1977. |
| 600 | Westwood, Walter James, 1865-1937. |
| 600 | Wright, John David, 1872-1948. |
| 600 | Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1926- -- Coronation. |
| 600 | George VI, King of Great Britain, 1895-1952 -- Coronation. |
| 610 | St. Catharines (Ont.). Clerk's Office. |
| 610 | McKinnon Industries Ltd. |
| 610 | General Motors of Canada. |
| 610 | Niagara Grape and Wine Festival – History -- Sources. |
| 610 | Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway -- History. |
| 610 | Packard Electric Company -- History. |
| 610 | Lincoln Electric Light and Power Company |
| 610 | Guaranty Silk Dyeing and Finishing Company. |
| 650 | Airports -- Ontario -- St. Catharines. |
| 650 | Industries -- Ontario -- St. Catharines. |
| 650 | Municipal government -- Ontario -- St. Catharines -- Sources. |
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| 650 | Street names -- Ontario -- St. Catharines -- History. |
| 651 | Welland Canal (Ont.) -- History. |
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| 651 | Merritton (Ont.) -- History. |
| 651 | Port Dalhousie (Ont.) -- History. |
| 651 | St. Catharines (Ont.) – History -- Sources. |