

Finding Aid for the Daniel Bechtel Detweiler Collection

ONTARIO HYDRO

MC.5.1a - Newspapers

Numerous newspaper clippings and newspaper sections relating to the development of Ontario Hydro. The earliest newspaper article is from 1902 and the most recent article is from 1956 about the 50th anniversary of Royal Assent to Ontario's Hydro legislation. *Some of these newspapers are very fragile. Please use not for the News Record and Telegraph issues.*

MC.5.1b - Correspondence

Letters written to and sent by D.B. Detweiler relating to the development of Ontario Hydro. The letters deal with such subjects as: the exportation of electrical power in 1917; petitions for hydro power; and an invitation to a banquet held in Berlin for the official opening of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission's lines.

MC.5.1c - Reports

Reports regarding the development of Ontario Hydro. The reports deal with such subjects as: the transmission of power from Niagara Falls to nearby cities; "The Committee of One"; and an address made in 1956, the 50th anniversary of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

MC.5.1d - Magazines

- 2 copies of "Maclean's" - June 15, 1954. The article of interest is entitled "Adam Beck's Fight for Public Hydro."
- 1 copy of "Ontario Hydro-Historical Highlights" (1900-1956)
- 2 copies of "Ontario Hydro News" - February - March, 1953.
- 2 copies of "Ontario Hydro News" - June, 1956.
- 1 copy of "Ontario Hydro Staff News" - June, 1956.
- 2 copies of "Hydro Golden Jubilee" - 1956.
- 1 copy of "Kitchener - The Birthplace of Hydro" - 1967.
- 2 copies of "The Origin of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Movement" - (date unknown)

MC.5.1e - Photographs

Four black & white photos of a waterfall and a river - probably the Niagara River and Falls before they were developed.

MC.5.1f - Misc.

- 3 invitations addressed to Mr. Detweiler for dinners being held in celebration of the hydro electric systems of various cities.
- 1 copy of the menu for the banquet which commemorated the formal turning-on of Niagara power in Berlin - 1910.
- 2 copies of pamphlet entitled "Golden Jubilee - 1906 Fifty Years of Progress 1956."
- 2 copies of booklet entitled "Hydro Jubilee Ceremonies St. Jacobs and Kitchener - 1956."

see also: History of Adam Beck  
Great Waterways Union of Canada  
History of D.B. Detweiler

GREAT WATERWAYS UNION OF CANADA

MC.5.2a - Newspapers

Numerous newspaper clippings and entire sections relating to various canal systems in Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway. Most of the articles deal with the fact that Canada's interior had to be opened to the Atlantic Ocean in order for trade to improve. The Welland Canal, canals on the St. Lawrence River and canals on Georgian Bay were suggested and finally built. The earliest article is from 1912; the latest from 1941; however, many of the articles have not been dated. The most recent article explains how Canada and the US will share the system.

MC.5.2b - Correspondence

Letters written to and sent by D.B. Detweiler relating to the development of the Great Waterways Union of Canada. These letters present both sides of the argument as to whether Canada should have a seaway system. The letters were written between 1911 and 1919.

MC.5.2c - Booklets and Articles

-2 copies of booklet entitled "The Georgian Bay Canal - The Enlargements of the Welland Canal" - 1911 - written by D.B. Detweiler.

-article entitled "Wheat, Climate and the Canal." - 1912

-6 copies of booklet entitled "Great Waterways Union of Canada" - 1912. Booklet also contains a treatise on the subject of canals written by D.B. Detweiler.

-article entitled "Expect to get a grant" - 1914. It is a short write-up regarding an ocean highway from Montreal to Lake Superior and the subsidy of hydro electric railway lines.

-2 copies of "History of the Great Waterways Union of Canada" compiled by the Public Archives Department of Canada in 1921.

-1 copy of booklet entitled "Power from the St. Lawrence" - 1958.

see also: Trade and Tariff  
History of D.B. Detweiler - Diary 1913

WORLD WAR I

MC.5.3a - Newspapers

-<sup>four</sup>five articles from the Kitchener and London newspapers regarding Kitchener's war effort.

MC.5.3b - Correspondence

Letters written to and sent by D.B. Detweiler between 1914 - 1917. These letters deal with the Canadian war effort and war programmes.

MC.5.3c - Booklet

Copy of the "Parliamentary Debates" - 1916. Mr. Detweiler has marked page 1299 which deals with possible co-operation of the allies.

see also; Trade and Tariff  
History of D.B. Detweiler - Diaries  
1914 - 1918

## HISTORY OF D.B. DETWEILER

### MC.5.4a - Newspapers

Numerous newspaper articles and sections from various newspapers regarding the hydro commission and specifically biographical sketches of D.B. Detweiler. The earliest dated article is 1912 while the most recent is 1956. The papers dated April 19, 1919 contain Detweiler's death announcement.

### MC.5.4b - Correspondence

Several letters written after the death of D.B. Detweiler by people interested in his life to his son J.R. Detwiler (note the dropped "e") There are also copies of letters written by Detwiler in response to the above.

### MC.5.4c - Biographical sketches

- 1 copy of "Seventh Annual Report of the Waterloo Historical Society" - 1919. Included is an article on D.B. Detweiler.
- numerous hand-written and typed biographical sketches.
- numerous pencil-written sheets dealing with Detweiler's life.

### MC.5.4d - Diaries and Clippings

Mr. D.B. Detweiler's personal diaries:

1880	1904
1903	1906
1909 - 1919	

Newspaper clippings to supplement diaries (kept in envelopes)

1906
1907 - 1917
1919

### MC.5.4e - Misc.

- one funeral card for the funeral of Daniel B. Detweiler.
- collection of cards from the Public Archives of Canada commemorating the passing of a pioneer.

Mr Detweiler died 18 April 1919. His last diary entry was on 4 March. After that date, his wife starts to record her own thoughts, and the events in her life after her husband's death.

BERLIN (KITCHENER) BOARD OF TRADE

MC.5.5a - Newspapers

Copy of the January 12, 1906 "The Berlin News Record." The headline reads "Board of Trade Now Has 300 Members." D.B. Detweiler was president at this time.

MC.5.5b - Correspondence

Letter sent to Mr. Detweiler on January 25, 1919 conferring upon him a life membership in the Kitchener Board of Trade.

MC.5.5c - Misc.

- one copy of the 1915 Berlin Board of Trade Council and committees.
- one copy of the 1906 Berlin Board of Trade's 21st annual report entitled "Busy Berlin."

see also: History of D.B. Detweiler - Diaries  
1913 , 1916

ALGOMA POWER COMPANY LIMITED

MC.5.6a - Newspapers

Clipping from January 1910 stating that Mr. C.E. Torrey was leaving the Soo for a job in Wisconsin with the Electric Light Company.

MC.5.6b - Correspondence

Letters include:

- a letter from Allis-Chalmers-Bullock, Ltd. of Montreal requesting an acceptance of a draft for \$2,000. (1908)
- a letter regarding the sale of Algoma Power Company's interest in plant power at Michipicoten. (1912)
- one rejection from Gardner and Lindberg Engineers in Chicago for a loan for the Algoma Power Company.

## RAILWAYS

### MC.5.7a - Newspapers

Two clippings; one entitled "Toronto to be Terminus for Cross - Country Train". This article states that there would be a transcontinental train to Vancouver, one to Winnipeg, a local train service from Toronto and the construction of a Union Station in North Toronto. The other article is entitled "Railway Nationalization, Electrification, and the Poor Grand Trunk."

### MC.5.7b - Correspondence

Three letters regarding rail transportation in Canada. One letter questions whether it is possible for Canadian rail lines to go through the US. and still be owned or controlled by Canadian corporations.

see also: Great Waterways Union of Canada  
Trade and Tariff

## CITY OF BERLIN POLITICS

### MC.5.8a - Newspapers

Found in Kitchener's paper, "The Daily Telegraph" (March 22, 1919), an article entitled "Far Fields look Greener" which is concerned with the "Made-in-Kitchener" label on locally made goods. Mr. Detweiler was very much involved with this concern as vice - president of Hydro City Shoe Manufacturers Limited.

A second clipping is entitled "Town Planning". In it, the author discusses the civic betterment of Berlin.

### MC.5.8b - Correspondence

-letter sent by D.B. Detweiler to Henry Brock, Chairman of the Toronto Board of Trade, (1912), regarding the laying out and the extension of Berlin's streets.

-letter from W.M.O. Lohead, Secretary of the Berlin Board of Trade, in 1912, regarding the formation of a city planning association.

-letter received by Detweiler in 1913 regarding a proposition from a civil and landscape engineer of New York for the construction of Berlin's Civic Centre.

see also: Berlin History  
World War I  
History of D.B. Detweiler  
Ontario Hydro

BERLIN HISTORY

MC.5.9a - Newspapers

Front section of "The Berlin News Record", April, 1914,  
dedicated to the history of Berlin.

Front section of "The Berlin News Record", July 22, 1916,  
dedicated to the history of Berlin.

see also: History of D.B. Detweiler - Diaries  
1913 , 1916

TRADE AND TARIFF

MC.5.10a - Newspapers

Article from London's "The Standard" entitled "Trade after the War." This article is concerned with the future of business after the war in England.

MC.5.10b - Correspondence

Numerous letters written and received by Detweiler regarding the concern about the future of Canadian, British and US preferential tariff policies after World War I.

see also: World War I

## HISTORY OF ADAM BECK

### MC.5.11a - Newspapers

One article which provides a biographical sketch, accompanied by several pictures of Sir Adam Beck. This article appeared in the "Kitchener-Waterloo Record" on May 1, 1956.

### MC.5.11b - Correspondence

Numerous letters written to various politicians by Detweiler suggesting the erection of a memorial and/or a knighthood for Beck in recognition of his fight for Hydro. These letters were written in 1912 - 1913. There is also a small thank-you card sent to Detweiler by Beck in 1914.

see also: History of D.B. Detweiler - Diary 1914

UNION NATURAL GAS COMPANY

MC.5.12a - Newspapers

Newspaper clipping entitled "The Reason No Well Was Sunk at Berlin" - circa 1900. The article deals with Professor Coste's report that there was not a paying quantity of natural gas or oil; however, there was gas at Port Hope.

MC.5.12b - Correspondence

-letter sent to D.A. Coste, Managing Director of The Union Natural Gas Company of Canada in 1908 regarding the payment of 41 shares of the Volcanic Oil and Gas Company.

-series of letters stapled together sent to G.M. DeBus and Detweiler regarding the sinking of a natural gas well at Berlin. This series also contains a pencil drawing of the largest gas well in the USA.

-letter received by Detweiler, sent from D.A. Coste, 1914, regarding the sale of Berlin franchises to the Union Natural Gas Company.

MC.5.12c - Misc.

-agreement of payment in order to secure Mr. Coste's opinion as to the advisability of sinking a well at Berlin for oil and natural gas - September 6, 1901.

-printed agreement between The Volcanic Oil and Gas Company and various people in Berlin stating that the interested people of Berlin would be willing to help pay for the sinking of wells in Berlin.

PANAMA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION - 1915

MC.5.13a - Newspapers

(No clippings on this subject)

MC.5.13b - Correspondence

Letters sent to or received by D.B. Detweiler between March 1914 and January 1915 regarding the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

-March 16, 1914 - letter sent to W.G. Weichel, M.P., regarding Britain's and Germany's refusal to attend the exposition and also the Panama tolls question.

-April 8, 1914 - post card from W.H. Breithaupt discussing the Panama Canal.

-May 1, 1914 - letter from H.C. Gardner of the Chicago Association of Commerce requesting Detweiler to ask how the International Joint Commission on Boundary Waters was progressing. Attached is a newspaper clipping from the Toronto "Globe" entitled "Britain May Yet Exhibit at 'Frisco.'"

-May 28, 1914 - letter from W.P. Clement of The Berlin Board of Trade. The letter includes three copies of a resolution dated March 23, 1914 which was passed by The Berlin Board of Trade to request Britain's government to participate in the exposition.

-May 28, 1914 - letter sent to the President of the Panama Pacific Exposition trying to convince him that Britain should send a representative to the exposition.

-May 29, 1914 - letter sent to R. Reid, the Ontario Agent General in London, England trying to persuade him to help convince British officials that they should attend the US exhibition.

-July 10, 1914 - letter sent to Sir R.L. Borden regarding Britain's refusal to attend the exposition.

-July 14, 1914 - letter sent to H.W. Stiff, Director-in-Chief of the Panama Pacific Exposition in which Mr. Detweiler tries to convince him that there is still a possibility that England and Germany will attend the international exposition.

-July 14, 1914 - letter sent to Senator Townsend, USA, - same contents as previous letter.

-July 15, 1914 - letter sent to Senator Townsend as a supplement to his previous letter restating that England and Germany should attend the exposition.

-September 10, 1914 - letter sent to Sir R.L. Borden regarding Britain's refusal to attend the exposition.

-November 23, 1914 - letter sent to H.A. Frambach of Michigan asking for his disapproval of Britain's stand on the exposition.

-December 12, 1914 - letter sent to E.H. Scammell, secretary of C.F. Association in Ottawa regarding Britain's non-attendance at the Panama

PANAMA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION - 1915 (continued)

MC.5.13b - Correspondence (continued)

Exposition.

-two copies of a suggested draft requesting Great Britain to reconsider its decision.

DECIMAL SYSTEM

MC.5.14a - Newspapers

(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.14b - Correspondence

Letter (dated March 28, 1916) received from The Canadian Bank of Commerce in Toronto supporting Mr. Detweiler's belief in the necessity of the decimal system in England.

see also: History of D.B. Detweiler - Diaries  
1916 , 1917

WATERLOO COUNTY GRAND RIVER PARK LIMITED

MC.5.15a - Newspapers  
(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.15b - Correspondence

- letter (dated February 26, 1912) received from R.W. Perks of London, England thanking Mr. Detweiler for having sent him a copy of the Canadian Conservation Commission Report.

- letter (dated April 23, 1914) received from C.W. Leavitt of New York supporting Mr. Detweiler's belief that the property upon the Grand River should be conserved.

- letter (dated August 12, 1918) received from the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines expressing with regret that Mr. Fergusin could not meet with Mr. Detweiler.

- letter (dated January 4, 1919) received from C. Dolph of The Metal Shingle and Siding Company Limited of Preston regarding a meeting of the Waterloo County Grand River Park Limited.

- form letter (date unknown) written by Homer Watson, C. Dolph and D.B. Detweiler requesting the attendance of interested persons to a gathering at Cressman's Woods regarding the conservation of the property.

MC.5.15c - Booklet

Booklet entitled "The Conservation of Cressman Bush for Waterloo County" which states why the bush should be saved.

see also: History of D.B. Detweiler - Diary 1913

CANADIAN - AMERICAN RELATIONS - 100 years of peace

Mc.5.16a - Newspapers  
(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.16b - Correspondence

- letter (dated April 7, 1911) from Mr. Detweiler and sent to Mr. H. Clews of New York regarding the planned celebrations of the 100 years of peace between the US and Canada.
- letter (dated April 11, 1911) from John Wesley Hill, President of the International Peace Forum requesting Mr. Detweiler to arrange for a group of gentlemen to travel to New York in order to meet with Mr. Clews, Mr. Hill and an American group of gentlemen.
- letter (dated April 18, 1911) sent to Mr. Hill agreeing to have a group of gentlemen travel to New York.
- letter (dated April 21, 1911) from Mr. Hill suggesting that the Forum wait and not go ahead with the arrangements for the peace celebrations until a group from Canada could help.
- letter (dated November 27, 1912) sent to Dr. D.S. Jordan of Stanford University congratulating him for announcing that he would be devoting his time to the cause of Peace after 1915.
- letter (dated November 27, 1912) sent to J. Wannamaker of Philadelphia regarding a joint monetary contribution from both countries as a prize for the best article on the 100 years of peace.
- letter (dated September 19, 1913) received from R. Boyle, President of the Niagara Falls Board of Trade agreeing with Mr. Detweiler's suggestion of erecting the Memorial Bridge between Niagara Falls, Ontario and Niagara Falls, New York.
- letter (dated March 8, 1916) received from D.S. Jordan in response to Mr. Detweiler's letter regarding the possible co-operation of the Carnegie firm.

PEAT POWER

MC.5.17a - Newspapers

(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.17b - Correspondence

- letter (dated September 8, 1917) from Col. R. Reid of London, England expressing interest in the preparation of peat for fuel.

- letter (dated October 2, 1917) sent to Col. R. Reid expressing hope in Peat Power.

## CANADIAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SYSTEMS

MC.5.18a - Newspapers  
(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.18b - Correspondence

- letter (dated June 20, 1904) from F.S. Spence of the Toronto Board of Control regarding his support of the idea of Canadian controlled telephone and telegraph systems.

- letter (dated July 7, 1904) sent to Mr. Lighthall, of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, of Montreal from Mr. Cook, President of the U C M, of Ottawa expressing regret that it would probably be a long time before telegraph and telephone lines were nationalized.

- letter (dated July 8, 1904) from Mr. Lighthall expressing his endorsement of nationalizing the systems.

- letter (not dated) sent to Mr. Spence regarding the meeting re: the telephone system.

- letter (dated January 27, 1910) sent to Wm. L. M. King, Minister of Labour informing him of the fact that the Eastern Canadian rural telephone companies should consolidate before Bell buys them which would result in higher rates.

- letter (dated April 5, 1910) sent to Mr. J.W. Lyon of Guelph requesting that he head the matter of Provincial ownership and operation of the telephones.

## IRON ORE MINING

MC.5.19a - Newspapers  
(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.19b - Correspondence

- letter (dated March 16, 1899) received from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario regarding the idea of iron ore mining in the Wawa-Michipicoten area.
- letter (dated October 12, 1901) received from The Northwestern Mining Company in Michipicoten regarding the mine and the need for water power.
- letter (dated April 2, 1908) sent to Mr. Gibson of Duluth, Minn., regarding the problems at the mines and the cost of ore.
- letter (dated March 2, 1909) sent to Mr. Gibson regarding the acquirement of money needed to finance drilling.
- letter (dated March 5, 1909) sent to Mr. Wood of Minneapolis discussing the problems which Mr. Detweiler was having with the management of the mines.
- letter (dated March 7, 1910) sent to Mr. Gibson regarding the staking of iron claims in the Michipicoten area.
- letter (dated March 8, 1910) sent to Mr. Burke of Michipicoten requesting him not to stake everything; only promising land. Detweiler was also concerned that claims, which had previously been agreed upon, were not being made in his name.
- letter (dated March 8, 1910) sent to Gibson regarding the re-organization of the Grace Mine.
- letter (dated March 18, 1910) sent to Mr. Burke thanking Burke for having his (Detweiler's) land staked.
- letter (dated March 11, 1914) sent to Mr. Taylor of Sault Ste. Marie regarding Ottawa's iron ore bounty proposition.
- letter (dated March 12, 1914) sent to Mr. Taylor regarding iron ore bounties.
- telegram (dated November 19, 1917) sent to Sir Hearst, Premier of Ontario, regarding the absence of his sons from the mines in order to appear before a judge. Mr. Detweiler wanted to know if they had to appear in person because they were indispensable.
- book of carbonated letters (dated from November 18, 1897 - May 13, 1904) regarding Mr. Detweiler's involvement in various mining companies.

HISTORY OF WATERLOO COUNTY

MC.5.20a - Newspapers  
(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.20b - Correspondence  
(no letters on this subject)

MC.5.20c - Booklet  
- booklet entitled "City Plan". This booklet gives readers the history of the area back to the years of the American Revolution and ends with the "turning - on" of electricity in Kitchener.

CALLING AND BUSINESS CARDS

MC.5.21a - Newspapers

(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.21b - Correspondence

(no letters on this subject)

MC.5.21c - Cards

- 23 business and calling cards.

MC.5.21d - Card Holder

- one black leather business card holder. "D.B. Detweiler" has been embossed in gold on the inside.

ENVELOPES

MC.5.22a - Newspapers  
(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.22b - Correspondence  
(no letters on this subject)

MC.5.22c - Envelopes  
- collection of 35 business and personal sized envelopes.

RECEIPTS AND ACCOUNTS

MC.5.23a - Newspapers

(no clippings on this subject)

MC.5.23b - Correspondence

(no letters on this subject)

MC.5.23c - Receipts and Accounts

- 2 burgandy leather bound receipt and account books.

- 1 black receipt and account book.

- photograph (dated June 2, 1902) of a list of people from whom money was collected to help pay the engineer's expenses when working on the Niagara Falls electric power problem.

- photograph (dated June 9, 1902) of a receipt made out to

D.B. Detweiler for \$30.00 from Berlin's Town Hall.

- postcard sent to Mr. E.W.B. Snider on June 30, 1904, informing him that Detweiler had paid \$103.50 to the Municipal Power Commission.

- a blue paged account of Indian debts, hunts and balances for 1880 in Pic River.

- 6 pages of accounts made out to Mr. Detweiler in account with Jacob Y. Shantz, Button Manufacturers for March 4th and March 5th, 1898.

MISC.

MC.5.24a - Newspapers

- article entitled "John A. Montague Swears Liberal Candidate Smith at the Soo Promised Him \$700.00."
- article entitled "Porto Rico Railways Company Limited."
- article entitled "West Kootenay Power and Light Company Limited" - June 27, 1908.
- article entitled "New Pulpwood Policy."
- article entitled "Large Water - Power for Sale" - May 24, 1906.
- article entitled "The Whitney Government's Duplicity" - March 25, 1910.
- front page of "The Berlin News Record" - May 28, 1912.
- advertisement entitled "30% on Money Invested" - April 24, 1907.

MC.5.24b - Correspondence

- letter (dated November 1935) received by Miss. Orpha Detweiler from W.W. Snider regarding hydro power matters.
- letter (dated 1908) sent to Mr. Detweiler by the Public Archives of Canada regarding his request for unknown material.
- letter (dated January 19, 1918) (same as above)
- postcard written to Mrs. Farr, by Mrs. Detweiler - November 5, 1924.
- thank-you note from S. Ruppert to Mr. Detweiler - 1903.
- letter (dated January 4, 1914) written to Mr. Scammell by Detweiler regarding unknown subject.

MC.5.24c - Misc.

- booklet entitled Plumbing and Drainage - Toronto, 1914
- booklet entitled Berlin Collegiate and Technical Institute - Announcement - 1906-7.
- article entitled "Electric Iron Smelting at Trollhättan in Sweden" - 1911.