

# Leslie Fournier fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Leslie Fournier fonds.** – 1921-1961.

25 cm of textual materials.

4 photographs.

## Biographical Sketch

Leslie Thomas Fournier was born in Sudbury, Ontario in 1901 to Tom and Lillian Fournier. The family moved to British Columbia in 1910, settling in Vancouver's West End. Fournier attended elementary school at Lord Roberts, and then moved on to King George High School. He continued his studies at the University of British Columbia, earning a B.A. and M.A. in Economics, in 1921 and 1923 respectively. Fournier completed his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, also in Economics, in 1927. Between 1924 and 1937, Fournier was a faculty member in Princeton University's Department of Economics, where he focused primarily on the regulation of public utilities. During his time at Princeton he consulted for the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners, and also wrote and published *Railway Nationalization in Canada: The Problem of the Canadian National Railways*. In 1937, Fournier left Princeton to act as a financial consultant to the U.S. Government's Securities and Exchange Commission, and remained there until 1946, when he joined the staff of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, acting first as Vice-President in charge of Economics. Four years later, he was also appointed Treasurer of the company. Leslie Fournier married Dorothy Brenchley on September 12, 1926. They moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey, where they had two daughters, Ann and Jane. Fournier died of a heart attack at his home on July 5, 1961.

## Custodial History

Materials were in the possession of Leslie Fournier's daughter, Jane Croft until April 2007, when Jane and her sister, Ann Moir, donated their father's papers to the University of British Columbia Archives.

## Scope and Content

Fonds consists of textual materials and photographs primarily related to Fournier's professional, business and writing activities, although some personal and educational records are included. The fonds has been arranged into five series: Personal and Biographical series, Education series, Professional and Business series, Printed Materials series, and Canadian National Railways series.

## Notes

Title based on provenance of fonds.

File list available.

Selected photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database \(UBC 129.1\)](#).

## Series Descriptions

### **Personal and Biographical Series.** -- 1927-1961.

.5 cm of textual records.

3 photographs.

Series consists of information about Fournier's family tree and the location of several family burial plots, biographical information including a profile in Panhandle Lines (corporate newsletter of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company) and a series of obituaries written after Fournier's death.

Box 1 (1)

### **Education Series.** -- 1921-1927.

4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of programmes from Fournier's 1921 Convocation and his 1927 Ph.D. public examination, correspondence, and copies of his M.A. thesis and his doctoral dissertation.

Box 1 (2-4)

### **Professional and Business Series.** -- 1924-1961.

4 cm of textual records.

1 photograph.

Series consists of correspondence between Fournier and his various employers and other general business correspondence, itineraries, annual reports, statements to U.S. Congress and the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight, and an application to the Federal Power Commission.

Box 1 (5-10)

### **Printed Materials Series.** -- 1927-1940.

4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of printed and published materials written by Fournier alone and/or in collaboration with other authors.

Box 1 (11-17)

**Canadian National Railways Series.** -- 1932-1936.

12.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of materials collected while Fournier was writing his book *Railway Nationalization in Canada: The Problem of the Canadian National Railways* and includes correspondence, drafts of chapters, book reviews, book orders, receipts, invoices, statements of sale and a carbon copy version of the book itself. Also included is a 5-part series of newspaper articles entitled *The Railways Problem in Canada*.

Box 2 (1-6)

# File List

Box 1

## PERSONAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SERIES

- 1-1 Family tree, biographical material and obituaries (1927-1961)
- 129.1/1 Photograph of Leslie T. Fournier (removed for digitization) - 15 x 20 cm, hand-tinted (1927)
- 129.1/2 Photograph of Leslie and Dorothy (Brenchley) Fournier (removed for digitization) - 9 x 10 cm, b&w [195-]
- 129.1/3 Photograph of Fournier home in Ridgewood, New Jersey - 9 x 10 cm, b&w [195-]

## EDUCATION SERIES

- 1-2 Convocation programme, correspondence, Ph.D. defense programme (1921-1927)
- 1-3 Masters thesis - "Canadian Federal Finance during the Great War" (1923)
- 1-4 Ph.D. dissertation - "The Canadian National Railways: A Study of the Nationalization of Railways in Canada" [1927]

## PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERIES

- 1-5 Correspondence, itinerary, annual report and other materials (1924-1961)
- 129.1/4 Reproduction of photograph of group [of Princeton faculty and students], Fournier is located 5th from the left (removed for digitization) - original photo is 23 x 19 cm, reproduction paper is 28 x 21.5 cm, b&w (1934)
- 1-6 Correspondence (1931, 1934-1935)
- 1-7 Correspondence (1934-1937)

- 1-8 Statement of Leslie T. Fournier to U.S. Congress [1948]
- 1-9 Statement of Leslie T. Fournier to the Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight, House of Representatives (1960)
- 1-10 Application of Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company for Rehearing (1961)

#### PRINTED MATERIALS SERIES

- 1-11 The Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act: Excerpts from Recent Juridical Decisions by Frank Haigh Dixon and Leslie Thomas Fournier. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1927.
- 1-12 "The Truth About Competition" by Frank A. Fetter. Reprinted from The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia, January 1933.
- 1-13 "German Cartels: Their Legal and Economic Limits" by Leslie T. Fournier. Reprinted from Chemical Markets, January 1928.
- 1-14 "The Canadian National Railway Versus the Canadian Pacific: A Comparative Study" by Leslie Fournier. Reprinted from The Journal of Political Economy 39(3) June 1931.
- 1-15 "Webb-Pomerene Law" by Leslie T. Fournier. Reprinted from American Economic Review 22(1) March 1932.
- 1-16 "Simplification of Holding Companies" by Leslie T. Fournier in The Journal of Land and Public Utility Economics 13(2) May 1937.
- 1-17 "The Problems of Maintaining Arms-Length Bargaining and Competitive Conditions in the Sale and Distribution of Securities of Registered Public Utility Holding Companies and Their Subsidiaries" a report of the Public Utilities Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., 1940.



Box 2

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS SERIES

- 2-1 Correspondence - Canadian Pacific Railway Company (1933)
- 2-2 Correspondence - The MacMillan Company of Canada (1934-1935)
- 2-3 Book orders, correspondence, invoices and other materials (1935)
- 2-4 Book reviews (1935-1936)
- 2-5 Rough bound carbon copy of "Railway Nationalism in Canada: The Problem of the Canadian National Railways" by Leslie T. Fournier (1932)
- 2-6 "The Railways Problem in Canada" by Leslie T. Fournier. Printed in The National Post (1935)