

British Columbia Packers Limited

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FILE LIST

FONDS

British Columbia Packers Limited

SOUS-FONDS:
Land and Property

Series:

Kildonan

Namu

SERIES:

INSURANCE
(Appraisements,
recapitulations, etc.)

**FRESH &
FROZEN**

**FISHERMEN'S
EARNINGS**

**JOINT
OPERATIONS**

TAX

Sub-series:

- BC Packers Ltd
- Canadian Fish . . .
- Coast Oyster Co.
- Edmunds & Walker
- J.H. Todd & Sons
- Nelson Bros. Fisheries
- Nelbro Packing Co.
- Queen Charlotte Cannery Ltd.
- Rupert Fish Co.
- Western Canada Whaling

NAMU FIRE

HOUSING
Sub-series:
— Namu land

LEDGERS
(cash books,
synoptic reports,
payrolls, etc.)

TRANSPORTATION

MULTILEVEL DESCRIPTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED

FONDS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

TITLE: British Columbia Packers Limited fonds

DATES: 1892-1988

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.2 m of textual records and other material

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

DATE OF FOUNDING: British Columbia Packers Limited was incorporated under "The Companies Act" (Dominion) on May 18, 1928 when it merged with Gosse Packing Company Limited.

MANDATE/SPHERE OF FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Combined activities of British Columbia Packers Limited take place in British Columbia, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and the United States; production of over 300 seafood items sold around the world. Activities include: the wholesale handling of fresh, frozen, cured and salted fish; the canning of salmon, oysters, clams and tuna; the packing of mild-cured salmon; the processing of fish oils and meals; a whaling operation; the maintenance of a fleet of large fishing vessels and packers; the operation of several general stores.

PREDECESSOR BODIES: The British Columbia Packers' Association (of New Jersey), formed and incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey in 1902, owned canneries and storage plants along the British Columbia coastline. On March 9, 1910, the British Columbia Packers Association passed the BC Provincial Legislature through "The British Columbia Packers Association Act, 1910). Incorporated as a holding company, and having bought the entire undertaking and assets of the British Columbia Packers Association, the British Columbia Fishing & Packing Company Limited began as an operating company in January 1921 through to its merger in 1928.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE:

Approximately 44 canneries and plants have been organized by British Columbia Packers Limited into a concentrated structure facilitating product diversification. Plant operations include fishing stations, canneries, fresh fish branches, fish-curing establishments, fish oil and meal plants, fish soluble plants, cold storage, a shipyard, and a financial interest in a whaling station.

NAME OF THE CORPORATE BODY:

British Columbia Packers Limited is also referred to as BC Packers.

NAMES OF CHIEF OFFICERS:

Alexander Ewen, recognized as the "Father of Salmon Canning in British Columbia", was The British Columbia Packers' Association (of New Jersey) president until his death in 1907. William Henry Barker succeeded Ewen as president and became president of the British Columbia Fishing & Packing Company Limited until his retirement in 1926. Aemilius Jarvis succeeded Barker

FONDS LEVEL DESCRIPTION, continued

and continued on to become the first president of the British Columbia Packers Limited until becoming chairman of the board in 1930. Between 1928 and 1969 the British Columbia Packers Limited was administered by the following presidents: Stanley Burke (1930-1933); H.R. MacMillan (1933-1946); J.M. Buchanan (1946-1956); R.E. Walker (1956-1958); K.F. Fraser (1958-1969); Richard I. Nelson (1970-1979).

SCOPE/CONTENT: The fonds consists of records generated by British Columbia Packers Limited, its predecessor bodies, and the individual canneries and plants owned by British Columbia Packers Limited. The fonds is organized into the sous-fonds, Land and Property which in turn is organized into the following series: Kildonan Plant (1892-1946); Namu Plant (1938-1966). The fonds is organized into the following series: Housing (1941); Insurance (1929-1983); Accidents (1962); Fishermen's Earnings (1949); Fresh 'n Frozen (1954-1960); Joint Operations (1956-1958); Ledgers (1945-1988); Tax (1941-1958); Transportation (1966, 1971).

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on provenance of the fonds.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: The records were transferred to University of British Columbia Special Collections from British Columbia Packers Limited head office on 2 Sep.1997.

NOTE: Includes 69 photographs as well as maps, site plans, and blueprints attached to records.

ASSOCIATED MATERIAL: Records relating to the Seal Cove Plant and the Sunnyside Cannery can be found in the North Pacific Cannery Village and Museum.

RELATED GROUPS OF MATERIAL IN DIFFERENT FONDS: Additional British Columbia Packers Limited records exist in the University of British Columbia Special Collections' Peter Larkin fonds.

SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

TITLE: Kildonan Plant property documentation

DATES: 1892-1946

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 cm of textual records and other material

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of legal documents and related correspondence including indentures, sales agreements, leases, and licenses. Records relate to the history of Kildonan land and property use and ownership.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on provenance of the series and original folder title.

NOTE: Includes: 4 sketches, 3 maps, and 7 reference maps

TITLE: Namu Cannery property documentation

DATES: 1918-1983

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 20 cm of textual records and other material

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of legal documents and related correspondence including indentures, sales agreements, leases, and licenses. Records relate to the history of Namu land and property.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on provenance of the series.

NOTE: Includes: 69 small photos, 4 building drawings, and 1 site plan

TITLE: Insurance reports

DATES: 1945-1981

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.95 m of textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of insurance evaluations of physical assets and/or buildings and/or equipment for original British Columbia Packers Limited sites acquired from other packing companies. Series is organized into the following sub-series: British Columbia Packers Limited; Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company Limited; Coast Oyster Company; Edmunds & Walker Limited; J.H. Todd & Sons Limited; Nelson Brothers Fisheries

SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS, continued

Limited; Nelbro Packing Company; Rupert Fish Company Incorporated; Western Canada Whaling Company Limited.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on the purpose and function of the reports.

TITLE: Namu Fire documentation

DATE: 1962

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 cm of textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of correspondence, copies of minutes, memos, and reports relating to the Namu fire. Also included are financial reports of costs relating to damages, replacements, other expenses as well as news clippings reporting the fire at Namu. Management of the Namu Cannery was responsible for the creation and/or accumulation of the documentation resulting from the fire.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on contents of the series files.

ARRANGEMENT: Files are divided between internal information and external communication and information. Series remains in its original chronological order.

TITLE: Fishermen's tabulated earnings

DATE: 1949

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 cm of textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of accounting spreadsheets documenting wages for fishermen in alphabetical order.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on the content and form of the series.

SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS, continued

TITLE: Fresh 'n Frozen Analysis reports

DATES: 1954-1960

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 8.5 cm of textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of accounting spreadsheets documenting products and production costs. Bi-annual reports cover the Imperial, Namu, Rupert, Victoria, Claha, and Canso canneries.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on the form of the records and the title of the folders.

TITLE: Housing reports

DATE: 24 Nov. 1941

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 8 p.

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of a report on housing for the Namu series and describes the settlement divisions by race. Water supply, lighting system, sanitation, associated costs, etc. are also described. General Manager, J.M. Buchanan, commissioned the report to James T. Underhill.

TITLE: Joint Operations

DATES: 1956-1958

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.5 cm or textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of legal agreements, related correspondence and accounting calculations documenting which plants and canneries jointly operate the production of particular products.

SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS, continued

TITLE: Ledgers

DATES: 1945-1988

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 m of textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of various accounting reports documented on large ledgers and are stored separately due to their common function, size and considerable weight. Reports include cash sheets, payrolls, charters and synoptic reports for various British Columbia Packers Limited sites.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on the nature of the records.

TITLE: Tax inventories

DATES: 1941-1958

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.5 cm of textual records

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of government tax information relating to British Columbia Packers Limited sites and to its fishermen. The series is organized into provincial tax assessment statements and delinquent taxpayers (fishermen).

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on content of the files.

TITLE: Transportation accounts

DATES: 1966-1971

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 cm of textual records and other material

SCOPE/CONTENT: Series consists of transportation agreements between British Columbia Packers Limited and Northland. Rules, conditions, commodities and accompanying correspondence are also included.

TITLE SOURCE: Title is based on the content of the files.

FILE LIST

Shelf/Box	File	File Title	Dates
LAND AND PROPERTY SOUS-FONDS			
B/5B/21/5--1	1-Jan	Kildonan	1892-1946
B/5B/21/5--1	2	Namu	1938-1966
B/5B/21/5--1	3	Namu Old File	1917-1966
B/5B/21/5--1	4	Namu Assessment Appeal	1978-1973
B/5B/21/5--1	5	Namu Heritage Conservation Site	1980
B/5B/21/5--1	6	Namu Provincial Government Lease	1959-1975
B/5B/21/5--1	7	Namu Provincial Government Lease	1958-1973
B/5B/21/5--1	8	Namu Site Plan and Building Drawings	1962-1963
INSURANCE SERIES			
<i>British Columbia Packers Limited</i>			
B/5B/21/5--2	1	Alert Bay Cannery Appraisement	1950
B/5B/21/5--2	2	Alert Bay Cannery Recapitulation	1962
B/5B/21/5--2	3	Armstrong Gimli Fisheries Appraisement	1950
B/5B/21/5--2	4	Bamfield Appraisement	1950
B/5B/21/5--2	5	Bella Bella Cannery Appraisement	1945
B/5B/21/5--2	6	Bella Bella Cannery Appraisal	1981
B/5B/21/5--2	7	Bella Coola Cannery Appraisement	1945
B/5B/21/5--2	8	Boswell Cannery Appraisement	1929, 1936, 1945
B/5B/21/6--3	1	Celtic Shipyards Appraisement	1971
B/5B/21/6--3	2	Celtic Shipyards Recapitulation	1962
B/5B/21/6--3	3	Celtic Marine Ways Appraisement	1963
B/5B/21/6--3	4	Duncanby Landing Appraisal	1981
B/5B/21/6--3	5	Edmunds and Walker Adjacent Operations Appraisement	1962
B/5B/21/6--3	6	Fraser River Buildings Appraisement	1946
B/5B/21/6--3	7	Fraser River Appraisement	1946
B/5B/21/6--4	1	Imperial Plant Appraisement (copy 1 and 2)	1966
B/5B/21/6--4	2	Ladner Cannery Appraisement	1946
B/5B/21/6--4	3	Namu Cannery Appraisement v. 1, 2, 3	1961
B/5B/21/6--4	4	Namu Appraisement	1966
B/5B/21/6--4	5	Namu Plant Recapitulation	1962
B/5B/21/6--5	1	Namu Appraisement (copy 1 and 2)	1966
B/5B/21/6--5	2	Namu Plant Recapitulation (copy 1,2,3)	1966
B/5B/21/6--5	3	Paramount Cannery Appraisement	1971
B/5B/21/6--5	4	Port Edward Cannery Appraisement	1971
B/5B/21/6--6	1	Port Edward Cannery Appraisal	1977
B/5B/21/6--6	2	Quathiaski Cove Appraisement	1955
B/5B/21/6--6	3	Quathiaski Plant Recapitulation	1962

Box	File No.	File Title	Dates
B/5B/21/6--6	4	Rupert Plant Appraisalment	1962
B/5B/21/7--7	1	Sunnyside Cannery Appraisalment	1962
B/5B/21/7--7	2	Sunnyside Recapitulation (copy 1 and 2)	1963
B/5B/21/7--7	3	Terra Nova Buildings Appraisalment	1946
B/5B/21/7--7	4	Victoria Cold Storage Appraisalment	1965
B/5B/21/7--8	1	Vancouver General Office Appraisalment	1956
B/5B/21/7--8	2	Wadhams Cannery Appraisalment	1955
B/5B/21/7--8	3	Wadhams Recapitulation	1962
B/5B/21/7--8	4	Whaling Station Appraisalment	1961
B/5B/21/7--8	5	Whaling Station Summary	1961
B/5B/21/7--8	6	Whaling Station Recapitulation	1967
B/5B/21/7--8	7	The Packers Steamship Company Limited Schedule for Calculation of Recapitulation	

Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company Limited

B/5B/21/7--8	8	Prince Rupert Appraisalment	1948
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Coast Oyster Company

B/5B/21/7--9	1	South Bend Valuation Report	
B/5B/21/7--9	2	Eureka Valuation Report	1961
B/5B/21/7--9	3	South Bend Fire Insurance Appraisal	
B/5B/21/7--9	4	Fire Insurance Forms	1950-1961

Edmunds & Walker Limited

B/5B/21/7--9	5	Vancouver Appraisalment	1950
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J. H. Todd & Sons Limited

B/5B/21/7--10	1	Klemtu Cannery Appraisalment	1950
B/5B/21/7--10	2	Klemtu Plant Recapitulation	1959
B/5B/21/7--10	3	Klemtu Plant Recapitulation	1965
B/5B/21/7--10	4	Richmond Plant Recapitulation	1950
B/5B/21/7--10	5	Richmond Recapitulation	1959
B/5B/21/7--10	5	Richmond Plant Recapitulation	1965

Nelson Bros. Fisheries Limited

B/5B/20/5--11	1	New Westminster Cannery Appraisalment	1962
B/5B/20/5--11	2	Paramount Cannery Appraisalment	1962
B/5B/20/5--11	3	Port Edward Cannery Appraisalment v. 1	1964
B/5B/20/5--12	1	Port Edward Cannery Appraisalment v. 2	1964
B/5B/20/5--12	2	Queensborough Recapitulation	1956
B/5B/20/5--12	3	Steveston Recapitulation	1956

Box	File No.	File Title	Dates
B/5B/20/5--12	4	St. Mungo Cannery Appraisement	1962
B/5B/20/5--12	5	St. Mungo Cannery Recapitulations	1957
<i>Nelbro Packing Company</i>			
B/5B/20/5--13	1	Naknek Valuation Report and Fire Insurance Appraisal	1980
<i>Queen Charlotte Cannery Limited</i>			
B/5B/20/5--13	2	Masset Appraisement	1965
<i>Rupert Fish Company Incorporated</i>			
B/5B/20/5--13	3	Los Angeles Recapitulation and Summary	1968
<i>Western Canada Whaling Company Limited</i>			
B/5B/20/5--13	4	Whaling Station Summary	1961
B/5B/20/5--13	5	Whaling Station Recapitulation	1967
B/5B/20/5--13	6	Coal Harbour Appraisement	1962
FISHERMEN'S EARNINGS SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--14	1	Fishermen's Earnings	1949
FRESH AND FROZEN SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--14	2	Fresh 'n Frozen Analysis	1954-1955
B/5B/20/5--14	3	Fresh 'n Frozen Analysis	1956-1957
B/5B/20/5--14	4	Fresh 'n Frozen Analysis	1957-1958
B/5B/20/5--14	5	Fresh 'n Frozen Analysis	1958-1959
ACCIDENTS (Fire) SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--14	6	Namu--Fire	1962
B/5B/20/5--14	7	Namu Fire: Copies of minutes, memos, etc.	1962
HOUSING SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--15	1	Namu Housing Report	1941
JOINT OPERATIONS			
B/5B/20/5--15	2	Joint Operations	1956-1958
TAX SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--15	3	Provincial Tax Assessment Statements	1949-1951
B/5B/20/5--15	4	Delinquent Taxpayers (Fishermen)	1941-1948
TRANSPORTATION SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--15	5	Transportation Agreements	1966-1971

Box	File No.	File Title	Dates
LEDGERS SERIES			
B/5B/20/5--15	6	Blaine Meyers -- Statements of Estimated Contributions	1965
B/5B/20/5--15	7	Empresa Pesquera Peru, S.A. -- Balance General	1960
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	B/5B/20/5	Payroll/Cash book (creator unknown)	1943-1947
	B/5B/20/5	Cash book (creator unknown)	1945-1947
	B/5B/20/5	Cash sheet (creator unknown)	1949-1950
	B/5B/20/5	General Ledger (creator unknown)	1959
	B/5B/20/5	Fishermen's Ledger -- Credits and Debits	1928-1929
	B/5B/20/5	Ledger (creator unknown)	1977
	B/5B/20/5	Statement of Powerboat Charter Accounts	1948-1949
	B/5B20/6	Queensborough Shipyard Payroll	1974-1975
	B/5B20/6	Sunnyside Prince Rupert Payroll Cash Sheet	1988
	B/5B20/6	Cash book (creator unknown)	
	B/5B20/6	British Columbia Packers Limited -- Synoptic Report and General Ledger	1967-1969
	B/5B20/6	Western Canada Whaling Company Limited -- Synoptic Report, Cash Sheet and General Ledger	1969
	B/5B20/6	British Columbia Packers Limited -- Celtic Shipyards -- General Ledger	1988
	B/5B20/6	The Packers Steamship Company General Ledger	1967-1969
	B/5B20/6	Purchase Journal	1947-1950
	B/5B/22/6	Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. -- Queensborough -- Payroll	1948-1950
	B/5B/22/6	Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. Payroll Sheets Boat Stores Dept.	1942-1948
	B/5B/22/6	Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. -- Queensborough Shipyard -- Synoptic Report	1967-1975
	B/5B/22/6	Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. -- Synoptic Report	1950-1959
	B/5B/22/6	Nelson Bros. Fisheries -- General Ledger	1963-1964