

CANADIAN SHOPCRAFT UNION RESEARCH COLLECTION

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INTRODUCTION

Jerry Houle, a former member of the Brotherhood Railway Carmen of the United States and Canada, attempted to establish a strong Canadian union in his profession in the 1980's. Active in the Vancouver section of the Shopcraft Organizing Committee, he became the National President of the Canadian Shopcraft Union which was connected to the Confederation of the Canadian Union (CCU). After an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a strong membership, the union disbanded.

Records relating to the railroad transportation industry and the role of the Canadian Shopcraft Union and railway workers in it have been collected and created by Jerry Houle. The correspondence, legal records, union data, reports, newsletters, and other collected printed material focuses upon the labour movement and the divergent paths between Canadian and American labour in the 1980's. The collection is an excellent example of the Canadianization movement which has tended to reject business-unionism in favour of unionism tailored to the Canadian situation. Although the data, reports, newsletters, articles, and printed material has not been listed in detail, all the series focus on the labour force and its milieu. This inventory is just a guide to the collection, it will be helpful for the researcher to scan the entire collection.

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LETTERS: INCOMING

<u>Box, folder No.</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Items</u>
1-1	Ages, Bob (Robert)	1982-85	19
	Asher	1982	1
	Avant-Garde	1982	1
1-2	Berar, Ab	1978	1
	Boily, Johanne	1982	1
	Boydell, Dr. A.N.	1987	1
	Brotherhood Railway Carmen of the United States and Canada (assorted locals)	1974-87	32
1-3	Cameron, David L.	1982-83	10
	Cameron, Peter	1983	1
	Canada Labour Relations Board	1983	1
	Canadian Assn. of Communication & Allied Workers	1983	1
	Canadian Assn. of Industrial, Mechanical & Allied Workers	1980-83	5
	Canadian Assn. of Rlrd. Pipefitters	1983	4
	Canadian Assn. of Smelters & Allied Workers	1983	1
	Canadian Brotherhood of Rlwy. Carmen	1987	1
	Canadian Brotherhood of Rlwy. Transport & General Workers	1983	2
	Canadian Council of Rlwy Shopcraft Employees & Allied Workers	1982-83	2
	C.N. Rail	1983-88	7
	Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Union	1983	1
	C.P. Rail	1983	2
	Canadian Railway Employees' Pension Association	1985	1
1-4	Carbonneau, Raymond	1981-82	4
	Carter, Joe	1988	1
	Carlin, James	1985	1
	Caroline, Gary	1979-86	44
	Chalain, Bruno	1981	2
1-5	City of Vancouver Archives	1975	1
	Committee on Canadian Labour History	1981	1
	Confederation of Canadian Unions	1974-85	26

1-6	Dawson, Ross	1981	1
	Elliott, C.E.	1983	1
	Faulks, A.J.	1973	1
	Fleming, Dave	1973	1
	Foga, John	n.d.	2
	Forget, Pierre A.	1975	1
	Francoeur, Andre	1981-83	4
	Friesen, Benno	1975	1
	Gelfand, Barry A.	1984	1
	Gersavitz, David	n.d.	1
	Gribbons, Collin	1982	1
	Halikowski, Dave	1984	1
	Harcourt, Mike	1988	1
	Independent Canadian Transit Union	1983	1
	Independent Union of Heavy Equipment Trades	1983	1
	International Assn. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers	1981	1
	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Iron Ship Builders	1981	1
	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	1983	1
	Jones, G.P.	1981	2
	Kealy, Greg	1981	1
	Kolar, Marty	1983	2
	Koshurba, John	1985	4
	Lang, John B.	1981	1
	Lysiak, Bert	1983	2
1-7	McBride, Bob	1982-83	9
	McCann, Margo	1983	1
	McCay, Duff & Co.	1987	1
	McClelland, Ken	n.d.	1
	McMurray Ind. Oil Workers Union	1983	1
	Mazankowski, Don	1984	1
	Mieland, Michael	1982	1
	Miller, Roy	1983	4
	Mitchell, Margaret	1984	1
	Nagel, Ed	1982	3
	Nolt, Lorne	1983	1
	Quellet, Andre	1983	1
	Pecllet, Pierre	1982	1
	Pellizzaro, Guido	1983	5
	Perry, Ken	1983	1
	Phillips, Paul	n.d.	1
	Potter, Mr.	n.d.	1
	Pulp, Paper & Woodworkers of Canada	1983	4

1-8	Rail Canada Traffic Controllers	1981-85	26
	Railway Carmen's Journal	1982	1
	Richards, Peter	1982	1
	Roberge, Denis	1982	1
	Robertson, D.	1984	1
1-9	Sawchuk, J.	n.d.	1
	Schuster, Michael J.	1983	2
	Shopcraft Organizing Committee	1982	1
	Sidof, Albert A.	1982	1
	Sihota, Moe	1988	1
	Sinclair, Don	1988	1
	Syrja, R.T.	1981-83	3
	Timperley, Ben	1981	2
	Towarnicki, W.	1981	1
	Travis, K.	1983	1
	United Assn. of Journeymen & Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry of the U.S. & Canada	1983	1
	Viscount Gort Motel	1982	3
	Waite, T.N.	1983	1
	Watkins, Mel	1983	1
	Watson, Stephen	1985	1
	Wilk, Wayne	1982	1
	Wilkins, B.	1988	1
	Winpisinger, William	1983	1
	Wood, Gundy	n.d.	1
	York University Staff Assn.	1983	1
	Zuar, F.W.	1981	1
	Unidentified	1981	1
	Unidentified	1983	5
	Unidentified	1984	1
	Unidentified	1987	1
	Unidentified	n.d.	3

LETTERS: OUTGOING

1-10	Raymond	1981	1
	Webb, W.	1981	1
	Towarnicki, W.	1981	1
	Cecka, Gordon	1981	1
	Horseman, Neil	1981	1
	Webber, R.	1981	1
	Timperley, Ben	1981	1
	McEvoy, Pat & Leona	1981	1
	Syrja, R.T.	1981	1
	Zuar, F.W.	1981	1
	Webb, W.	1981	1

1-10	Lang, John	1981	2
	Carbonneau, Raymond	1981	1
	Francoeur, Andre	1981	1
	Nay, John	1981	1
	Timperley, Ben	1981	1
	Marasse, A.L.	1981	1
	Burke, Ervine	1981	1
	Margaret	1981	1
	Schaffer, J.M.	1981	1
	Jones, G.P.	1981	1
	Soc. Toronto & Montreal	1981	1
	Lundrigan, C.J.	1981	1
	Rosner, Abe	1981	1
	Maclean, S.	1981	1
1-11	Yerex, Ed	1981	1
	Caroline, Gary	1981	1
	Chalvin, Bruno	1981	1
	Montreal & Toronto Soc's	1982	1
	LeBlanc, Ulysses	1982	1
	Gandhi, Shrikant	1982	1
	Sargent, Garry	1982	1
	Dort, David	1982	2
	McClelland, Ken	1982	1
	Toronto Soc.	1982	1
	Sidof, Albert	1982	2
	McBride, Robert	1982	2
	SOC's	1982	1
	Caroline, Gary	1982	1
	Neudorfer, Asher	1982	3
	Shrikant, Dave	1982	1
	Jones, G.P.	1982	1
	Ages, Bob	1982	1
	Chalvin, Bruno	1982	1
1-12	Rogic, John	1982	1
	McBride, Bob	1982	5
	Cecka, Gordon	1982	3
	Caroline, Gary	1982	3
	Wilk, Wayne	1982	1
	Syrja, Ray	1982	1
	Nagel, Ed	1982	1
	Millard, Mike	1982	1
	McConnell, Dave	1982	1
	Herbert Translations	1982	1
	Elliott, Clarence	1982	1
	Lang, John	1982	3
	Gelfand, Barry	1982	1
	Thompson, John A.	1982	1

1-12	"Brothers"	1982	1
	Yerex, Ed	1982	3
	Telford, A.	1982	1
	Age, Bob	1982	1
	Nev..., Asher	1982	1
	Wilk, Wayne	1983	2
	CAIMAW	1983	1
	Cecka, Gordon	1983	1
	Cameron, Dave	1983	1
	McBride, Bob	1983	1
	Warren, John	1983	1
	Francoeur, Andre	1983	1
	Sidof, Albert	1983	2
	Syrja, Ray	1983	1
	McClellan, Ken	1983	1
	Caroline, Gary	1983	1
	Ages, Bob	1983	1
	Executive Board	1983	1
	"Brother"	1983	1
1-13	McLaren, Ron	1983	1
	Caroline, Gary	1983	5
	L'Esperance, Jim	1983	1
	Waite, T.N.	1983	1
	Cameron, Dave	1983	6
	McBride, Bob	1983	4
	Ages, Bob	1983	7
	Hauff, Chris	1983	1
	Syrja, Ray	1983	3
	Nelson, Jim & John	1983	1
	McConnell, Dave	1983	1
	Cecka, Gordon	1983	2
	Gouveia, J.	1983	1
	Wilk, Wayne	1983	1
	McClelland, Ken	1983	2
	Francoeur, Andre	1983	2
	Shaffer, Jerry	1983	2
	Lang, John	1983	2
	Bruno & Andre	1983	1
	Ulysses	1983	1
	Lamothe, Richard	1983	1
	Yerex, Ed	1983	1
	McEvoy, Pat	1983	1
	Mike Millard	1983	1
	White, Earl	1983	1

1-14	Cameron, Dave	1983	4
	Watson, Rob	1983	1
	Shaffer, Jerry	1983	1
	Caroline, Gary	1983	6
	Caydzien, G.B.	1983	1
	Lamothe, Richard	1983	1
	Hjorth, Paul	1983	1
	Pitt, Al	1983	1
	Brothers & Sisters	1983	1
	Wilk, W.	1983	2
	Ages, Bob	1983	4
	McBride, Bob	1983	2
	Sidof, Albert	1983	1
	Cecka, Gordon	1983	1
	McClelland, Ken	1983	1
	Gelfand, Barry	1983	1
	Sculer, Dick	1983	1
	Foga, John	1983	2
	Yerex, Ed	1983	1
	MacKeigan, Bruce	1983	1
1-15	Caroline, Gary	1983	7
	Rogic, John	1983	1
	Loveless, Andy	1983	1
	Mackeigan, Bruce	1983	1
	Lau, George	1983	2
	Foga, John	1983	1
	Steinle, Peter	1983	1
	Enokson, Calvin	1983	1
	Gelfand, Barry	1983	1
	Hart, Danny	1983	1
	Dhensaw, Robert	1983	1
	Hellman, Jim	1983	1
	Yerex, Ed	1983	1
	Jerry, Rod & Steve	1983	1
	Doug, Joe & Wayne	1983	2
	Hardy, Ron	1983	2
	Lysiak, Bert	1983	2
	Schuster, Michael	1983	1
	Hanson, Bruce	1983	1
	Haiven, L.	1983	1
	Cameron, Dave	1983	1
	Kolar, M.	1983	1
	Larry	1983	1
	Langstaff, K.J.	1983	1
	Willsher, Bill	1983	1
	Read, S.H.	1983	1
	Canada Labour Relations Board	1983	1
	Gielens, D.M. etc.	1983	1
	Potter, Albert	1983	1
	Salessky, Peter	1983	1

1-16	Nyland, J.	1983	1
	Mushens, C.L.	1983	1
	Beauchemin, Michel	1983	1
	Papenbrock, Wiho	1983	1
	Halliday, Jim	1983	1
	Saldanha, Carlos	1983	1
	Boerefyn, John	1983	1
	Beauchemin, J.M.	1983	1
	Crane, A.	1983	1
	Williams, Roy	1983	1
	Finnigan, J.R.	1983	2
	Yerex, Ed	1983	1
	Caroline, Gary	1983	5
	Roy, Leo	1983	1
	Travis, K.	1983	1
	Quellet, Andre	1983	1
	Spratt, Susan	1983	1
	Telford, A.	1983	1
	Lysiak, Bert	1983	1
	Sedore, Randy	1983	1
	Salessky, P.	1983	1
	Herrell, Karen	1983	1
	Johnson, Doug	1983	1
	Lau, George	1983	2
	Potter, Albert	1983	1
	Fix, J.E.	1983	1
	MacPhee, Richard	1983	1
	McBride, Bob	1983	1
	Schetakis, Jim	1983	1
1-17	Caroline, Gary	1984	7
	Lang, John	1984	1
	Yerex, Ed	1984	2
	Succamore, Jess	1984	1
	Vancouver Sun	1984	1
	Canada Mineworkers Union	1984	1
	Bailey, Wayne	1984	1
	Brothers	1984	1
	Foga, John	1984	1
	Horodyski, S.A.	1984	1
	Guido	1984	1

1-18	Caroline, Gary	1984	4
	Fix, J.	1984	1
	Foga, John	1984	1
	Canadian Railwayman	1984	1
	Robinson, Doug	1984	1
	Susan, Bob & Jim	1984	1
	Lang, John	1984	2
	Richard & Bruno	1984	1
	Potter, Albert	1985	1
	Brothers	1985	1
	Caroline, Gary	1985	1
	Lang, John	1985	2
	Sue	1985	1
	Jess	1985	2
	Koshurba, J.	1985	2
	Burgess, Anne	1985	1
	Harodyski, S.	1985	1
	Huta, John	1985	1
	Shand, Ron	1985	1
	McMillan, M.W.	1986	1
	McDonagh, B.	1986	1
	Horodyski, S.	1987	1
	John	1987	1
	Stan	1987	1
	Heys, R.	1988	1
	John	1988	1

2-(1-13) LEGAL RECORDS

- Assorted contracts, arbitrations and agreements, ranging in date from 1974 to 1988. Arranged chronologically.

3-(1-2) CONSTITUTIONS

- Draft constitutions of the C.S.U., as well as one of the Brotherhood of Railway carmen.

3-(3-5) FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Auditor's statements of union records; band books and receipts, 1974-88.

3-6 - 5-7 UNION DATA

- Consists primarily of seniority and membership lists, as well as date pertaining to either the C.S.U. or associated unions, ranging in date from 1959-88, arranged chronologically.

5-8 - 7-12 REPORTS

- Consists of convention reports, reports presented to union membership and other similar documents, 1970's-1988, arranged chronologically.

Many of the reports of companies and unions relating to the transportation industry were collected by J. Houle on behalf of the Shopcraft Organizing Committee.

8-1 - 9-8 UNION CIRCULARS

- Consists of circulars distributed by union executives to rank-and file membership. Both CSU circulars and those of other unions are included. Arranged chronologically.

9-(9-12) NEWSLETTERS

Shopcraft Organizing Committee/Canadian Shopcraft Union

- Arranged chronologically; copies of newsletters distributed by S.O.C. which evolved into the C.S.U., 1981-88.

9-13 - 11-6 UNION NEWSLETTERS

- Newsletters of unions associated with the development of the C.S.U., 1970-1988.

11-(7-26) CLIPPINGS

- Clippings from assorted newspapers, including articles relating to both the labour movement and the railway industry. Arranges chronologically.

11-(27-38) ARTICLES

- Photocopied essays, the majority of which pertain to the labour movement, mainly undated.

11-39 - 12-24 PRINTED MATERIAL

- Most booklets are information about unions, some undated.

12-25 PHOTOGRAPHS

- Prints and negatives taken from founding convention of the C.S.U., January 1983. Most are group photos with no i.d. of persons included.

12-26 DIARY

- Journal kept by J. Houle, 1983-84, documenting inception of the C.S.U..

12-27 CHARTER

- Charter of the C.S.U. as granted by the C.C.U. in 1983.