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RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Description Level:	Fonds
Accession Number:	16-1998, 28-1998, 16-2002
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1874-2001, predominant 1930-1970
Physical Description:	64.69 m textual records
	photographs
	slides
	audiovisual materials

History /

Biographical:

The forerunner of Manitoba Pool Elevators (MPE), the Manitoba Wheat Pool was created in 1924 as a mechanism to allow for the co-operative marketing of wheat by Manitoba producers by the United Farmers of Manitoba. The Manitoba Wheat Pool was initially intended to be a provisional organization until the establishment of an interprovincial Pool, but when Alberta and Saskatchewan established their own permanent Pools the United Farmers decided to do the same. The Manitoba Pool was different from the SK and AB Pools in that the municipality was the primary unit of organization; members belonged to their municipal Pool associations first, rather than having direct membership with the central Manitoba Wheat Pool. Manitoba Pool Elevators was established in 1925 as a subsidiary of the Pool in response to local members complaints about the unfair business practices of privately owned elevators. The private elevators also slowed up the shipment of grain to the Central Selling Agency employed by the Wheat Pool, acting as a barrier between the local Pools and the Manitoba Wheat Pool. Once established MPE quickly began to build new elevators and aquire privately owned elevators.

MPE's approach to marketing grain promised to stabilize the market price of grain and ensure a fair market price to producers. Initially the Manitoba Wheat Pool was very successful. However, in 1930, the Manitoba Wheat Pool found itself burdened with an unsold surplus from the preceding year that had been bought from the farmers at a price that was significantly higher than any possible return during the Depression. As a result, in 1931 the Manitoba Wheat Pool's Central Selling Agency defaulted on its bank loans. Despite attempts to save the organization, it was forced to declare bankruptcy in November 1932. The financial difficulties of the Wheat Pool had little to no effect on the Pool Elevators, and so this former subsidiary organization became the main Manitoba Pool organization. This change meant MPE had to reorganize, which they were able to do with funds from the provincial government. The company was successful enough in subsequent years that it was able to finish repaying the Manitoba government a full year early in 1949.

MPE did not limit itself to grain handling; they wished to enrich the lives of rural families through education and to provide economic stability through diversification.

MPE established a lending reference library for members and a traveling library for rural families in 1926. With the passing of the Public Libraries Act in 1948, the province took over

responsibility for providing rural families with books. MPE decided that since their traveling library would no longer be needed when rural libraries were established, the best course of action was to donate their library to the Provincial government. They also established and supported programs that educated young people about agriculture and ag business.

Subsidiary companies that dealt with course grains, livestock, packing and fertilizer were established by MPE to streamline and stabilize business for its members.

1961 marked the high water mark for the number of local associations within Manitoba Pool Elevators with 225 local associations. After this date the associations began to amalgamate and consolidate. Improvements in rural roads and rail systems and increases in the size of farms and mechanization of farm labour meant that fewer elevators were needed to service all members and regions. These changes led to an organizational restructuring of Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1968. Membership became direct, and the main unit of organization became the central office. The central office administrated the Pool through districts, which were further subdivided into sub-districts. The locals which were formally the main organizational unit came under the immediate direction of the sub-district they were located in. Local association could opt out of this system if they wished, but by 1975 all but 29 associations had become part of the new structure.

In 1998 Manitoba Pool Elevators merged with the Alberta Wheat Pool to form Agricore Cooperative, Ltd. In 2001 this organization merged with the United Grain Growers to become Agricore United, and in 2007 AU was taken over by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; the new company is currently known as Viterra.

Custodial History:

The bulk of this fonds was accessioned in 1975, when the forerunner to the McKee Archives at Brandon University, the Rural Resource Center, was founded. The original mandate of the Rural Resource Center was to house the records of the Manitoba Pool Elevators. Previous to this, most of the fonds was stored at MPE's head office in Winnipeg. Many accruals to this collection have since taken place, with some of the larger ones being received in 1997, 2001, and 2002.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains records dealing with every aspect of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization, from the events leading to its formation in the 1920's, to its amalgamation as part of Agricore beginning in the late 1990's.

Fonds includes records of the local co-operative elevator associations established in the period 1925 - 1968 under the Co-operative Associations Act including: organizational papers; minutes of executive boards; minutes of shareholders annual meetings; financial statements; correspondence; membership lists; and miscellaneous documents.

Also to be found are: documents related to the Royal Commission re the Manitoba Pool Elevators Limited ca. 1931; miscellaneous reports and submissions documents (1925 -1952); central office papers consisting of annual reports, circulars to local co-operative elevator associations and documents related to various other activities of the Manitoba Pool Elevators organization. Fonds also contains documents pertaining to the Manitoba Co-operative Poultry Marketing Association Limited and its successor, the Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Cooperative Limited, and related agencies.

Other items in the fonds (dating from the 1890's to 2001) include: books acquired for the Manitoba Pool Elevator Library, including a complete run of both the Scoop Shovel (MPE's first newspaper) and the Manitoba Cooperator; photographs; slides; audiotapes; and reel-to-reel videos.

Finally, the fonds contains a small number of miscellaneous items such as banners, and company issued briefcases.

This fonds is organized into four series, (A) Local Association records, (B) Central Office Records, (C) Subsidiary Companies and Co-operatives, (D) Commissions, Committees and Inquiries

Notes:	Description by Mike White (2002), revised and enlarged by Jillian Sutherland (2009-2010).
	History/Bio taken from F.W. Hamilton, "Service at Cost: A History of the Manitoba Pool Elevators 1925-1975" (Saskatoon: Modern Press) and from records within the fonds.
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Name Access:	F.W. Hamilton
	Paul F. Bredt
	Colin H. Burnell
	John I. McFarland
	A.J. McPhail
	J.R. Murray
	W.J. Parker
	Henry W. Wood

Subject Access:	Manitoba Co-operator
	Canadian Agriculture
	Cooperative Unions
	Grain Trade
	The Scoop Shovel
	Winnipeg Grain Exchange
	Agricore
	United Grain Growers
	Manitoba Wheat Pool
	Canadian Cooperative Wheat Producers Ltd
	Canadian Wheat Board
	Alberta Wheat Pool
	Border Fertilizer Ltd
	Canadian Council of Agriculture
	Saskatchewan Cooperative Elevator Company
	Saskatchewan Wheat Pool
	United Farmers of Manitoba
	United Farmers of Alberta
Repro Restriction:	Researchers are responsible for observing Canadian copyright restrictions.
Finding Aid:	File level inventory available for some boxes. The Pool Elevator library and publications are available online through the Brandon University Library catalogue.
Storage Location:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds



The first fifty years : a history of United Grain Growers Limited

RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Colquette, R. D
ltem
HD 9044.C33U54
Archives 14-23-6
HD 9044.C33U54
Archives 14-23-6
System Control Number 76203299
R. D. Colquette
c1957
c1957
Winnipeg : Public Press Limited
vii, 309 p. : ill. ; 22 cm
Includes index
United Grain Growers Limited
Grain trade Canada
Agriculture
Cooperative Canada
Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)
Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)



Proceedings of the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference, Regina, Canada, July 24th to August 5th, nineteen hundred and thirty-three : held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor General of Canada

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Agricultural Institute of Canada
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	S 401.W89 1933
	Archives 14-12-11
Item Number Range:	S 401.W89 1933
	Archives 14-12-11
Standard number:	System Control Number 87036626
Start Date:	1933
Date Range:	1933
Publication:	Ottawa : Published by the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists
Physical Description:	2 v. : ill., ports. ; 26 cm
Notes:	Includes bibliographical references
	v.1. Exhibition. General sessionsEconomicsMechanization v.2. AgronomyPhytopathologySoilsCereal ChemistryEntomology
Subject Access:	Grain Congresses
Storage Location:	Box 12 - Agriculture III
Storage Range:	Box 12 - Agriculture III



Grain growers' cooperation in Western Canada

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Patton, Harald S
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	HD 9044.C3P37
	Archives 14-23-9
Item Number Range:	HD 9044.C3P37
	Archives 14-23-9
Standard number:	System Control Number 87060283
Responsibility:	by Harold S. Patton
Start Date:	1928
Date Range:	1928
Publication:	Cambridge : Harvard University Press
Physical Description:	xix, 471 p. ; 23 cm
Notes:	"The present work reproduces in part the doctoral thesis presented by the writer at Harvard University 1924."
	Includes bibliographical reference (p. [449]-460) and index
Subject Access:	Grain Prairie Provinces Cooperative marketing
Storage Location:	Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)
Storage Range:	Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)



Interregional competition in Canadian cereal production

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Craddock, W. J
	Economic Council of Canada
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	HD 9044.C25C7
	Archives 14-1-2
Item Number Range:	HD 9044.C25C7
	Archives 14-1-2
Responsibility:	prepared for the Economic Council of Canada by W. J. Craddock
Start Date:	1970
Date Range:	1970
Publication:	[Ottawa : Economic Council of Canada
Publisher Series:	Special study ; no. 12
Physical Description:	vii, 257 p. : ill., maps (part col.) ; 25 cm
Notes:	Bibliography: p. 245-247
Subject Access:	Grain trade Canada Mathematical models
Storage Location:	Box 1-Agriculture I (Archives copy)
Storage Range:	Box 1-Agriculture I (Archives copy)



Evidence and proceedings before the Commission to inquire into trading in grain future, April 1931

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Canada. Trading in Grain Future, Commission on
	Stamp, Josiah, Sir, 1880-1941
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	HD 9044.C2E9
	Archives 14-18-4
Item Number Range:	HD 9044.C2E9
	Archives 14-18-4
Standard number:	System Control Number 87108223
Start Date:	[1931]
Date Range:	[1931]
Publication:	Winnipeg : Grain Trade News
Physical Description:	357 p. : ill. ; 25 cm
Notes:	Chairman, Sir Josiah Stamp
Subject Access:	Grain trade
	Speculation
Storage Location:	Box 18 - Royal Commissions I & Manitoba II
Storage Range:	Box 18 - Royal Commissions I & Manitoba II



A History of the Basswood Co-operative Elevator Association

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Basswood Co-operative Elevator Association
	Manitoba Pool Elevators
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	FC 3361.B377 main 1W 10027562 369724
Item Number Range:	FC 3361.B377 main 1W 10027562 369724
Standard number:	System Control Number 514074
	System Control Number 87140413
Start Date:	1975
Date Range:	1975
Publication:	Winnipeg : Manitoba Pool Elevators
Physical Description:	iv, 26 p. : ill., ports. ; 22 cm
Notes:	Cover title
	50th anniversary
Subject Access:	Agriculture
	Co-operative Manitoba Basswood Societies
	etc
	Grain elevators
	Cooperative Manitoba Basswood
	Basswood (Man.) History
	Manitoba History
	Local



Grain trade year book

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	William Sanford Evans Statistical Service, Winnipeg
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-1-1
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-1-1
Responsibility:	by W. Sanford Evans Statistical Service
Publication:	Winnipeg : Dawson Richardson Publications Ltd
Physical Description:	v. ; 19 cm
Subject Access:	Grain trade Canada
	Grain trade Tables
Storage Location:	Box 1 - Agriculture I
Storage Range:	Box 1 - Agriculture I



Strengthening the farm firm

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Gilson, J. C., (James Clayton)
	University of Manitoba. Faculty of Agriculture and Home Economics
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-2-7
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-2-7
Responsibility:	J.C. Gilson
Start Date:	1961
Date Range:	1961
Publication:	Winnipeg : Faculty of Agriculture and Home Economics, University of Manitoba
Publisher Series:	Agricultural economics bulletin, 0464-8641 ; no. 6
Physical Description:	63 leaves ; 28 cm
Notes:	Cover title
	Includes bibliography: leaves 43-53
Subject Access:	Family corporations Manitoba
	Farm management
Storage Location:	Box 2 - Transportation 1
Storage Range:	Box 2 - Transportation 1



Effects of federal freight assistance on western grains and millfeeds shipped into eastern Canada and British Columbia

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Wood, A. W. (Arthur William), 1918
	University of Manitoba. Department of Agricultural Economics
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-2-9
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-2-9
Responsibility:	A. W. Wood
Start Date:	1966
Date Range:	1966
Publication:	Winnipeg : [Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba]
Publisher Series:	Agricultural economics bulletin, 0464-8641 ; no. 7
Physical Description:	17 leaves ; 28 cm
Subject Access:	Grain as feed
	Grain Prairie Provinces
	Grain Transportation
Storage Location:	Box 2- Transportation 1
Storage Range:	Box 2- Transportation 1



A farmer's reflections on grain marketing

RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Caplan, Joseph
ltem
Archives 14-1-7
Archives 14-1-7
by Joseph Caplan
1969
1969
Prince Albert, Sask. : [s.n.]
26 leaves : tables ; 28 cm
Grain trade Canada
Box 1-Agriculture I
Box 1-Agriculture I



Feed grain supply security in Quebec and eastern Ontario

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	St-Louis, Robert, 1940
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-1-9
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-1-9
Responsibility:	by Robert St-Louis and Yvon Proulx
Start Date:	1977
Date Range:	1977
Publication:	Montreal : Canadian Livestock Feed Board
Physical Description:	xi, 146 p. : graphs, maps ; 28 cm
Subject Access:	Feeds Quebec (Province) Marketing
	Feeds Ontario Marketing
	Grain as feed Storage
	Grain as feed Marketing
Storage Location:	Box 1-Agriculture I
Storage Range:	Box 1-Agriculture I



1977 costs and revenues incurred by the railways in the transportation of grain under the statutory rates

F	Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
C	Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
C	Creator:	Snavely, King
		Canada. Commission on the Costs of Transporting Grain by Rail
		Canada. Grain Transportation Branch
D	Description Level:	ltem
lt	em Number:	Archives 14-2-10
lt	em Number Range:	Archives 14-2-10
F	Responsibility:	prepared for the Grain Transportation Branch, Transport Canada by Snavely, King and Associates
S	Start Date:	1978
D	Date Range:	1978
F	Publication:	[Winnipeg : The Grain Transportation Branch Transport Canada]
F	Physical Description:	v, 83, [7] p. : ; 28 cm
Ν	lotes:	"Snavely, King and Associates 1747 Pennsylvania, Ave., N.W. Washington D.C. 20006"Cover
		Cover title
S	Subject Access:	Railroads Canada Rates
		Grain Canada Transportation
S	Storage Location:	Box 2 - Transportation 1
S	Storage Range:	Box 2 - Transportation 1



The New era in world agricultural trade : perspectives for the Prairies and the Great Plains : proceedings of a seminar jointly sponsored by the Department of Agricultural Economics, Universities of Minnesota and Manitoba in Winnipeg on November 13-15, 1979

RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Tyrchniewicz, Edward W., 1941
University of Manitoba. Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management
ltem
Archives 14-2-12
Archives 14-2-12
E.W. Tyrchniewicz, editor
1980
1980
Winnipeg : Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Manitoba
Occasional series / Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Manitoba ; no. 12
vi, 157 p. ; 28 cm
Includes bibliographical references
Produce trade Congresses
Agriculture International cooperation Congresses
Grain trade Prairie Provinces Congresses
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Box 2 - Transportation 1
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The economic effects of an alternative to the statutory grain freight rates

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Sokal, Randolph Michael
	University of Manitoba. Department of Agricultural Economics
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-2-13
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-2-13
Responsibility:	by Randolph Michael Sokal
Start Date:	1980
Date Range:	1980
Publication:	Winnipeg : Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba
Physical Description:	xi, 211 leaves : ill. ; 28 cm
Notes:	"A Thesis submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of master of science"
	Includes bibliographical references
Name Access:	University of Manitoba. Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Dissertations
Storage Location:	Box 2 - Transportation 1
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Transportation and distribution of feed grains in Eastern Canada

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Hopkins, W. G
	Livestock Feed Board of Canada
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-2-15
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-2-15
Responsibility:	W.G. Hopkins
Start Date:	1972
Date Range:	1972
Publication:	Montreal : Canadian Livestock Feed Board
Physical Description:	62 p. ; 28 cm
Notes:	lssued also in French under title: Transport et distribution des c©r©ales fourrag© res dans l'est du Canada
Subject Access:	Grain Transportation
	C©r©ales Transport
Storage Location:	Box 2 - Transportation 1
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The benefits and burdens of feedgrain transportation policy

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Lerohl, M. L
	MacEachern, G. A. (Gordon A.), jt. auth
	Vandermeulen, H. M, jt. auth
	Keer, T. C
	Uhrig, W
	Yorgason, V. W
	Agricultural Economics Research Council of Canada
Description Level:	Item
ltem Number:	Archives 14-2-16
ltem Number Range:	Archives 14-2-16
Responsibility:	by M. L. Lerohl, G. A MacEachern and H. Vandermeulen ; rlated technical studies conducted by T. C. Kerr, W. Uhrig and V. W. Yorgason
Start Date:	1970
Date Range:	1970
Publication:	Ottawa : Agricultural Economics Research Council of Canada
Physical Description:	ii, 164 p. : illus. ; 28 cm
Notes:	Includes bibliographical references
Subject Access:	Grain trade Canada
	Grain Transportation
	Livestock Canada
Storage Location:	Box 2 - Transportation 1
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Feed grains marketing in Canada

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Canadian Federation of Agriculture
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-1-13
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-1-13
Responsibility:	Canadian Federation of Agriculture = F©d©ration Canadienne de l'agriculture
Start Date:	1971
Date Range:	1971
Publication:	Ottawa, Ont. : The Federation
Physical Description:	1 v. (various pagings) : ill. ; 28 cm
Notes:	Cover title
	Includes bibliographical references
Subject Access:	Feeds Canada Marketing
Storage Location:	Box 1-Agriculture I
Storage Range:	Box 1-Agriculture I



Review of government grain policy

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Wilson, Charles F., 1907
	Grains Group (Canada)
Description Level:	ltem
Item Number:	Archives 14-1-14
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-1-14
Responsibility:	Charles F. Wilson
Start Date:	1972-1974
Date Range:	1972-1974
Publication:	[Ottawa : Canadian Wheat Board, Grains Group]
Physical Description:	4 v. : ill. ; 28 cm
Notes:	Includes bibliographies and indexes
	Pt. 1. Introduction and part I : summary of events to 1930 pt. 2. The search for a policy pt. 3. From voluntary to compulsory board pt. 4. The assurance of markets
Subject Access:	Grain Law and legislation Canada
	Grain trade Law and legislation Canada
Storage Location:	Box 1-Agriculture I
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Proceedings of the Seminar on Revisions to Farm Income and Financial Statistics for Canada

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	Beelen, George W
	Freshwater, David
	Loyns, R. M. A
	University of Manitoba. Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 14-2-17
Item Number Range:	Archives 14-2-17
Responsibility:	R.M.A. Loyns, D. Freshwater, G. Beelen, editors
Start Date:	1983
Date Range:	1983
Publication:	Winnipeg : Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Manitoba
Publisher Series:	Occasional series ; no. 14
Physical Description:	iii, 106 p. : ill. ; 28 cm
Notes:	Includes bibliographical reference
Subject Access:	Farm income Canada Statistics Congresses
	Agriculture Canada Finance Statistics Congresses
Storage Location:	Box 2 - Transportation 1
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