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MPE B 5 Central Office District and Sub-district Reports

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1992-2001

Physical Description: 1.32 m

History /

Biographical:

See fonds level description of RG 4 for history/bio of MPE

Scope and Content:

Sub-series MPE B.5 consists of district and sub-districts reports. See Box level entries for B.5 for detailed contents of records.

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: Sub-district

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series B: Central Office records



MPE B 5 District & Sub-district Minutes Box 1

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10041>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Box

Series Number: MPE B.5.1

File Number: 1

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1993-1999

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /

Biographical:

See history/bio for sub-series B.5

Custodial History:

See custodial history for sub-series B.5

Scope and Content:

This box contains minutes from meeting of MPE sub-district councils. The records include the following:

- 1a. Sub-district #101 Oct 22 1997 – June 15 1999
- 1b. Sub-district #101 August 5 1993 – August 12 1997
- 2. Sub-district #102 August 3 1993 – Dec 9 1997
- 3a. Sub-district #103 Jan 27 1997 – April 14 1999
- 3b. Sub-district #103 August 4 1993 – Nov 25 1996
- 4. Sub-district #104 August 4 1993 – April 20 1999
- 5a. Sub-district #105 Oct 30 1996 – June 29 1999
- 5b. Sub-district #105 Oct 28 1993 – July 2 1996
- 6a. Sub-district #201 Nov 4 1996 – July 30 1999
- 6b. Sub-district #201 Sept 29 1993 – Oct 2 1996
- 7a. Sub-district #202 Oct 21 1996 – July 8 1999
- 7b. Sub-district #202 Nov 3 1993 – August 1 1996
- 8a. Sub-district #203 July 25 1996 – June 28 1999
- 8b. Sub-district #203 May 31 1993 – April 3 1996
- 9a. Sub-district #204 Nov 20 1996 – June 24 1999
- 9b. Sub-district #204 Oct 14 1993 – Oct 31 1996
- 10a. Sub-district #205 April 1 1996 – July 30 1999
- 10b. Sub-district #205 August 4 1993 – Nov 27 1995
- 11a. Sub-district #301 July 5 1996 – August 9 1999
- 11b. Sub-district #301 July 26 1993 – March 11 1996
- 12a. Sub-district #302 Jan 9 1996 – June 28 1999
- 12b. Sub-district #302 Oct 12 1993 – Oct 25 1995
- 13a. Sub-district #303 Jan 3 1996 – June 29 1998
- 13b. Sub-district #303 Oct 13 1993 – Oct 24 1995

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators
Central Office

Subject Access: Sub-district

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Series B: Central Office records



MPE B 5 District & Sub-district Minutes Box 2

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10042>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Box

Series Number: MPE B.5.2

File Number: 2

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1992-1999

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /
Biographical:

See history/bio for sub-series B.5

Custodial History:

See custodial history for sub-series B.5

Scope and Content:

This box contains minutes from meeting of MPE sub-district councils. The records include the following:

- 14a. Sub-district #304 Oct 8 1996 – June 23 1993
- 14b. Sub-district #304 August 3 1993 – August 6 1996
- 15a. Sub-district #305 Oct 2 1996 – April 7 1999
- 15b. Sub-district #305 August 4 1993 – August 7 1996
- 16a. Sub-district #401 April 11 1996 – August 10 1999
- 16b. Sub-district #401 August 10 1993 – Feb 7 1996
- 17a. Sub-district #402 March 21 1997 – August 16 1999
- 17b. Sub-district #402 August 4 1993 – Jan 27 1997
- 18. Sub-district #403 August 3 1993 – August 17 1999
- 19. Sub-district #404 Nov 2 1993 – April 16 1999
- 20a. Sub-district #405 Feb 9 1996 – July 12 1999
- 20b. Sub-district #405 August 5 1993 – Dec 7 1995
- 21. Sub-district #501 Nov 4 1993 – April 8 1999
- 22a. Sub-district #502 Nov 16 1995 – Oct 27 1998
- 22b. Sub-district #502 August 3 1993 – Oct 3 1995
- 23a. Sub-district #503 April 8 1996 – June 28 1999
- 23b. Sub-district #503 Nov 24 1992 – Feb 12 1996
- 24a. Sub-district #504 March 13 1996 – August 18 1999
- 24b. Sub-district #504 August 11 1993 – Jan 4 1996
- 25a. Sub-district #505 July 31 1996 – June 29 1999
- 25b. Sub-district #505 Oct 27 1993 – April 11 1996
- 26a. Sub-district #601 Oct 28 1996 – July 7 1999
- 26b. Sub-district #601 August 10 1993 – July 18 1996
- 27a. Sub-district #602 Oct 24 1996 – Feb 15 1999
- 27b. Sub-district #602 August 31 1993 – April 3 1996
- 28. Sub-district #603 August 10 1993 – April 15 1999

Notes:	Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)
Name Access:	Manitoba Pool Elevators Central Office
Subject Access:	Sub-district
Storage Location:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds Series B: Central Office records



MPE B 5 District & Sub-district Minutes Box 3

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10043>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Description Level:	Box
Series Number:	MPE B.5.3
File Number:	3
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1993-2001
Physical Description:	33 cm

History /

Biographical:

See history/bio for sub-series B.5

Custodial History:

See custodial history for sub-series B.5

Scope and Content:

This box contains minutes from meeting of MPE sub-district councils and district advisory committees. The records include the following:

- 29. Sub-district #604 Nov 23 1993 – March 8 1999
- 30a. Sub-district #605 Oct 26 1995 – April 14 1999
- 30b. Sub-district #605 Oct 28 1993 – June 22 1995
- 31. Sub-district #701 Feb 10 1994 – Oct 15 1998
- 32a. Sub-district #702 Feb 10 1996 – June 29 1999
- 32b. Sub-district #702 August 23 1993 – Oct 10 1995
- 33a. Sub-district #703 Nov 4 1996 – August 3 1999
- 33b. Sub-district #703 June 14 1993 – Oct 21 1996
- 34. Sub-district #703 June 7 1993 – April 28 1999
- 35. Sub-district #704 Oct 29 1993 – April 6 1999
- 36. Sub-district # 705 August 10 1993 – Oct 16 1998
- 37a. Sub-district #801 Jan 13 1997 – March 15 1999
- 37b. Sub-district #801 Nov 3 1993 – Nov 27 1996
- 38. Sub-district #802 Nov 23 1992 – March 16 1999
- 39a. Sub-district #803 June 12 1996 – July 20 1999
- 39b. Sub-district #803 Sept 15 1993 – Nov 12 1995
- 40. Sub-district #804 August 6 1993 – July 19 1999
- 41a. Sub-district #805 Nov 28 1995 – July 22 1999
- 41b. Sub-district #805 August 23 1993 – Oct 2 1995
- 42. District Advisory Committee 1105 1999-2001
- 43. District Advisory Committee 1106 2000-2001
- 44. District Advisory Committee 1107 April-Nov 2000
- 45. District Advisory Committee 1108 Jan-Nov 2000
- 46. District Advisory Committee 1201 2000-2001
- 47. District Advisory Committee 1202 1999-2001
- 48. District Advisory Committee 1203 1999-2001
- 49. District Advisory Committee 1204 1999-2001
- 50. District Advisory Committee 1205 1999-2000
- 51. District Advisory Committee 1206 1999-2001
- 52. District Advisory Committee 1207 1999-2001
- 53. District Advisory Committee 1208 1999-2000
- 54. District Advisory Committee 1101 2000-2001

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: Sub-district

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series B: Central Office records

MPE B 16 Historical Topics

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10070>



Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.16

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1925-1996

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /

Biographical:

See fonds level description of RG 4 for history/bio of MPE

Scope and Content:

This sub-series consists of historical topics created by MPE:

1. P.F. Bredt Involvement with MPE and death 1935-1940
2. MPE history 1941-1973
- 3a. Manitoba Wheat Pool and MPE history 1930-1939
- 3b. Manitoba Wheat Pool and MPE history 1925-1929
4. Manitoba Wheat Pool history 1924-1971
- 5a. On to Ottawa and Manitoba Delegation Committee 1958-1960
- 5b. MPE Miscellaneous history 1934-1959
6. Manitoba Wheat Pool history 1925-1929
7. Manitoba Wheat Pool 1925-1931
8. Pool Grain Marketing after 1929 Overpayment 1928-1936
9. Historical Review of Grain Trade and MPE
10. MPE Library 1948-1952
11. Coarse Grain Handling 1948-1953
12. Canadian Wheat Board 1935-1960
13. Saskatchewan Wheat Pool 1949
14. 1929 Overpayment and Williams/Stamp Commission Newspaper Clippings 1929-1931
15. Leonard Harman 1972
16. Historical Publications 1995-1996; no dates
17. Miscellaneous Historical
18. Western Agricultural Conference and Farm Bureau 1963-1965
19. Canadian Co-operatives 1961-1969
20. Miscellaneous Historical Topics 1930
21. Miscellaneous Historical Topics 1934-1936
22. International Wheat Agreement 1941-1948
23. World War Two 1939, 1944
24. Canadian National Railway System
25. Overpayment Aftermath 1932-1938
26. Miscellaneous Pool History 1925-1931
27. Miscellaneous History
- 28a. MPE History (Acquisitions, Philosophy) up to 1979 1931-1979
- 28b. MPE History (Acquisitions, Philosophy) up to 1979 1931-1979

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009-2010)

Name Access: P.F. Bredt
W.J. Parker
J.T. Hull
C.H. Burnell
Manitoba Wheat Pool
Manitoba Pool Elevators
On to Ottawa
Central Office
Willaims Commission
Stamp Commission

Subject Access: Agriculture
Protest
Delegation

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Series B: Central Office records



RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4344>

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 Agricare Co-operative, Ltd. In 2001 this organization merged with the United Grain Growers to become Agricare 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 Co-operative 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