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## MPE A 10 Austin

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8229>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE A 10

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1940-1981

Physical Description: 28.5 cm

### Scope and Content:

Austin Co-operative Elevator Association Limited Organizational papers: 1940 - 1967  
Application to Province for members of company, 23 July 1940 Memorandum of Agreement, August 1940 First General meeting of members - rough draft and typed copy, 18 November 1940 Provisional Board of Directors meeting - rough draft and typed copy, 18 November 1940 Agreement between Austin CEA and MPE, 15 December 1966 By-law no. 11, 27 March 1967 Minutes of Executive Board meetings, volume 1, November 1942 - volume 4, 20 October 1967 Minutes of Shareholders Annual meetings, 1941 - 1966 (39 reports) Financial records and statistics Statement of surplus, 1941 - 1943, 1952 - 1957 Final statements, 1940 - 1943, 1945 - 1952 (10 reports) Auditors' reports, 1953 - 1955 (2 reports) Analysis of Operating Results, 1952 - 1957 (5 reports) Allocation of Surplus, 1951 - 1952 (2 reports) Detail of grain earnings, 1964 - 1966 (2 reports) Capital Expenditure, 31 July 1951 Analysis of Operating Results summary, 1951 - 1952 (1 report) Correspondence, 1940 - 1962 Membership list, 1944 - 1950, 1954, 1961 Miscellaneous Directors' attendance lists, 1946 - 1965 (7 reports) Officers and Directors list, 1951 - 1952 Officers and Directors list, 1952 - 1953 Officers and Directors list, 1955 - 1956 Corporate Name: Rural Municipality of North Norfolk; local Pool Committee minutes November 13, 1967 - January 19, 1981.



## MPE A 130 MacGregor

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions8463>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE A

Item Number: 130

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1940-75

Physical Description: 26 cm

### Scope and Content:

MacGregor Co-operative Elevator Association Limited Organizational papers: 1940 - 1975  
Application for Elevator Association, 30 July 1940 Agreement between MCE and MPE, 19 November 1940 Agreement re: By-law no. 8, 19 November 1940 By-law confirming elevator purchase, 19 November 1940 Agreement between MPE and MCE, 1 August 1952 Membership organization, October 1950 Allocation of surplus, 1955 Supplementary resolutions "B", 24 October 1960 Agreement between MPE and MCE, 19 February 1960 Resolutions, 21 June 1961 By-law no. 148, 12 October 1961 Directors Resolutions, 18 October 1961 Suggested agenda Annual meetings, 27 November 1963 Agreement re: The Companies Act, 11 June 1969 Agreement between MPE and MCE, 26 November 1973 Organizational meeting, 1 December 1975 Minutes of Executive Board meetings, volume 1, 19 November 1940 - volume 4, 18 April 1970 Minutes of Shareholders Annual meetings, 1941 - 1970 (22 reports) Financial records and statistics Statement of surplus, 1932 - 1955 (12 reports) Final statements, 1940 - 1952 (9 reports) Auditors' reports, 1941 - 1963 (17 reports) Progress and Financial standing, 1931 Analysis of Operating Results, 1932 - 1958 (16 reports) Surplus allocation, 1945 - 1946 MacGregor elevator statistics, 1951 General expenses, 1953 - 1957 Grain sales prices, 1960 - 1964 Detail of Grain earnings, 1963 - 1967 Statement of outstanding accounts, 1964 Unsecured debentures of MPE, 1968 (10 reports) Receipts, 1959 - 1975 (10 records) Correspondence, 1940 - 1970 Membership list, 1943 - 1960 Receipts of application, 1943 - 1949 (37 reports) Membership certificates, 1943 - 1960 (16 reports) Changes in memberships, 1956 - 1963 (19 reports) New membership certificates, 4 October 1960 Cancelled memberships, 1961 - 1966 Application for membership, no date Miscellaneous Directors' attendance lists, 1943 - 1964 (18 reports) Tenures, 1947 - 1948 (9 reports) Outstanding farm supplies sales accounts, 13 February 1964  
Corporate Name: Rural Municipality of North Norfolk.



## MPE B 3 Local Association minutes Box 10

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10026>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Box

Series Number: MPE B.3.10

File Number: 10

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1968-1998

Physical Description: 13 cm

History /

Biographical:

See history/bio for sub-series B.3

Custodial History:

See custodial history for sub-series B.3

Scope and Content:

This box contains minutes generated by local MPE associations, collected by the central office. Records include the following:

115a. Brunkild Nov 28 1972 – Dec 2 1974

115b. Brunkild Oct 29 1970 – Nov 8 1972

115c. Brunkild Nov 14 1968 – Nov 9 1970

116a. Beresford Feb 19 1992 – May 13 1998

116b. Beresford August 17 1992 – Dec 14 1991

117. Dunrea Jan 12 1990 – May 31 1993

118a. Jordan Feb 11 1994 – May 27 1996

118b. Jordan Nov 21 1989 – Nov 25 1993

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: Local Association

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series B: Central Office records



## MPE B 4 Local Association Financial Statements Box 10

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10037>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Box

Series Number: MPE B.4.10

File Number: 10

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1955-1958

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /

Biographical:

See history/bio for sub-series B.4

Custodial History:

See custodial history for sub-series B.4

Scope and Content:

This box contains bound volumes of audited financial statements for local MPE associations.  
The records include the following:

Local Association Financial Statements 1955-56 A-Dro; 1955-56 Duf-Kat; 1955-56 Kel-Oak;  
1955-56 Oak-Woo; 1956-57 A-Fan; 1956-57 Fis-Men; 1956-57 Mia-Woo; 1957-58 A-Fan;  
1957-58 Fis-Men; 1957-58 Mia-Woo

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: finance

Local Association

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series B: Central Office records



## MPE B 5 Central Office District and Sub-district Reports

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9108>

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 7 Annual Reports

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9110>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.7

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1926 - 1994

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /

Biographical:

As a co-operative company, the Manitoba Wheat Pool and later the Manitoba Pool Elevators was member controlled. In order to run the company successfully members needed to be educated and kept updated about the companies financial and organizational situation. Annual reports were one of the many ways the Pool tried to do this. See fonds level description of RG 4 for complete history/bio of MPE.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series MPE B.7 consists of annual reports. There are two complete sets of annual reports, one for archival storage and one for use by researchers. Neither set contains a report for 1931. Reports from 1926 until 1928 are Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd. Reports, 1929 - 1930 are Manitoba Wheat Pool Reports. All reports subsequent to 1931 are Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Archival set: (1) Bound Copies, MPE Annual Reports Vol. 1 1926 - 1949; MPE Annual Reports Vol. 2 1950 - 1959; MPE Annual Reports 1960 - 1969; (2) Individual MPE Annual Reports 1970 - 1998

Reserch set: Individual MPE Annual Reports 1926 - 1930, 1932 - 1998

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: Annual Report

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



## MPE B 8 Speeches & Addresses

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9299>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.8

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1930-1979

Physical Description: 33 cm

## History /

### Biographical:

Speeches and addresses given by executives of the Manitoba Wheat Pool and MPE as well as agricultural experts and supporters of the co-operative movement helped to spread and solidify support for the Pools. They also served to educate rural members on a variety of topics. See fonds level description of RG 4 for complete history/bio of MPE.

### Scope and Content:

Sub-series MPE B.8 consists of speeches made by various important members and executives of Manitoba Pool Elevators. Records include the following:

- 1a. Addresses 1930 -1946
- 1b. Addresses 1946 -1954
2. Addresses 1954 -1960
3. Addresses 1969 -1975
- 4a. Addresses 1972 -1979
- 4b. Addresses 1972 -1979
- 5a. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1967 -1973
- 5b. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1962 -1966
- 5c. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1960 -1962
- 5d. F.W. Hamilton Speeches 1949 -1960
- 6a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1945
- 6b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1940 -1944
- 7a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1948 -1950
- 7b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1946 -1948
- 8a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1954 -1958
- 8b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1951 -1954
- 9a. W.J. Parker Speeches 1968 -1970
- 9b. W.J. Parker Speeches 1960 -1967
10. F.W. Ransom Addresses 1942 - 1948
11. Miscellaneous Addresses 1948 - 1955; no dates
12. Miscellaneous Addresses 1960; no dates
13. E.S. Russenholt Addresses
14. V. Martens " The Implications of Including Protein in Segregating Canadian Wheat"

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009-10)

Name Access: F.W. Hamilton  
W.J. Parker  
F.W. Ransom  
D.W. Richmond  
Manitoba Pool Elevators  
Central Office  
F.F. Hamilton  
Vincent Poloway  
Graham Spry  
J.K. Friesen  
E. S. Russenholt  
V. Martens

Subject Access: Co-operative movement  
Speeches  
Addresses  
Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada

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



## MPE B 10 Radio Broadcasts

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9311>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.10

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1930-1971

Physical Description: 6 cm

History /

Biographical:

Manitoba Pool Elevators was quick to realize the usefulness of the radio medium as a educational and promotional tool. It was also often used to defend the Pool and the co-operative movement in general on programs such as Farm Radio Forum. See fonds level description of RG 4 for complete history/bio of MPE.

Scope and Content:

Sub-series MPE B.10 consists of textual radio broadcast transcriptions. The records include transcriptions from 1930 until 1971. Radio broadcasts are on a wide variety of topics, including argicultural science, the grain market and general economy of Canada and the world, government acts and legislation that affected the producer, co-operatives and the co-operative movement, rural life, young people, WWII, Manitoba, and the Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: F.W. Ransom

C.H. Burnell

J.T. Hull

John Braken

W.J. Parker

D.W. Richmond

E.S. Russenholt

Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: Co-operatives

Agriculture

Radio Broadcasts

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series B: Central Office records





## MPE B 11 General Reports

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9322>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.11

GMD: textual records

Physical Description: 33 cm

History /

Biographical:

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

Scope and Content:

Sub-series MPE B.11 consists of (1) general reports; (2) government related papers; (3) Canadian Wheat Board papers; (4) Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operatives papers; (5) Co-operative Life Insurance

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2009)

Name Access: Manitoba Pool Elevators

Central Office

Subject Access: Reports

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series B: Central Office records



## MPE B 21 Reference

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10472>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE B.21

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1948-1995

Physical Description: 13 cm

History /

Biographical:

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

Scope and Content:

This sub-series consists of MPE reference materials:

1 Membership and Affiliated Reference

2 MPE Organization Charts 1995

3 Pool Policy for Agriculture 1989

4 Grain Marketing Manual 1993

5 International Labour Office 1948-1949

6-8 Vertical Integration 1958-1960

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

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



## MPE D 2 Royal Commission on Manitoba Pool Elevators

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11306>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE D.2

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1931

Physical Description: 33cm

History /

Biographical:

A commission to inquire into the formation and operation of the Manitoba Pool up until 1931. Charges were brought against the Pool by J.R. Murray, then Assistant General Manager of UGG. The four charges were, briefly: (1) producers had been misled into forming elevator associations, (2) members are bound by contract to the association, (3) financial statements sent out to associations are inaccurate, (4) Pool members are not getting as good a deal as they would on the free market.

The first two charges were deemed provable by the commission, while the last two were not. It was noted by the commissioner that no pool members had come forward with complaints.

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

Scope and Content:

.This sub-series contains volumes 1 - 25 of the Royal Commission on Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

Name Access: Royal Commission on Manitoba Pool Elevators  
United Grain Growers

Subject Access: Commissions

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Series D: Commissions, Committees and Inquiries



## MPE D 3 Transportation Commissions and Inquiries

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11319>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE D.3

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1931-1985

Physical Description: 46cm

History /

Biographical:

Commissions dealing with transportation by rail and by sea were important to Manitoba Pool Elevators, as the cost and efficiency of transport affected the cost of service to its members.

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

Scope and Content:

.This sub-series contains the following:

Box 1:

1. St. Lawrence Seaway 1961-1971
2. Royal Commission on Transportation - excerpt from the evidence of Sir Henry Thornton 1931-1932
3. Royal Commission on Transportation 1949-1950
4. Report of the Royal Commission on Transportation February 9, 1951
5. The Royal Commission on Transportation 1960
6. The Royal Commission on Transportation 1960-1967
7. The Canadian Transport Commission 1985

Box 2:

8. The Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1975-1976
- 9a. Submissions to the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1975-1977
- 9b. Submissions to the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1975-1977
10. Submissions to the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
11. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
12. Submissions to the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
13. Submissions to the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
14. Appendix to Final Submission of CN Railways to GH&TC 1976
15. Submission by the Province of Manitoba to the GH&TC 1976
16. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1975-1976
17. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1974-1976
- 18a. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976-1977
- 18b. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
19. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission Public Hearings 1976
20. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
21. Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1976
22. MPE Submission to the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission 1975

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

Name Access: Grain Handling and Transportation Commission

Subject Access: railways

Grain

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Series D: Commissions, Committees and Inquiries



## MPE D 4 Box Car Inquiry

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11327>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE D.4

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1958

Physical Description: 26cm

History /

Biographical:

This was a commission by the Bracken government into the distribution of box cars.

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

Scope and Content:

. This sub-series contains submissions to the Box Car Inquiry, proceedings of the Inquiry, and reports of the Inquiry.

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

Name Access: Box Car Inquiry  
Bracken

Subject Access: railways

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Series D: Commissions, Committees and Inquiries



## MPE D 5 Grain Commissions and Inquiries

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11331>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE D.5

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1936-1978

Physical Description: 13cm

History /

Biographical:

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

Scope and Content:

.This sub-series contains the following:

1. Grain Inquiry 1936
2. Grain Inquiry Commission 1936-1937
3. Newspaper clippings concerning Grain Inquiry 1937
4. Canadian Royal Grain Inquiry Commission 1937
5. Report of the Royal Grain Inquiry Commission 1937
6. Canadian Grain Trade 1953-1966
7. Canadian Grain Trade 1970
8. Canadian Grain Trade 1972-1978

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

Name Access: Royal Grain Inquiry Commission

Subject Access: Grain

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Series D: Commissions, Committees and Inquiries



## MPE D 7 Miscellaneous Committees, Commissions and Inquiries

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11340>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MPE D.7

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1931-1995

Physical Description: 39cm

History /

Biographical:

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

Scope and Content:

. This sub-series contains the following:

Box 1:

1. Farm Implement Prices 1937, 1939, 1961
- 2a. Trading in Grain Futures 1931
- 2b. Trading in Grain Futures 1931
3. Manitoba/Canada's Economic Development 1955-1973
4. Food and Consumer Prices 1958-1973
5. Farm Organizations and Local Governments

Box 2:

6. Livestock 1961-1975
7. Bryce Commission August 1976
8. Terminal Grain Elevators at Thunder Bay 1973
- 9a. Taxation 1945
- 9b. Taxation 1963-1967
- 9c. Taxation 1967-1970

Box 3:

- Manash Statistical Submissions to Turgeon Commission 1936
- 10a. Western Grain Transport Act 1985-1995
  - 10b. Western Grain Transport Act 1985-1995

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

Name Access: Canada Grain Act  
The Western Grain Stabilization Act  
Western Grain Transport Act

Subject Access: Grain

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Series D: Commissions, Committees and Inquiries



## MPE D Commissions, Committees and Inquiries

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions11230>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Description Level: Series

Series Number: MPE D

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1931-1985

Physical Description: 2.83 m

History /

Biographical:

This is an artificially created series containing records retained by Manitoba Pool Elevators of official commissions, committee and inquiries that dealt directly with the organization and its interests. Subjects include commission investigation as well as committee and inquiries into government policy and bills.

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

Scope and Content:

This series has been divided into seven sub-series, including: (1) Royal Commission on Co-operatives, (2) Royal Commission on Manitoba Pool Elevators, (3) Transportation Commissions and Inquiries, (4) Box Car Inquiry, (5) Grain Commissions and Inquiries, (6) Agricultural Commissions and Policy, (7) Miscellaneous Committees, Commissions and Inquiries

Notes: Description by Jillian Sutherland (2010)

Subject Access: Commissions

Storage Location: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds



## 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 acquire 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 Co-operative, 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 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