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Brandon Sand & Brick Co.

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Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

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GMD: graphic

Date Range: [between 1904 and 1920]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Brandon Sand & Brick Co. was better known as "Samson's Brick" for owner-proprietor Samson.

Plant located at 29th Street & Princess Avenue; Offices located in Smith Block.

Used Huennekes (German) system, whereby dried sand was mixed and ground with lime in a tube mill as water was added to slake the lime. The mixture was formed into bricks in a press, then steamed in a cylinder 6 ft. in diameter and 62 ft. long for 10 hours, under pressure of 120 psi, to form a compound like cement. Bricks were ready for use when taken from cylinder. (Ritchie, T. Canada Builds. pp. 219)

In addition to the Belvedere Apartments, many houses are faced with this brick. The rear of the 9th St. MTS building and others downtown buildings were also formed of it. Also used in interior walls of Prince Edward Hotel, Alexander School and many other buildings that were faced with more expensive brick. The product was so good, the plant's demise was likely caused by the post-WWI depression.(LAS)

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon Sand & Brick Co. (Samson's Brick)

Notes: Great Northern Railway enginehouse visible in background [Fred McGuinness collection (20-2009)].

Name Access: Brandon Sand & Brick Co.

Samson's Brick

Subject Access: industrial minerals

lime

sand

bricks

Brandon Industries

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