

**Roman Catholic School Board [Sudbury Region] fonds
1892-1969****5,62 m. textual documents and other types of documents**

Administrative History: An assembly, convened by Father Caron on February 23rd, 1888 with concerned parents to make their school an entity of the provincial school system, is the beginning of the formation of the School Board. The first chairman of the School Board was Mr. Jean Étienne (Stephen) Fournier and Mr. John Frawley first secretary treasurer. In addition, two trustees were elected: Mr. Alphonse Rioux and Mr. Joseph Antil. After sending the results of this assembly to the Ministry of Education on April 9, 1888, the first school of the McKim District was officially recognized as "Catholic Separate School". In 1911, it was decided to separate the students in two groups: the Francophones and the Anglophones. With the passing of the years, the growth of the population in the region of Sudbury manifests itself in the school system by the opening of several schools, but also with the development of many districts. In 1968, the Ministry of Education warned the school boards of its intention to establish larger administrative units. The Sudbury Separate School Board had to restructure with 24 other districts. Therefore on January 1st, 1969 the 25 different School Boards became one: The Sudbury District Roman Catholic Separate School Board. Thus, on December 31st, 1968, the Sudbury Separate School Board ceased to exist legally.

Note: For more information, please see: Roman Catholic School Board. "The Catholic Separate Schools of Sudbury : One Hundred Years of Catholic Education, 1884-1984". s.l.; n.d.; 37p.

Scope & Content: The fonds consisting of minutes, financial documents, documentation and photographs is complete for the years 1892-1968. The first four years are not documented. The records illustrate well the functions and the evolution of the School Board. Records can be found for 23 districts and the evolution is well documented in the minutes and the financial documents. The minutes and attachments inform us on what was the school system in the past and its mechanisms for decision making; the records also put into light the characteristics of each district. In addition, the minutes inform us on the harmonization of two language groups. Documents found in some districts are only in French while in other districts they are only in English, and for others the documents are in both languages. Not only do the records inform us on the community, but also on its participation and involvement in the school system. The participation of parents and teachers is illustrated through the minutes of the parent/teacher association (PTA). The financial documents depict the financial administration and the funds available at the time. One can find information about the expenditures for the purchase of supplies and furnishings. The salary increases of the School Board employees are well documented in the accounting books. In addition, documentation can be found on the school activities of certain districts. The photographs add to the information contained in the documentation of certain schools of the McKim District.

This fonds is arranged in 25 series. Twenty-three of the series are based on geographical districts. The series are arranged in alphabetical order, except for the first series of McKim, this being the first established district. Series XXIV and XXV consist of general information.

- Note :** **Immediate source of acquisition:** Le conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel Ontario. Accrual received in October 2002.
- : Languages of material:** This fonds contains English and French material.
 - : Availability of other formats:** The minutes of McKim are also available on microfilm.
 - : Restrictions on access:** The in-camera minutes are restricted for 10 years after creation date.
 - : Reproduction/publication:** Due to the fragility of certain documents, reproduction is prohibited.
 - : The Copyright Act regulations apply**
 - : Finding aids:** A descriptive list (in French) is available at the Laurentian University Archives.
 - : Related material:** The following fonds may contain complimentary information:
 - P061 – Jean Étienne (Stephen) Fournier fonds;
 - P101 – Fonds de l'association franco ontarienne des conseils d'écoles catholiques;
 - P115 – Fonds du conseil des écoles séparées catholiques romaines du district de Sudbury;
 - P117 – Fonds du conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel Ontario.