

P015 Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, Local 187 fonds.
1902-1992 [Predominant dates: 1980-1984]
25.5 cm of textual records

Administrative history: The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen was a union that represented railway workers involved with the inspection, maintenance and repair of railway cars. The Sudbury branch, Lodge 187, was established as a Subordinate Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of the United States and Canada, under their charter of 1912. According to their Constitution, the purpose of the Brotherhood was to ensure the moral, material and industrial well-being of each member. In 1984, the Canadian Division gained autonomy from the United States Division, and by April of 1990 they merged with the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). They still maintained a separate Rail Division within CAW. By 1992, Lodge 187 in Sudbury also represented the members of North Bay Lodge 192. At present, the Sudbury Lodge is affiliated with the CAW/TCA, and it represents members in North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of records that are directly related to the organization of Local 187. The records include: original charters for Locals 187 and 192, their constitution and by-laws, reports, minutes, convention proceedings, and collective agreements booklets. These documents provide some insight to the operation of union locals that represented Railway Carmen in Northeastern Ontario, and their position within the context of the larger organization. When the Canadian Division joined CAW, individual locals of the Rail Division gained more prominence at the national level.

Note: Immediate source of acquisition: The fonds was received in one accrual in January of 1996. The records were donated by Tom Mackintosh, the President of Lodge 187, CAW Rail Division Local 101.

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