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Fonds Canadian Celanese of Coaticook

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Summary information

Repository:	Coaticook Historical Society
Title:	Fonds Canadian Celanese of Coaticook
ID:	F028
Date:	1956-2005 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Language:	French
Physical description:	* 47 cm of textual records * 595 photographs * 1 CD * 2 plans

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Coaticook factory that would eventually become the Canadian Celanese had its earliest beginnings in 1872 with the purchase of water rights from Levi Baldwin to Thomas McDuffee. They would then be acquired by Frederick Cross for the establishment of a rake factory. The factory went through a series of changes in ownership and purpose until it was acquired by Trenholme and Armitage in 1889 and became the Coaticook Woolen Mills. The factory was destroyed by fire in June 1889 and was rebuilt, continuing operations until 1919 when it was sold to Walter Blue. The factory again underwent multiple transactions until 1944, when it was acquired by Coaticook Textiles Limited. Under this ownership, the factory was expanded and by 1954 it employed 125 workers.

The Canadian Celanese was established in Coaticook in 1956 with the purchase of Coaticook Textiles Ltd's building and equipment. In 1963, the Canadian Celanese Company merged with the Canadian Chemical Company to become a division of Chemcell Limited. In 1972, its corporate name was changed again to Celanese Canada. In 1980, the principal activity of the Celanese was the manufacture of acetate lining and texturized polyester fabrics. At this time, 80 per cent of their production went to Drummondville for dyeing and dressing.

In 1984 and 1985, Canadian Celanese's plant in Coaticook was purchased by Produits Cellulaires Waterville. The company subsequently closed the plant, transferring Coaticook employees to Waterville.

Scope and content

Fonds presents information on the Canadian Celanese factory in Coaticook, particularly on the employees and the process of the factory's closure, from 1956 to 2005. It consists of mainly of correspondence,

employee lists, collective agreements, press clippings, and reproduced photographs. The fonds is composed of the following series: Le Syndicat des salariés de Celanese de Coaticook, Human resources, Closure of the Celanese, Procedures, Reunion of employees of the Coaticook Celanese, and History.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Fonds donated by Michel Guimond.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Collection holdings

Series: F028-S001 - Le Syndicat des salariés de Celanese de Coaticook

Title: Le Syndicat des salariés de Celanese de Coaticook

ID: F028-S001

Date: 1956-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series illustrates the labour relations between the Syndicat des salariés de Celanese de Coaticook and the Canadian Celanese of Coaticook from 1956 to 2000. It consists largely of collective agreements, credit union annual reports, and press clippings. The series is composed of the following files: Collective agreements, Credit union, Other documents, and Scrapbooks.

Physical description: 11 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Labour (subject)
 - Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F028-S001-D001 - Collective agreements

Title: Collective agreements

ID: F028-S001-D001

Date: 1962-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents the labour agreements between employees of and the Canadian Celanese of Coaticook from 1962 to 1985. It consists of collective agreements.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

English

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S001-D002 - Credit union

Title: Credit union

ID: F028-S001-D002

Date: 1968-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the credit union used by the Syndicat des salariés de Celanese de Coaticook from 1968 to 2000. It consists of annual reports, a summary of the credit union's Coaticook service point, and internal regulations of the Caisse d'économie des employés de Canadian Celanese Coaticook.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S001-D003 - Other documents

Title: Other documents

ID: F028-S001-D003

Date: 1957-1982 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates the administration and legal affairs of Syndicat des salariés de Celanese de Coaticook from 1957 to 1982. It consists of brochures regarding the social benefits, union membership cards, legal cases, a constitution, and a brief on 12-hour weekend shifts.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

English

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S001-D004 - Scrapbooks

Title: Scrapbooks

ID: F028-S001-D004

Date: 1956-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates labour relations of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook and its employees from 1956 to 1981. It consists of scrapbooks of photocopied newspaper clippings on labour relations, collective agreements, union activity and the executive, and the credit union.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Series: F028-S002 - Human resources

Title: Human resources

ID: F028-S002

Date: 1957-1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents information on the personnel and human resources pertaining to Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1957 to 1983. It consists of time sheets, evaluation grids, a memo, and employee lists. The series is composed of the following files: Time sheets and Personnel.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F028-S002-D001 - Time sheets

Title: Time sheets

ID: F028-S002-D001

Date: 1957-1982 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates the work schedules and rates of pay for employees of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1957 to 1982. It consists of time sheets.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S002-D002 - Personnel

Title: Personnel

ID: F028-S002-D002

Date: 1966-1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates the management of employees of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1966 to 1983. It consists of an evaluation grid for team efficiency, a declaration pertaining employee discipline, a memo regarding salaries, and a list of red-circled employees.

Physical description: 4 textual records

Language of the material:

French

English

Publication status:

Published

Series: F028-S003 - Closure of the Celanese

Title: Closure of the Celanese

ID: F028-S003

Date: 1984-1985, 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series illustrates the process of the closure of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook and the transfer of employees to the Waterville Celanese from 1984 to 2005. It consists of employee lists, correspondence, minutes, reports, notes and scrapbooks. The series is composed of the following files; Employee lists, Correspondence, Committee for the reclassification of the Celanese workforce, Notebooks (Michel Guimond), and Scrapbooks.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Labour (subject)
 - Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F028-S003-D001 - Employee lists

Title: Employee lists

ID: F028-S003-D001

Date: [198-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the employees of Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from the 1980s. It consists of lists of seniority of employees, lists of employees transferred to Waterville, an inventory of the workforce, and lists of laid off employees.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Restrictions on access:

Some of the lists of employees are confidential and subject to restricted access.

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S003-D002 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

ID: F028-S003-D002

Date: 1984-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates some of the process of transferring employees from the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook to the Celanese in Waterville from 1984 to 1985. It consists of correspondence, including a number of letters addressed to Michel Guimond.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S003-D003 - Committee for the reclassification of the Celanese workforce

Title: Committee for the reclassification of the Celanese workforce

ID: F028-S003-D003

Date: 1984-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents the activities of the Committee for the reclassification of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1984 to 1985. It consists of agendas, minutes, reports, and financial resources.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S003-D004 - Notebooks, Michel Guimond

Title: Notebooks, Michel Guimond

ID: F028-S003-D004

Date: [198-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents Michel Guimond's notes regarding the closure of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from the 1980s.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S003-D005 - ScrapbooksTitle: ScrapbooksID: F028-S003-D005Date: 1984-1985, 2005 (date of creation)Scope and content:

File illustrates the history and the process of the closure of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1984 to 2005. It consists of scrapbooks of press clippings regarding the history and closure of the Celanese.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual recordsLanguage of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Series: F028-S003 - ProceduresTitle: ProceduresID: F028-S003Date: 1973-1978 (date of creation)Scope and content:

Series illustrates production procedures at the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1973 to 1978. It consists of an instruction manual for textile machine setters, setting instructions for Draper looms, lists of abbreviations for production defects, and documents on a firefighter training day.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual recordsLanguage of the material:

French

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Series: F028-S004 - Reunion of employees of the Coaticook Celanese

Title: Reunion of employees of the Coaticook Celanese

ID: F028-S004

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series illustrates the organization of the reunion of former employees of the Canadian Celanese de Coaticook in 2005. It consists of correspondence, a guest book, a pin with the Celanese logo, rental agreements, and financial statements. The series consists of the following files: Organization, Rental agreements, and Financial Resources.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F028-S004-D001 - Organization

Title: Organization

ID: F028-S004-D001

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the organization of a reunion of employees of the Celanese in Coaticook in 2005. It consists of correspondence, invitations, a programme, a guest book, and a pin for the Celanese.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S004-D002 - Rental agreements

Title: Rental agreements

ID: F028-S004-D002

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the organization and location of a reunion of employees of the Celanese in Coaticook in 2005. It consists of rental agreements.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S004-D003 - Financial resources

Title: Financial resources

ID: F028-S004-D003

Date: 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the finances pertaining to the reunion of employees of the Celanese in Coaticook in 2005. It consists of financial statements and registrations.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Series: F028-S006 - HistoryTitle: HistoryID: F028-S006Date: [194-?]-1984 (date of creation)Scope and content:

Series illustrates the history of the activities, employees, and production at the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from the 1940s to the 1980s. It consists of photographs (largely reproduced) and scrapbooks. The series is composed of the following files: Photo albums (reproductions), Photo albums (originals), Other photographs, and General documents.

Physical description: * 595 photographs: b&w and col.

* 5 cm of textual records

* 1 CD

* 2 plans

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F028-S006-D001 - Photo albums (reproductions)Title: Photo albums (reproductions)ID: F028-S006-D001Date: [194-?]-[198-] (date of creation)Scope and content:

File illustrates the activities, procedures, and employees of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from the 1940s to the 1980s. It consists of largely reproduced photographs originally organized in albums with the following titles: Security, industrial visit, firefighters; union executive, credit union, and picnic; Christmas party; employees at work; executive employees; retirees; Celanese 25th anniversary; sports; and miscellaneous.

Physical description: 445 photographs: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Arrangement:

Photographs were removed from original binders but have been kept in the arrangement created by the collector, Michel Guimond, and titles appearing on the binders has been retained.

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S006-D002 - Photo albums (originals)

Title: Photo albums (originals)

ID: F028-S006-D002

Date: 1961-1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates the activities, employees, and property of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1961 to 1976. It consists of photographs of employees, the factory, special events such as the Christmas party and awards.

Physical description: 142 photographs: b&w and col.

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

Item: F028-S006-D002-001 - Celanese Christmas party

Title: Celanese Christmas party

ID: F028-S006-D002-001

Date: 1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of the Celanese Christmas party with a view of the majorettes (Les Tourbillons de Coaticook) in the background in Coaticook in 1968.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Physical condition:

Excellent.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Events and celebrations (subject)
 - Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F028-S006-D002-002 - Parade float, Canadian Celanese

Title: Parade float, Canadian Celanese

ID: F028-S006-D002-002

Date: 1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of the Canadian Celanese's parade float during Coaticook's centennial celebrations on 4 July 1964.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Physical condition:

Excellent.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Events and celebrations (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F028-S006-D002-003 - Expansion of the Canadian Celanese plant, Coaticook

Title: Expansion of the Canadian Celanese plant, Coaticook

ID: F028-S006-D002-003

Date: 1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of the expansion of Canadian Celanese's factory in Coaticook in 1964.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Physical condition:

Excellent.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
-

Item: F028-S006-D002-004 - Weaving department, Canadian Celanese

Title: Weaving department, Canadian Celanese

ID: F028-S006-D002-004

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph showing the weaving room at the Canadian Celanese plant in Coaticook from about the 1960s.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Physical condition:

Excellent.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F028-S006-D002-005 - Security certificates, Canadian Celanese

Title: Security certificates, Canadian Celanese

ID: F028-S006-D002-005

Date: 1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of the recipients of security certificates at the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook in 1968. Pictured in the photograph are: Paul Pelletier, John Shay, Jacques Dassylva, Leo Dupont, Eugène Devost, Fernand Lebel, Alphonse Fournier, and Armand Roy.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Physical condition:

Excellent.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Industries (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F028-S006-D002-006 - Banquet of employees, Canadian Celanese

Title: Banquet of employees, Canadian Celanese

ID: F028-S006-D002-006

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of a banquet held for the employees of the Canadian Celanese held at the Hotel Child in Coaticook in the 1960s.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Language of the material:

French

Physical condition:

Excellent.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Events and celebrations (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F028-S006-D003 - Other photographs

Title: Other photographs

ID: F028-S006-D003

Date: 1963-[197-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates special events and personnel of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1963 to the 1970s. It consists of photographs of employees and anniversaries.

Physical description: 8 photographs: b&w and col.

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S006-D004 - Scrapbooks

Title: Scrapbooks

ID: F028-S006-D004

Date: 1961-1984 [reproductions] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents various aspects of the activities of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1956 to 1984. It consists of photocopied press clippings in scrapbooks bearing the following titles: Departure of our retirees; Security, fire brigade, and industrial visit; Miscellaneous information on the Celanese (financial statement, bursaries, studies, Coaticook Textile transaction); and anniversary, sports, Christmas party, building expansions.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F028-S006-D005 - General documents

Title: General documents

ID: F028-S006-D005

Date: 1980-1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents some of the history of the Canadian Celanese in Coaticook from 1980 to 1984. In consists of a company history, a calendar, a CD with commemorative photo slides, two architectural plans for the weaving room, and a few editions of the Revue Ensemble, a magazine published by the Canadian Celanese.

Physical description: * 1 cm of textual records

* 1 CD

* 2 plans

Language of the material:

French

Publication status:

Published
