

## Harry Falconer McLean Records

### Photographic

#### 1981-064 SC 0252 container 2000611771

This contains one large sized card with four pictures showing each face of the Sons of Martha cairn.

#### 1981-064 061191 container 2000783342

This contains a series of photo albums and loose photos.

#### *Series of album sheets.*

Page 1 Canyon (Abitibi) fall & winter 1930 (8)

Page 2 Moose River bridge, T&NO (2)

Page 3 T&NO Camp buildings (5)

T&NO car converted to building on concrete base

Filling in trestle 15 Sept 1927 (out of focus)

Page 4 T&NO locomotives on side in muskeg (4)

Page 5 T&NO Moose River bridge, construction of piers, with low level temporary railway (4)

0-4-0ST indistinct

Page 6 Abitibi Canyon campsite (5)

Shows several small tank locos

Page 7 T&NO Moose River bridge (2) and Flin Flon (4)

Page 8 Flin Flon (3)

Shows #2034 Sept/Oct 1928 (indistinct)

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Page 10 T&NO, Moose River (9)

Page 11 T&NO Moose River, filling trestle (5)

Page 12 T&NO Moose River, trestle work (7)

Page 13 T&NO, north section (6)

Loco on side Nov 1927

Page 14 T&NO (4)

Loco #420 on its side in muskeg.

Page 15 TNO Moose River Bridge (3)

Page 16 Flin Flon (3)

Crash of an aircraft.

Page 17 T&NO Moose River bridge (4)

Page 18 Abitibi Canyon (7)

Shows loco shed.

Page 19 Flin Flon fires (4)

Loco #628 (0-4-0ST) on T&NO?

Page 20 Big Fire at Cranberry Portage June 1929 (4)

Page 21 Flin Flon? wreck of sedan with rail wheels (2)

T&NO (2)

Page 22 After a fire in some freight cars (1)

Page 23 T&NO (4)

Unidentified 0-6-0

Page 24 Driving the last spike (Hon. John Bracken) Flin Flon (1)

Page 25 Hon. John Bracken and party (1)

Page 26 DCC & Tomlinson office.

Page 27 Flin Flon 1927-8 (3)

Page 28 Flin Flon (1) and T&NO inc. #628 (4)

Page 29 T&NO Don McKenzie (1)

Page 30 The Pas(4)

Work car Dominion Construction #706

Page 31 Last spike Flin Flon Mrs McLean, Mrs K.A. Ramsay, Hon. John Bracken (1)

Page 32 T&NO sedan (1) and Cranberry Portage (1)

***Photo Album A (brown cover)***

Grand Falls NB 1926-28 Hydro Development.

Two narrow gauge (presume 24" gauge as other locomotive was 24") steam locomotives.

Hawk Lake 1928

CPR station

Small tank loco (indistinct) presumably #2155

Row of five small saddle tank locomotives

Train of boarding cars, incl #704, 721

Abitibi Canon 1930-33

***Photo Album B (blue cover)***

Abitibi canyon 1930-33

String of old passenger coaches

***Photo Album C (green cover)***

Abitibi Canyon 1930-33

Plymouth loco indistinct.

What appears to be an opening special train.

***Photo Album (multi coloured cover)***

National Transcontinental Railway, New Brunswick, Toronto Construction 1908-1910.

4-4-0 and 2-6-0? Together

GTR 4-4-0's #103 and #112.

***Loose Photos***

PA-207741 HF McLean with fish, top of head cut off.

PA-207738 Private plane

PA-207739 Mrs McLean

PA-207737 three people

PA-207740 McLean at his home in Merrickville with deer.

Miscellaneous, project managers, engineers on various projects etc.

PA-207736 Truck with rail wheels "H.F. McLean Ltd 1"

PA-207744 Flin Flon 22 Sept 1928, holding last spike. (poor)

Toronto Construction #105 at Halifax

Wolfes Cove

Deeks Quarry 1924 - standard gauge saddle tank and cars loading rock for crusher.

Grand Falls 1926-28

Flin Flon

Hawk Lake

Queen Elizabeth Way 1939 no railway

Seaboard Const. Mount Kisco NY 1939

Deep Brook NS, HMCS Cornwallis

Abitibi Canyon 1930-3

1. PA-207734 Sons of Martha Cairn at Deeks Quarry, 1927

Deeks - notes

Years of operation 1921-1935

Superintendents - J.P. Bairns 1921-28

- W.H. Roberts 1928-35

2. Guysboro - colour picture of cairn 1972

Contract awarded to Dominion Construction 1929, carried on for 1 ½ years. 18 miles of telegraph line, hard work by station men - not many mechanical units. One shovel at work in rock cut.

3. Cranberry Portage - picture of cairn 1929 & 1972 (colour)

4. Grand Falls - pictures of cairn, b&w and colour as well as the four plates (In loving memory of those who worked and died here)

5. Moosonee - pictures of the cairn

6. Wolfe Cove - picture of cairn

7. Abitibi - pictures of cairn

8. Hawk Lake - pictures of cairn

9. Churchill - picture of cairn

Pictures of Abitibi Canyon.

36 in gauge lines with two gas locomotives.

Earth fill with dump cars.

### **MG 30 B 131**

#### **Box 1**

1. Newspaper Articles

Gave away \$10,000 from Prince Edward Hotel window in Windsor on 29 March 1944. Then called for more money and moved to another hotel across the street. Then began writing cheques. Total about \$50,000. Other accounts say \$20,000.

Good biography.

2. Clippings General

Excellent background

Wife, Margaret Fitzpatrick, married in 1951, died 9 November 1978. He died in Merrickville on 30 April 1961. He was married to Irene F. Robertson in 1917, who died in 1942. She had been a nurse at the hospital in Halifax during the explosion.

3. Dominion Construction Corp - articles

D.I.L explosive plant at de la Sallaberry.

Dominion Construction Company was formed in 1912. It was reorganized into the Dominion Construction Corporation in 1932.

4. Frontier Buster - Grenalds, William O.
5. Anonymous Paper
6. Anonymous Paper - very good. Goes into the details of the way the projects were carried out.
7. McNally, Paul and C.E. Hyson, Sons of Martha Cairns. Also Engineering Journal, vol. 60, number 4 July/Aug 1977 "Frontier Buster"
8. Richardson, George W. draft article.
9. Roberts, Leslie. From the Montrealer.
10. Charles Switzer, Biographical essay - handwritten
11. Appointment Honorary Lieutenant Colonel No. 2 Construction Battalion C.E.F. 13 March 1917
12. Letter from MacLean Highlanders
13. General correspondence
14. Diary of African trips.
15. Honours certificates.
16. Iron ring ceremony - Kipling wrote the ritual.
17. Memorabilia
18. Poor photographs
19. Pioneer Monument, Bismark ND.
20. Research correspondence - C.E. Hyson. (not much)
21. Sons of Martha Cairns

Kipling and McLean met at gathering where Kipling recited his poem and McLean received the inspiration for the monuments.

Deeks - cairn was erected in 1925.

Cranberry Portage - cairn erected in 1929

Guysboro - cairn erected in 1929

Grand Falls - cairn erected in 1929

Moosonee - cairn erected 1930

Wolfes Cove - cairn erected 1931

Abitibi Canyon - cairn erected 1932

**These dates are suspect.**

Hawk Lake - 1946 - verified

Churchill - 1929 has the bronze plates of Son's of Martha but the shape of the cairn does not conform to other cairns. Opinion of remaining members of McLean's companies that the plates were given to J.G. MacLachlan, CNR Engineer and he supervised the assembly of the cairn. McLean did not build the line to Churchill.

No cairns were erected in the USA.

McLean was in a Halifax hotel and at that time Rudyard Kipling was also staying at the same hotel. Kipling invited him to visit in his rooms. Previous to this McLean had erected one or two cairns without permission. Kipling was pleased that his poem had been recognized and used to pay tribute to workers. The poem dates from 1907.

22. Work Record 1940?

- 2.1 Toronto Construction Co. Charter 27 May 1905.  
Shareholders A.B. Cook; G.M. Deeks; G.S. Deeks; Helen Deeks; Thomas R. Hinds.  
Charter surrendered 3 Mar 1919.
- 2.2 Andrew Braid Cook and H.F. McLean came to Toronto and formed a partnership with Deeks & Hinds for the Toronto-Sudbury CPR line under the name of the Toronto Construction Co. Obtained contract for Coldwater-Bolton-Midhurst-McTier-Parry Sound line  
Toronto Construction Co. did double tracking out of Smiths Falls and also built the Mont Laurier- Normandin in 1907-8.  
TCC did Chipman-Plaster Rock section of National Transcontinental in New Brunswick with offices in MacGivney Junction and workshops and storage yards at Napadogan 1908-10.,  
TCC then did Georgian Bay & Seaboard (Coldwater Jct. to Betheny Jct. which was completed in 1911.

Dominion Construction was formed on 18 April 1912. (Head office Toronto)  
Cook left with McLean and returned to some railway work in Montana. After a short time they returned to Canada and set up Cook Construction (Head office Montreal), did some double track sections of CPR in Sudbury-Cartier area and in 1913 the City of Montreal Aqueduct.

In 1914-15 Cook Construction did contract for breakwater and harbour improvements at Halifax.

McLean's war work is set out .

Cook organization helped the Halifax city after the explosion and the strain put McLean in hospital for some time in 1918.

Partnership formed about 1920 between Dominion Construction and Col. C.W.P. Ramsay (CPR Chief Engineer) to erect and operate a rock crushing plant for CPR. Set up at Deeks (Deeks was President of DCC). Ramsey withdrew and McLean bought his shares. Grenville Crushed Rock was formed on 14 January 1921. With head office in Smiths Falls

- 2.3 Grenville crushed Rock charter surrendered 2 May 1951.
- 2.4 DCC articles of association
- 2.5 H.F. McLean Limited incorporated 26 May 1924 (Canada)
- 2.6 Sunny Brae Investment Co charter 28 February 1930, surrendered 3 November 1947
- 2.7 DCCorporation surrender of charter 13 Aug 1957
- 2.8 DCCompany surrender of charter 5July 1932.
- 2.9 H.F. McLean letters patent 27 May 1932, surrender of charter 13 May 1950
- 2.10 Piedmont Construction incorporated 9 February 1937, surrendered 30 September 1941.
- 2.11 Seaboard Construction incorporated 23 March 1938

#### Construction Projects

- 2.12 National Transcontinental Railway  
Some historical background

- 2.13 Deeks Quarry corporate background. Huffman got the crushing plant underway then left the organization. Sons of Martha cairn erected using native stone.
- 2.14 Grand Falls. Details. Sons of Martha cairn erected at the intake area
- 2.15 Flin Flon Railway. Details
- 2.16 Hawk Lake
- 2.17 Ditto
- 2.18 Ditto - Russian proposal.
- 2.19 Guysboro railway - details
- 2.20 Wolfe's Cove- details
- 2.21 T&NO details

North Bay to New Liskeard 1901-1904

Liskeard to Cochrane 1904-1908

Cochrane to Island Falls 1922-1925

Island Falls to Fraserdale 1930-1932

Fraserdale to Moosonee 1930-1932

Cairn was erected in 1932. Plated moved in 1970 because of potential for vandalism and ground was slipping around cairn. Moved to a new cairn.

- 2.22 Abitibi Canyon
- 2.23 Ditto - details
- 2.24 Ditto - list of equipment, contract, location blueprint
- 2.25 Wood Island Car Ferry Terminal 1939
- 2.26 Delaware Aqueduct 1939-40
- 2.27 Defence Industries Valleyfield built by H.F. McLean Ltd. (1940-1941 Plan of the works.
- 2.28 HMCS Cornwallis 1942-43
- 2.29 Ditto
- 2.30 Point Edward Naval Base

Associates of H.F. McLean

- 2.31 Description of tapes
- 2.32 Bains, J. Paul
- 2.33 Hearn, Richard L
- 2.34 C.E. Hyson
- 2.35 Ker, Frederick
- 2.36 Moberly, Bernard
- 2.37 Roberts, Willys H.
- 2.38 Williamson, Frederick E.