

Johns-Manville (Canada) records

1949-1977 (non-inclusive)

Ontario Editorial Bureau fonds

RG 75-44

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- Creator:** Ontario Editorial Bureau
- Extent:** 10 cm of textual records
6 photographs
- Abstract:** This archive is part of the larger Ontario Editorial Bureau Fonds (OEB) housed at Brock University. The records contain information about the operations of the Johns-Manville (Canada) Company. The bulk of the material consists of correspondence, media releases, and promotional material.
- Materials:** Correspondence, media releases, news clippings, newsletters, photographs.
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Administrative history:

The Johns-Manville Company was founded in 1901 with the merging of the H.W. Johns Manufacturing Company and the Manville Covering Company. Both companies made building materials using asbestos. The new company was based in New York, New York, and made products such as insulation and roofing materials, automotive sheet packing for cylinders, asbestos/cement, acoustical and magnesia products. Significant restructuring has occurred over the years as the company shifted from production of asbestos products to other types of building materials, such as fibre glass and forest products. Since 2001, the Johns-Manville Company has been owned by Berkshire Hathaway.

The company began operations in Canada in 1918 in Asbestos, Quebec, where the Jeffrey Asbestos Mine was located. A Canadian plant opened in Port Union, Scarborough Township, in 1956, and another in North Bay, Ontario, in 1957. Both of these plants have since closed. The company currently has two plants in Canada, in Innisfail, Alberta, and Cornwall, Ontario.

Scope and content:

The fonds contains material relating to the operations of the Johns-Manville (Canada) Co. Ltd. The material consists of correspondence, media releases, newsletters, news clippings, photographs, booklets and press packages. Duplicates have been removed and discarded. Within folders, material is arranged chronologically.

Organization:

The records were arranged into three series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1949, 1956-1957, 1974-1977

Series II: Media releases, 1974-1977

Series III: Promotional material, 1957, 1976-1977

Inventory:**Series I: Correspondence, 1949, 1956-1957, 1974-1977**

- 1.1 Correspondence, 1949.
- 1.2 Correspondence—New Plant opening, 1956. Contains correspondence about a new Johns-Manville plant opening in Port Union, Ontario.
- 1.3 Correspondence, 1957.
- 1.4-1.7 Correspondence, 1974-1977.

Series II: Media releases, 1974-1977.

- 1.8-1.11 Media releases, 1974-1977.

Series III: Promotional material, 1957, 1976-1977, n.d.

- 1.12 New plant opening, North Bay, 1957. Contains news clippings, a program, an itinerary, and press package about a new Johns-Manville plant opened in North Bay, Ontario.
- 1.13 Promotional material, 1976. Contains a photograph of Robert Martin, plant manager of Johns-Manville plant in Innisfail, Alberta; a photograph

of Rene Boisvert, Manager of Johns-Manville plant in Montreal; and two Johns-Manville booklets on built-up roofing application and materials.

- 1.14 Newsletters, 1975-1977. Contains issues of the *Community Reporter*, a newsletter published as a community service by the Port Union Plant of the Canadian Johns-Manville Co. Ltd.
- 1.15 Photographs, n.d. Contains four photographs with captions of Johns-Manville products.