

INVENTORY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COLLECTION

1857 - 1993

In order to improve access to more of the existing holdings of Western Archives copies of a number of preliminary finding aids are being made available. These preliminary finding aids, some of which were prepared many years ago, vary in degrees of completeness, detail and accuracy. Some provide only basic box listings of the contents of a fonds or a collection, while others provide additional background material. All are intended to be the starting point for access to the records and they should not be considered a definitive source of information on the full nature and contents of the fonds or collection. Questions about the information provided in the preliminary finding aids should be directed to archives.services@uwo.ca

REGIONAL COLLECTION

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Physical Description

Dates: 1857 - 1906, 1918 - 1993.

Form: Records, Correspondence, Reports, Publications
Newsletters, Photographs.

Size: 45.4 metres of textual material in 149 boxes, 0.6 metres of photographs in 2 boxes for a total of 46.0 metres in 151 boxes.

Location: Boxes 5527 to 5538 in Regional Collection, Boxes 1 to 139 off-site.

Scope and Content Note

Regional Collection possesses Board of Trade/Chamber of Commerce records from its inception in 1857 to 1993. However, the majority of these holdings (over eighty per cent) document the period between 1967 and 1987. Holdings include:

- (i) a complete set of minutes, in the form of 'Master Minute Books', from 1857 to 1906 and 1918 to 1984.
- (ii) committee material from 1950 to 1987, including a series of minute binders from 1963 to 1987
- (iii) subject files on a wide variety of topics, 1950-1989.
- (iv) consumer complaint files from the Business Consumer Relations Committee (which preceded the modern Better Business Bureau) from 1956 to 1981.
- (v) a number of Chamber publications (such as Annual Reports, Business Directories), reports, newsletters (such as the Business Advocate) and photographs from 1893-1993.

Respect for the Chamber's original order and filing system has been maintained throughout this collection. In most cases, then, files are organized alphabetically and on an annual basis. Information on how to access material using this system is outlined in each of the series descriptions.

Organization

The following is a listing of the series for this collection:

- (1) Master Minute Books, 1857 - 1984.
- (2) Committee Minute Binders, 1963 - 1986.
- (3) Committee and Task Force Material, 1950 - 1987.
- (4) Subject Files, 1950 - 1989.
- (5) Business Consumer Relations Complaint Files, 1956-1981.
- (6) Scrapbooks, Publications and Photos, 1898 - 1993.

Administrative History

The London Board of Trade was incorporated in April of 1857 "to promote just and equitable mercantile principles, correct abuses in trade, and to protect the rights and advance the interests of the country generally."⁽¹⁾ In 1918, it was officially renamed the Chamber of Commerce, but its general mandate has remained the same. Since its inception, the Chamber has endeavored to foster an environment which is conducive to the growth of local business and industry. It has also acted as a member forum on a wide variety of local, provincial and national issues. These issues include: municipal affairs, transportation services (especially railways and the airport), agriculture, consumer relations and education. In addition, it has acted as a liaison with provincial and national Chamber associations.

The Chamber's membership and community involvement increased significantly after the Second World War. As a result, it developed a comprehensive committee system to deal with its affairs. After 1945 the Chamber was structured as follows: The Board of Directors, comprised of sixteen members including the president, had general powers of administration and policy within the Chamber. For specific issues from year to year,

1. Robert Waldon, The Early History of the London Board of Trade, 1857-1874. London, Ontario: University of Western Ontario M.A. Thesis [unpublished], 1981. p.13. Quoted from Act of Incorporation.

For a brief historical sketch of the Chamber, see London 200: An Illustrated History, pp.256-257, by Orlo Miller et al.

however, it authorized the establishment of a series of committees, each with a specific mandate. The findings of these committees were presented to an Executive Committee, comprised of the chairpersons of each committee, which then made policy recommendations to the Board for formal approval. Committees, therefore, were not permanent bodies but were established according to the needs of the Chamber in any given year. There were, however, a select group of committees which maintained their existence throughout the years in one form or another (for instance, a committee dealing with agricultural issues has existed since 1945). From 1970 onwards, the Chamber also used a series of task forces, in addition to committees, to look into issues of a more ad hoc nature.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS AND BOX LISTINGS

Series 1: Board of Trade/Chamber of Commerce Master Minute Books, 1857 - 1984.

Size: 3.7 metres.

Boxes: 5527 to 5538.

These boxes contain minutes in the form of Master Minute Books from the Board of Trade/Chamber of Commerce for the periods 1857 to 1906 and 1918 to 1984. After the completion of each Board/Chamber meeting, the corresponding minutes were added to these books. Specific committee minutes, especially from 1945 on, are consequently intermixed chronologically as opposed to the committee by committee organization of Series 2. These books are an excellent source to study the work of the entire Chamber over a given period. Below is a listing of the binders within each box.

Box List

Box 5527: Board of Trade Minute Books, 1857 - 1906

Vol. I: 1857-1873, Vol. II: 1873 - 1878, Vol. III: 1875 - 1887, Vol. IV: 1887 - 1894, Vol. V: 1894 - 1906.

Box 5528: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1918 - 1940

1918 - 1927, 1922 - 1925, 1928 - 1929, 1930 - 1934, 1934 - 1940.

Box 5529: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1940 - 1957

Jan. 1940 - May 1947, May 1947 - Jan. 1953, Jan. 1953 - Aug. 1956, Sept. 1956 - Dec. 1957.

Box 5530: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1958 - 1964

Jan. 1958 - Dec. 1959, Dec. 1959 - Dec. 1960, Jan. 1961 - Sept. 1961, Oct. 1961 - Sept. 1962, Sept. 1962 - Sept. 1963, Sept. 1963- Sept. 1964.

Box 5531: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1964 - 1969

Sept. 1964 - Sept. 1965, Sept. 1965 - Sept. 1966, Sept. 1966 - Dec. 1967, Jan. 1968 - Sept. 1968, Sept. 1968 - June 1969, June

1969 - Dec. 1969.

Box 5532: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1970 - 1972

Jan. 1970 - Sept. 1970, Sept. 1970 - Feb. 1971, March 1971 - Nov. 1971, Nov. 1971 - May 1972.

Box 5533: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1972 - 1975

June 1972 - Dec. 1972, Jan. 1973 - July 1973, Aug. 1973 - March 1974, March 1974 - June 1975.

Box 5534: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1975 - 1977

Jan. 1975 - Nov. 1975, Nov. 1975 - June 1976, June 1976 - Feb. 1977.

Box 5535: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1977 - 1978

Feb. 1977 - Oct. 1977, Oct. 1977 - Feb. 1978, March 1978 - Oct. 1978.

Box 5536: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1978 - 1980

Oct. 1978 - April 1979, April 1979 - Jan. 1980, Jan. 1980 - Aug. 1980.

Box 5537: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1980 - 1982

Sept. 1980 - May 1981, June 1981 - Feb. 1982, March 1982 - Nov. 1982.

Box 5538: Chamber of Commerce Minutes, 1982 - 1984

Dec. 1982 - Sept. 1983, Sept. 1983 - June 1984.

London Chamber of Commerce Collection
1857-1993

Series 2: Committee Minute Binders, 1963-1986.

Size: 5.8 meters.

Boxes: 1 to 19.

This series consists of binders of minutes arranged by committee. The first four boxes contain minutes from the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, both of which oversaw the work of the entire Chamber. Boxes 5-19 then contain minutes from other committees, arranged alphabetically according to the first letter of its most common name. Keep in mind that the names of some committees changed frequently over the years, although their respective mandates may have remained relatively the same. Consult the committee list (located in Series 3, pp. 13-19) to chart these name changes. Although most of the minutes in this series are duplicated in Series 1, its organization nonetheless serves as a convenient source to study the work of a particular committee over a period of time. The following is a listing of the binders within each box.

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Box 1 – B1652: Board of Directors, 1968-1980

Sept. 1968 – June 1969, Sept. 1969 – June 1970, Sept. 1970 – June 1971, Sept. 1971 – Dec. 1972, June 1973 – Dec. 1973, Jan. 1974 – Dec. 1974, Jan. 1975 – June 1976, Aug. 1976 – June 1977, Sept. 1977 – March 1978, April 1978 – June 1979, June 1979 – June 1980.

Box 2 – B1653: Board of Directors, 1980-1983

Sept. 1980 – May 1981, Aug. 1981 – June 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983.

Box 3 – B1654: Executive Committee, 1967-1977

Nov. 1967 – Sept. 1969, Sept. 1969 – July 1970, Aug. 1970 – Aug. 1971, Sept. 1971 – Dec. 1972, Jan. 1973 – Dec. 1973, Jan. 1974 – Sept. 1974, Sept. 1974 – June 1975, July 1975 – May 1976, June 1976 – Oct. 1976, Oct. 1976 – May 1977, June 1977 – Oct. 1977.

Box 4 – B1655: Executive Committee, 1977-1984

Oct. 1977 – May 1978, June 1978 – March 1979, March 1979 – June 1979, June 1979 – May 1980, June 1980 – June 1981, June 1982 – June 1983, July 1983 – July 1984.

Box 5 – B1656: Agriculture and Food Committee, 1967 – 1984 – Food Task Force, 1975 – 1977.

Agriculture and Food: Sept. 1967 – June 1969, Oct. 1969 – Aug. 1972, Sept. 1972 – Feb. 1974, April 1974 – June 1976, June 1976 – May 1978, Sept. 1978 – May 1981, Sept. 1981 – Sept. 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1984.

Food Task Force: Nov. 1975 – Feb. 1976, April 1977 – Sept. 1977.

Box 6 – B1657: Air services Task Force, 1975-1984 – Business Development Committee, 1978-1984 – Business Visit Committee, 1970-1980.

Air Services: Nov. 1975 – Sept. 1976, March 1978 – Oct. 1978, Oct. 1979 – Oct. 1980, Feb. 1981 – July 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1984.

Business Development: June 1978 – June 1981, Sept. 1981 – June 1982, Sept. 1982 –

June 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1983.

Business Visit: Dec. 1970 – April 1971, Jan. 1973 – March 1976, Feb. 1977 – Dec. 1977, Dec. 1978 – May 1979, Nov. 1979 – April 1980.

Box 7 – B1658: Business Consumer Relations Committee/Business fair Practices Committee, 1967-1983.

Oct. 1967 – April 1969, Dec. 1969 – June 1970, Oct. 1970 – Jan. 1973, Jan. 1973 – Dec. 1973, Jan. 1974 – June 1975, June 1975 – June 1976, Sept. 1976 – May 1979, May 1979 – April 1981, Sept. 1981 – May 1982, Sept. 1982 – July 1983.

Box 8 – B1659: Charitable Appeals Review Board, 1968-1980.

April 1968 – June 1969, Sept. 1969 – June 1970, Oct. 1970 – Nov. 1972, Jan. 1973 – April 1979, May 1979 – June 1980.

Box 9 – B1660: Civic Affairs Committee, 1967 – 1984.

Oct. 1967 – June 1969, Sept. 1969 – July 1970, Sept. 1971 – Dec. 1972, Jan. 1973 – June 1974, Sept. 1974 – May 1976, July 1976 – Nov. 1976, May 1976 – May 1978, Sept. 1978 – May 1979, Oct. 1979 – June 1981, Sept. 1981 – June 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1984.

Box 10 – B1661: Club/Club and Premises Committee, 1963 – 1965, 1974 – 1976, 1980 – 1983 – Education/Education-Business Committee, 1967, 1982-1986 –

Employer/Employee Relations Committee, 1974-1975, 1979-1984.

Club/Club and Premises: May 1963 – Nov. 1965, Dec. 1974 – Jan. 1976, Jan. 1976 – Dec. 1976, July 1980 – Nov. 1980, Sept. 1982 – May 1983.

Education/Education-Business: Sept. 1967 – May 1969, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, April 1983 – June 1984, Aug. 1985 – May 1986.

Employer/Employee Relations: Oct. 1974 – Jan. 1975, Sept. 1979 – April 1981, Sept. 1981 – April 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1984.

Box 11 – B1662: Energy and Environment/Environmental Pollution Committee, 1968–1983 – Finance and Taxation Committee, 1982-1984.

Energy and Environment/Environmental Pollution: Oct. 1968 – May 1969, Oct. 1969 – May 1970, Oct. 1970 – June 1971, April 1972 – Dec. 1972, Jan. 1973 – June 1976, Dec. 1975 – April 1976 (Energy Task Force), Sept. 1976 – May 1978, May 1978 – May 1980, Sept. 1980 – May 1981, May 1981 – July 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983.

Finance and Taxation: Sept. 1982 – May 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1984.

Box 12 – B1663: House Committee, 1969-1978 – Industrial Promotion Committee, 1967-1978.

House: Nov. 1969 – Oct. 1970, Oct. 1972 – Dec. 1974, Jan. 1975 – April 1976, April 1976 – April 1978.

Industrial Promotion: Nov. 1967 – June 1968, Oct. 1969 – Nov. 1972, Jan. 1973 – June 1976, June 1976 – June 1978.

Box 13 – B1664: International Relations and Trade/Trade Relations Committee, 1968-1976 – London Planning/Regional Planning/Town Planning/London Planning and Development/Urban Renewal Committee, 1963-1983.

International Relations and Trade/Trade Relations: Jan 1968 – May 1969, Jan. 1970 – June 1976.

London Planning (et. al.): Feb. 1963 – Nov. 1966, Oct. 1967 – April 1969, Nov. 1967 – April 1971, Oct. 1969 – May 1972, Nov. 1970 – May 1973, Nov. 1972 – June 1976, June 1976 – June 1978, Sept. 1978 – May 1980, Sept. 1980 – May 1981, Sept. 1981 –

May 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983.

Box 14 – B1665: Long Range Planning Task Force, 1972-1979 –

Membership/Membership Participation Committee, 1968-1975, 1979-1984 – Municipal Expenditures Committee, 1977-1981.

L.R.P.T.F.: Nov. 1972 – Aug. 1977, Jan. 1978 – May 1978, Jan. 1979 – April 1979.

Membership/Membership Participation: Feb. 1968 – Dec. 1970, Jan. 1971 – Dec. 1973, Jan. 1974 – Dec. 1975, Sept. 1979 – May 1980, Sept. 1980 – June 1981, Sept. 1981 – May 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1984.

Municipal Expenditures: Aug. 1977 – June 1979, Sept. 1979 – June 1981.

Box 15 – B1666: Ontario Chamber Policy Review Task Force (O.C. P. R. T.F.), 1971-1977 – Provincial and National Affairs Committee, 1967-1984 – Public Relations Committee, 1967-1973, 1982-1983.

O.C.P.R.T.F.: June 1971 – March 1972, Dec. 1974 – Jan. 1975, Oct. 1977.

Provincial and National Affairs: Nov. 1967 – Feb 1969, Sept. 1969 - June 1971, Sept. 1971 – June 1973, Sept. 1973 – June 1976 (National Affairs), Sept. 1973 – June 1976 (Provincial Affairs), Sept. 1976 – March 1978, May 1978 – May 1980, May 1980 – May 1981, Sept. 1981 – June 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, Sept. 1983 – June 1984.

Box 16 – B1667: Recreation/Recreation and Culture Committee, 1968-1980 – Retail Council Committee, 1970-1973, 1983-1984 – Senior Resources Committee, 1978-1981 – Social Committee, 1978-1984.

Recreation/Recreation and Culture: Nov. 1968 – July 1970, Sept. 1970 – Aug. 1974, Sept. 1974 – May 1976, March 1976 – May 1978, Sept. 1978 – May 1980.

Retail Council: Feb. 1970 – Jan. 1971, Nov. 1969 – Feb. 1973, Oct. 1983 – Aug. 1984.

Senior Resources: Oct. 1978 – April 1980, Sept. 1980 – April 1981.

Social: May 1978 – May 1980, Sept. 1980 – May 1981, Sept. 1981 – May 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, Sept. 1983 – Sept. 1984.

Box 17 – B1668: Tourist and Convention/Fortnight Festival Committee, 1966-1979 – Transportation and Safety/Transportation, Energy and Environment Committee, 1967-1984.

Tourist and Convention/Fortnight Festival: Feb. 1966 – June 1968, Nov. 1966 – July 1969, Aug. 1969 – May 1979.

Transportation and Safety/Transportation, Energy and Environment: Oct. 1967 – June 1971, Sept. 1971 – Dec. 1972, Jan. 1973 – June 1976, June 1976 – May 1979, Sept. 1979 – May 1981, Sept. 1981 – May 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983, June 1983 – June 1984.

Box 18 – B1669: Youth/Youth Liason Committee, 1969-1983.

Feb. 1969 – Dec. 1969, Nov. 1969 – Feb. 1973, March 1973 – June 1974, Sept. 1974 – June 1976, Sept. 1976 – June 1978, Sept. 1978 – June 1979, Sept. 1979 – May 1981, Oct. 1981 – May 1982, Sept. 1982 – June 1983.

Box 19 – B1670: Miscellaneous Task Forces, 1969 – 1981.

London Industrial Training Advisory Board: Aug. 1978 – Jan. 1980.

Keep London Clean Sub-Committee: Nov. 1969-Sept. 1971.

Reform of Property Taxation in Ontario Task Force: July 1976 – Feb. 1978.

Marketing Boards Task Force: Nov. 1977 – March 1978.

Housing Task Force: Feb. 1974 – Nov. 1974.

Jury Bill Task Force: July 1974.

Free Enterprise Task Force: Sept. 1976 – Nov. 1977.
Concentration of Corporate Power Task Force: June 1975 – Dec. 1975.
Inflation Control Unit Task Force: Nov. 1980 – Feb. 1981.
Understanding Our Economy Task Force: March 1979 – Dec. 1979.

Series 3: Committee and Task Force Material, 1950 – 1987 (predominant 1967/68 – 1987).

Size: 20.7 metres.

Boxes: 20 to 87.

This series consists of correspondence, minutes and other related material created or collected by committees during the normal course of their affairs. This information thus provides much of the context on which committee decisions were based. Files are organized both chronologically and alphabetically by committee according to the Chamber's original filing system. Files from an individual committee for a particular year can therefore be accessed by taking the first letter of the committee's name for that year and matching it to the corresponding box which contains files of that letter. For instance, files from the Executive Committee for 1976-1977 can be retrieved by taking its first letter ('E') and matching it to the corresponding box for 1976-1977 (in this case, Box 47-Committee and Task Material 1976-1977, 'D-H'). Although these files date as early as 1950, the majority begin in earnest after 1967-1968. **Consult the committee list below to view appropriate committee names for each year. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee do not appear on this list, but their material is filed alphabetically in this series along with other committees.**

Committee List (compiled using Annual Reports and the Chamber's monthly newsletters) (Incomplete List)

1945

Committees: Advertising, Agricultural, City Planning and Development, Membership, Public Relations, Reconstruction, Tourist.

1946

Same as above.

1947

Committees: Advertising, Agricultural, City Planning and Development, Membership, Public Relations, Reconstruction, Tourist.

1948-1951

Annual Reports unavailable. From this point on, reports were issued on a split calendar year.

1952-1953

Committees: Advertising and Tourist, Agricultural, Business Protective, Civic Affairs, Industrial, Membership, National Affairs, Industrial Relations, Public Relations, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1953-1954

Committees: Agricultural, Business Protective, Civic Affairs, Education, Industrial Promotion, Industrial Relations, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Tourist Development, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1954-1955

Same as above.

1955-1956

Committees: Agricultural, Business Protective, Civic Affairs, Education, Industrial Promotion, Industrial Relations, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Tourist Development, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1956-1957

Same as above.

1957-1958

Committees: Agricultural, Business Protective, Education, Greater London Civic Affairs, Industrial Promotion, Industrial Relations, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Round-up Club, Tourist Development, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1958-1959

Same as above.

1959-1960

Same as above.

1960-1961

Committees: Agricultural, Business Protective, Education, Foreign Trade, Greater London Civic Affairs, Industrial Promotion, Policy and Planning, Property and Club, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation and Convention, Round-up Club, Tourist and Convention, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1961-1962

Committees: Agricultural, Business Protective, Education, Foreign Trade, Greater London Civic Affairs, Health and Welfare, Industrial Promotion, Property and Club, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation and Convention, Round-up Club, Tourist and Convention, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1962-1963

Committees: Agricultural, Business Protective, Civic Affairs, Education, Foreign Trade, Health and Welfare, Industrial Promotion Advisory, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Round-up Club, Traffic and Transportation, Tourist and Convention, Town Planning.

1963-1964

Committees: Agricultural, Business-Consumer Fair Practices, Civic Affairs, Club Management, Committee on Committees, Education, Foreign Trade, Health and Welfare, Industrial Promotion, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Traffic and Transportation, Tourist and Convention, Town Planning.

1964-1965

Committees: Agricultural, Business-Consumer Fair Practices, Civic Affairs, Club Management, Downtown London Association, Education, Foreign Trade, Industrial Promotion, Membership, Membership Participation, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Tourist and Convention, Town Planning, Traffic and Transportation.

1965-1966

Agricultural, Business-Consumer Fair Practices, Civic Affairs, Club Management, Education, Foreign Trade, Industrial, Membership, Member Participation, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Town Planning, Tourist and Convention, Traffic and Transportation.

1966-1967

Committees: Agricultural, Business-Consumer Fair Practices, Civic Affairs, Club Management, Education, Industrial, International Relations and Trade, Membership, Member Participation, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Safety/ Traffic and Transportation, Town Planning, Tourist and Convention.

1967-1968

Same as above, except that the Agricultural Committee becomes the Agriculture and Food Committee.

1968-1969

Committees: Agriculture and Food, Business Consumer Relations (BCR), Charitable Appeals Review Board (CARB), Civic Affairs, Club Management, Education, Environmental Pollution, Industrial, Membership, Membership Participation, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation, (Safety, Traffic and Transportation), Town Planning, Tourist and Convention, Trade Relations, Urban Renewal.

1969-1970

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Education-Business, Environmental Pollution, House, Industrial, London and Regional Planning, Membership, Membership Participation, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation, Retail Council, (Safety, Traffic and Transportation), Trade Relations, Urban Renewal.

Task Forces: Long Range Planning Task Force (L.R.P.T.F.)

1970-1971

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Environmental Pollution, House, Industrial Promotion, London Planning, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation, Retail, Trade Relations, Transportation and Safety, Urban Renewal, Youth.

1971-1972

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Environmental Pollution, House, Industrial Promotion, London Planning, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation, Trade Relations, Transportation and Safety, Youth.

Task Forces: Goodwill Visit, L.R.P.T.F., Regional Planning, Retail Council.

1972-1973

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Environmental Pollution, House, Industrial Promotion, London Planning, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations, Recreation, Trade, Transportation and Safety, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: L.R.P.T.F., Retail Council.

1973-1974

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Environmental Pollution, House, Industrial Promotion, London Planning, Membership, National Affairs, Provincial Affairs, Recreation, Trade Relations, Transportation and Safety, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Public Relations, Regional Planning.

1974-1975

Same as above, except that the Environmental Pollution Committee is renamed the Energy and Environment Committee. No task forces are listed.

1975-1976

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Energy and Environment, House, London Planning and Development, Industrial Promotion, Membership, National Affairs, Provincial Affairs.

Task Forces: Energy, Food Crisis, On-Going Anti-Inflation, Venture Capital, Corporate

Concentration.

1976-1977

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Energy and Environment, House, London Planning and Development, Industrial Promotion, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Transportation and Safety, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Civic Elections, Housing, Municipal Expenditures, On-Going Anti-Inflation, Postal Services, Property Tax Reform, Review of Special City of London Acts, Talbot Square, Venture Capital.

1977-1978

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Energy and Environment, House, London Planning and Development, Industrial Promotion, Membership, Municipal Expenditures, Provincial and National Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Transportation and Safety, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Competitive Enterprise, "London Toward 1986, L.R.P.T.F., Review of Special City of London Acts.

1978-1979

Committees: Same as above.

Task Forces: Airport, L.R.P.T.F., Municipal Expenditures, Postal Services, Review of Special City of London Acts, Senior Resources.

1979-1980

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, CARB, Civic Affairs, Education-Business, Energy and Environment, Labour Relations, London Planning and Development, Industrial Promotion, Membership, Municipal Expenditures, Provincial and National Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Senior Resources, Social, Transportation and Safety.

Task Forces: Air Services, Business Visit, Chamber Program, Municipal Expenditures, Special City of London Acts, "Understanding our Economy".

1980-1981

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, Business Development, Business Visit, Civic Affairs, Employer-Employee Relations, Energy and Environment, Food Operations, London Planning and Development, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Senior Resources, Social, Transportation and Safety, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Air Services, Glengowan Dam, Inflation Control Unit, Municipal Expenditures, On-Going City of London Acts.

1981-1982

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, Business Development, Business Visit, CARB, Civic Affairs, Employer-Employee Relations, Energy and Environment, London Planning and Development, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Social, Transportation and Safety, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Air Services, Glengowan Dam.

1982-1983

Committees: BCR, Business-Agriculture, Business Development, Business-Education, Civic Affairs, Club and Premises, Employer-Employee Relations, Energy and Environment, Finance and Taxation, London Planning and Development, Membership,

Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations and Bulletin, Social, Transportation, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Air Services.

1983-1984

Committees: Agriculture and Food, BCR, Business Development, Business-Education, Civic Affairs, Club and Premises, Employer-Employee Relations, Energy and Environment, Finance and Taxation, London Planning and Development, Membership, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations and Bulletin, Social, Transportation, Youth Liaison.

Task Forces: Air Services.

1984-1985

Committees: Agriculture and Food, Business Development, Education, Employer-Employee Relations, Finance and Taxation, Membership Development and Retention, Membership Services, Municipal Affairs, Planning and Development, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations and Marketing, Retail.

Task Forces: Business Achievement Award, Air Services.

1986

Committees: Agriculture and Food, Air Services, Ambassadors Club, Business Development, Education, Employer-Employee Relations, Finance and Taxation, Membership Development and Retention, Membership Services, Municipal Affairs, Planning and Development, Premises, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations and Marketing, Retail.

1987

Committees: Agriculture and Food, Air Services, Business Development, Corporate Challenge Cup, Education, Finance and Taxation, Human Resources, Issues Management, Membership Development, Membership Services, Municipal Affairs, Premises, Provincial and National Affairs, Public Relations and Marketing, Retail.

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Box 41 – B1692: 1975-1976, 'A-C'
Box 42 – B1693: 1975-1976, 'D-L'
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Box 58 – B1709: 1978-1979, `D-L'
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Box 60 – B1711: 1978-1979, `Pr-Z'
Box 61 – B1712: 1979-1980, `A'
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Box 65 – B1716: 1979-1980, `N-P'
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Box 68 – B1719: 1980-1981, `B-Ci'
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Series 4: Subject Files, 1950-1989

Size: 8.5 metres.

Boxes: 88 to 115.

This series covers a wide variety of topics which do not fall under the purview of any one committee. In general, it deals with administrative matters. This includes items such as; the drafting of the annual report, arrangements for public functions such as dinner meetings, notes on or by prominent individuals within the Chamber, copies of the annual Programme of Works (which outlines the annual goals of each Chamber committee) and general personal files. There is also a mixture of files relating to contemporary social, political or economic issues such as election campaigns, crime and inflation. Once again these files are organized chronologically and alphabetically. Files for each year are thus arranged according to its subject's first letter.

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Series 5: Business Consumer Relations Complaint Files, 1956-1981.

Size: 4.0 metres.

Boxes: 116 to 128.

The Business Consumer Relations (BCR) Committee (previously known as the Business Protective Committee and the Business Consumer Fair Practices Committee) acted on behalf of consumers to resolve disputes with local merchants. In 1982, this function was taken over by the Better Business Bureau. While in operation, the committee maintained a file for each business which had one or more complaints levied against it. Any further action taken on the consumer's behalf was also kept in this file. Files were closed when all disputes with a business had been resolved, or when the firm went out of business. Boxes 116 to 121 contain files opened and closed between 1956 and 1974; boxes 122 to 128 contain files opened and closed between 1970 and 1981. For each period, files are organized alphabetically by business.

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Series 6: Scrapbooks, Publications and Photos, 1893-1993.

Size: 3.4 metres.

Boxes: 129 to 139.

This series contains the following types of material:

- Newspaper clippings relating to Chamber activities, mainly from the London Free Press, compiled either in scrapbooks or subject files, 1948-1978.
- Annual Reports (1940-1981), Membership Rosters (1935-1960, 1967-1987), and Industrial Directories (1964-1987). Specific editions are listed below in Box 133.
- Monthly Chamber newsletters, 1946-1950 and 1959-1993 (formally called The Bulletin until 1974, News until 1987 and The Business Advocate to the present). A full set exists between 1959 and 1993.
- Formal Chamber publications, reports and miscellaneous material 1893-1993. See Scope and Content notes and listing for Box 137 for full titles.
- Member photos or photos taken at Chamber events. Although there are some photos for the period 1900-1940, most date from 1960-1990.

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Box 129 – **B1780**: Newspaper Clipping Scrapbooks, 1948-1960.

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Box 133 – **B1784**: Annual Reports: 1940 to 1947, 1952-1953 to 1958-1959, 1960-1961 to
1972-1973, 1975 to 1981, 1984-85.

Membership Rosters: 1935 to 1960, 1967-1968 to 1977-1978, 1980, 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1986, 1987.

Industrial Directories: 1964 to 1966, 1968 to 1979, 1981, 1986, 1987.

Box 134 – **B1785**: Chamber of Commerce Bulletin/News - 1946-1950, 1959-1979.

Box 135 – **B1786**: Chamber of Commerce News, 1980-1987.

Box 136 – **B1787**: Chamber of Commerce Business Advocate, 1987-1993.

Box 137 – **B1788**: Chamber Publications, reports and miscellaneous material, 1893-1991. Below is a listing of titles in order of appearance in box.

-Grand Trunk Railway letter, 1893.

-Western Ontario Board of Trade Minutes, 1920 and 1927.

-Letters re: Industrial Bureau, 1919-1937.

-"Seventy Years of Service", 1926.

-London Chamber Bulletins, 1920-1921.

-Budget Book, 1932-1945.

-"Sound Public Finance", 1933.

-"The Chamber of Commerce: A World Movement", c.1934.

-"Seventy-Seven Years of Service in Community Building", 1934.

-"Southwestern Ontario: Canada's Greatest Economic Region", 1935.

-Programme of Work, c.1939.

-Presidents Report, 1939.

-Letters of Sympathy re: death of W.H. Wood, Manager, 1940.

-Reports: Health Services (1944), Wage-Price-Tax (1946), Postwar Accomplishments (c.1948).

-Promotional poster, 1951.

-Economic Profile, c. 1953.

-Charitable Appeals Review Board - Notes for Consideration, 1967.

-"Industrial Potential of London", 1964.

- Report Card on Council Members, 1972-73.
- "The Changing Skyline", 1974.
- Civic Publication, 1976.
- Air Services Task Force Report, 1980.
- "Save Our System" (SOS), 1980.
- Board of Directors/Executive Committee minute excerpts, 1971-1982.
- Air Services Task Force study "Adequacy of Air Services at London Airport", 1983.
- Information Sheet: London, 1982 and 1984.
- Chief Administrative Officer and Board of Control, 1967-80.
- Marketing Report, 1984.
- Air Services Task Force Study "An examination of the Issues of Air Services for London", 1985.
- Membership Survey, 1987.
- Policy and Issue Statements - "Speaking Up and Speaking Out", 1989 and 1991.

Box 138 – **B1789**: Event/Member Photos, 1900-1940 and 1960-1990.

Box 139 – **B1790** : Event/Member Photos, 1960-90.

Appendix 1: List of Presidents 1857-1918

1857-1858	Adam Hope
1858-1859	Lionel Rideout
1859-1860	J.J. Mackenzie (or J.I. Mackenzie)
1860-1861	D. Farrar
1861-1862	Charles Hunt
1862-1863	Charles Hunt
1863-1864	C.D. Shaw
1864-1865	Charles James Hope
1865-1866	Charles B. Smith
1866-1867	Walter Simson
1867-1868	Frank Smith
1868-1869	Fred Rowland
1869-1870	Charles Hunt
1870-1871	Charles P. Smith
1871-1872	Charles P. Smith
1872-1873	Joseph Atkinson
1873-1874	Thomas Thompson
1874-1875	Thomas Thompson
1875-1876	Henry D. Long
1876-1877	George Moorehead
1877-1878	George Birrell
1878-1879	John Beattie
1879-1880	Isaac Waterman
1880-1881	Robert Lewis
1881-1882	Thomas Beattie
1882-1883	George S. Birrell
1883-1884	Thomas McCormick
1884-1885	Charles S. Hyman
1885-1886	Charles S. Hyman
1886-1887	J.W. Little
1887-1888	W.J. Reid
1888-1889	John Campbell
1889-1890	T. Herbert Marsh
1890-1891	T. Herbert Marsh
1891-1892	M. Masuret
1892-1893	M. Masuret
1893-1894; 1894-1895	John Bland
1895-1896; 1896-1897	John Bowman
1897-1898; 1898-1899	A. B. Greer
1899-1900; 1900-1901	James Mattinson
1901-1903; 1902-1903	Charles B. Hunt
1903-1904; 1904-1905	J. R. Minkinnick
1905-1906	Arthur W. White
1906-1907	

1907-1908; 1908-1909 Mayor Samuel Stevely

1909-1910 Adam T. McMahan

1910-1911

1911-1912; 1912-1913 H.T. Reason

1913-1914 John I.A. Hunt

1914-1915 E.C. Mitchell

1915-1916 T.W. McFarland

1916-1917 George H. Belton

1917-1918 A.E. Silverwood (VP was F.E. Leonard)

Note: In the fall of 1918 the Organization was re-organized and expanded with a membership campaign as the Chamber of Commerce. George M. Reid was elected president Nov. 21, 1918. Mr. Silverwood and Mr. Leonard were made honorary presidents. It is not determined at this time if Mr. Leonard had served briefly as president, as records were incomplete. However it is sure that Mr. Reid was the first president of the Chamber as we know it.

1918-1919; 1919-1920 George M. Reid

1920-1921 Ald. John Bridge

1921-1922 E.S. Little

1922-1923 James Gray

1923-1924 Major Gordon Ingram

1924-1925 R. H. Dowler

1925-1926 John A. Nash

1926-1927; 1927-1928 Dr. Alfred J. Grant

1928-1929 R. W. D. Moore ** awaiting further confirmation re 2nd term

1929-1930; 1930-1931 James Gray

1931-1932 R. L. Stratton

1932-1933 J.I. Carling

1933-1934 J.D. Buchanan

1934-1935 D.T. Thompson

1935-1936 E.W.G. Moore

1936-1937 H.K. Ingram

1937-1938 T.A. Faust

1938-1939 John A. Anderson

1939-1940 J.B. Hay

1940-1941 J.H. Duplan

1941-1942

1942-1943 F.J. Waud

1943-1944

1944-1945 C.W. Hadden

1945-1946

1946-1947 A.T. Hillary

1947-1948 J.A. Chambers

1948-1949 T.O. Robinson

1949-1950 J.F. Bowler

R.L. Stratton 1950-1951

Col. Tom Lawson	1951-1952
J.A. Campbell	1952-1953
E.V. Rippingille Jr.	1953-1954
	1954-1955
C.E. Isard	1955-1956
	1956-1957
Joseph Jeffery	1957-1958
	1958-1959
Allyn Taylor	1959-1960
John Cronyn	1960-1961
Ken Shea	1961-1962
R.W. Mitchell, Q.C.	1962-1963
W.J. Evans	1963-1964
J.D. Umphrey	1964-1965
R.J. Woxman	1965-1966
E.D. McGugan	1966-1967
Stan Goodwin	1967-1968
Q. Ball	1968-1969
John Webster	1969-1970
John Robinson	1970-1971
R.J. Flinn	1971-1972
Herbert Cocker	1972-1973
R.W. Keeley	1973-1974
Wilf Lamb	1974-1975
Bill Chizmar	1975-1976
Irv Barton	1976-1977
Dr. Sam Martin	1977-1978
John Morris	1978-1979
Del McLellan	1979-1980
Bill DeMille	1980-1981
Mike McFall	1981-1982
Jim Belton	1982-1983
Anne Hubbell	1983-1984
Glenn Irvine	1984-1985

Appendix 2: Committee and Task Force Mandates (from 1974-75 and 1980-81 Program of Works located in Series 4)

Agriculture and Food Committee: To develop and improve rural-urban relations in Middlesex County.

Air Services Task Force: "To determine air transportation policies of the Provincial and Federal Governments as they relate to the London area."

Better Consumer Relations Committee: To assist in the resolution of disputes between consumers and vendors and to encourage Chamber Members to engage in fair business practices.

Charitable Appeals Review Board: To investigate the program and budget of any organization intending to raise funds by public solicitation in London.

Civic Affairs: To make recommendations on topics of a Municipal nature to the Board for submission to Municipal government.

Education Committee: To promote understanding and co-operation among educators, businessmen and the community generally.

Employer-Employee Relations Committee: To provide information and to assist members in the area of employer-employee relations; to seek to minimize government interference in employer-employee relations.

Energy and Environment Committee: To encourage the preservation and enhancement of the environment and responsible use of energy in the City of London and in Southwestern Ontario.

House Committee: To administer all social functions of the Chamber.

Industrial Promotion Committee: To co-operate with, and to serve as an advisory group to the City's Development Commissioner; to acquaint members with Industrial growth and plans for development of the City of London.

London Planning and Development: To promote members' understanding of sound City Planning, in the London area; appraise and contribute to implementation and promotion of sound planning policies in both public and private sectors.

Membership Committee: To undertake programs designed to maintain and increase membership support.

Provincial and National Affairs Committee: To study and make recommendations on legislation, proposed or otherwise, emanating from the provincial and federal parliaments; research and make recommendations with regard to existing legislation, which would include the Committee proposing legislation where necessary.

Senior Resources Committee: To focus on potential problems and opportunities available as the result of retirement.

Trade Relations: To seek further development of import-export business and improve understanding in relation to international trade.

Transportation and Safety Committee: To make recommendations to City, Provincial and Federal governments concerning traffic circulation, off-street parking and the safety of the London motorist and pedestrian.

Youth Liaison Committee: To promote a better understanding among students and educators of the role of business in society.