

# Grand Manan Archives

## Finding Aid - Grand Manan Light and Power Company (MG10)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Manan Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Grand Manan Light and Power Company
<b>ID:</b>	MG10
<b>Date:</b>	1928-1994 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	20 cm of textural records ; one ledger 38 x 32 x 1.5 cm

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Act of Legislation incorporating the Grand Manan Light and Power Company was passed in 1928. By 26 June 1929, the company was organized at Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick. Owners of the company at the time of incorporation were: merchants Fred S. McLaughlin, Lawton C. Guptill, and A. LeRoy Ingalls; Dr. John F. McCulley, M.D.; merchant and fish exporter Joseph E. Gaskill; fish merchant John R. Moses; and others.

The diesel plant at Grand Harbour began operation in December 1929. The plant's capacity, however, proved insufficient. In 1938, electricity on the Island was turned off at 11 pm every night. The inhabitants of Grand Manan petitioned the New Brunswick Power Commission for electric light 24 hours a day. The commission responded by buying out the company. Louise Glennie, formerly secretary treasurer and manager of the company in the 1930s, became secretary to A. A. Dysart, one-time Chairman of the Power Commission and Premier of New Brunswick from 1935-1940.

The plant was expanded and staff increased several times. A second plant was built at Ingalls Head during the 1960s with a much increased capacity for production. Still, demand by industrial, commercial and home consumers strained this plant beyond its capacity. In 1970, a sub-marine cable was laid connecting Grand Manan with mainland supplies of electricity. The diesel plant is still operational and is turned on when there are emergency power outages on the mainland.

### Custodial history

Information about the custody of these records prior to acquisition is incomplete.

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## Scope and content

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This collection consists of technical books, papers, and manuscripts documenting the history of the electrification of Grand Manan. The ledger documents the installation of wires to individual locations

and then maintenance at that location. The ledger used was a telegraph ledger but the entries are all for 'Electrical Works'. The ledger was used from Oct. 1929 to 31 Jan. 1930. Also included is an NB Power Museum Kit, acquired in 1990, which contains a history of the electrification of the Province of New Brunswick. There is also an NB Power calendar for 1994.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Immediate source of acquisition

Pearly Green and Gleneta Hettrick gave some of the technical books; Keith Ingersoll donated the 1990 NB Power Museum Kit.

### Arrangement

Artificial arrangement by Archivist.

### Restrictions on access

No restrictions.

### Finding aids

Finding aid available upon request.

### Related material

See also: Newspaper clippings re: Power (MG7)

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
  - **Alpha-numeric designations:** M86.10
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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Business and commerce (subject)
- Charlotte County (place)
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## Collection holdings

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