

**Title:** Desjardins Canal Company fonds  
**Dates of creation:** 1826-1872  
**Physical description:** 39 cm of textual records

**Administrative history:**

The Desjardins Canal Company was incorporated on January 30, 1826 by Peter (Pierre) Desjardins of Dundas. Stocks sold quickly and a management structure was established by construction of the canal was halted with the death of Desjardins in September 1827. Construction slowly resumed and in 1833 Alexis Fidele Begue arrived from France to represent the interests of the Desjardins heirs. Begue managed to revive interest in the canal and after raising the necessary funds, the canal was completed and officially opened on August 16, 1837. The canal brought prosperity to Dundas as a centre for the manufacturing and distribution of goods. Unfortunately, the arrival of the Great Western Railway in 1854 ushered in the decline of the canal. In 1869, the Town of Dundas seized the canal to settle the mortgage and applied to the government to cancel town and canal debts. By the 1870s canal revenues were dropping and the Town agreed to close the canal. The Desjardins Canal company went into liquidation in 1876 and became part of Dominion Public Works until 1877 when it was transferred to the Town of Dundas.

**Custodial history:** The documents in this fonds were donated to the Museum over time by various sources. In the last few years efforts have been made to repatriate this fonds.

**Scope and content note:**

The fonds consists of correspondence to and from the Desjardins Canal Company directors and staff regarding the operation and management of the Company and the canal. The fonds also includes legal documents, receipts, reports, and notices.

**Physical condition note:**

Some documents are extremely fragile.

**Restrictions on access:** There are no restrictions on access but due to the physical condition of the material, access may be supervised or limited.

**Accruals:** Accruals are not expected.

**Related material:** A list of material related to the fonds is attached to the descriptive inventory. This material includes documents concerning Pierre Desjardins which are not directly related to the Desjardins Canal Company and newspaper clippings and notices which relate to the canal.

**Access points:**

Desjardins Canal Company

Desjardins, Peter (Pierre), 1775-1827

MacNab, Sir Allan Napier, 1798-1862

Begue, Alexis Fidele

**Desjardins Canal Company fonds**  
**Box List**

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**Box 1**

**File 1-1 Correspondence**

- 1 a-b Photocopy of a letter, translation in French, from John Lesslie to [A]. F. Bogue. May 20, [1820].
- 2 Letter from ?, administrator to Desjardins Estate to ? Wood, Grantham, St. Catherine's (sic). May 28, 1828.
- 3 Letter from Desjardins Canal Office (signature unknown) to William L. McKenzie (sic). November 28, 1831.
- 4 Letter from the House of Assembly, signed H. Norton, to James Hamilton, Hamilton, Secretary to the Desjardins Canal Company. January 8, 1834.

**File 1-2 Correspondence**

- 5 **FRAGILE.** Letter from the Receiver General's Office, Toronto (signature unknown) to Allan McNab, President of the Desjardins Canal Company. March 13, 1834.

**File 1-3 Correspondence**

- 6 Letter from P.H. Hamilton to John Gamble. April 29, 1834.
- 7 a Letter from Allan MacNab (signed) to the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Company. August 26, 1834.
- 7 b Letter from Desjardins Canal Office, ? Paterson (signed) to Allan MacNab. September 2, 1834. Reply to 7a.
- 8 Handwritten copy of letter 7a from Allan MacNab to the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Company. August 26, 1834.
- 9 Letter from Allan MacNab to (?) William Gamble, Secretary of the Desjardins Canal Company. December 6, 1834. Partially completed response included. December 10, 1834.

10 Letter from Robert Jamieson, Attorney General's Office, to Robert Kerr, Desjardins Canal Office, Dundas. Written June 22, 1835. Postmarked June 24, 1835.

**File 1-4 Correspondence**

11 Letter from John O. Hatt to Samuel Street. March 10, 1836.

12 Copy of letter from Samuel Street to John O. Hatt. March 30, 1836.

13 Letter from Samuel Street to John Ogilvy Hatt. July 25, 1836.

14 Letter from [George?] Tiffany to the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Company. July 27, 1836.

15 Statement of John Paterson, President of the Desjardins Canal Company. July 28, 1836. A copy was sent to G. Tiffany. July 28, 1836.

16 Letter from Samuel Street to John O. Hatt. August 16, 1836.

**File 1-5 Correspondence**

17 Letter from W. Chisholm (House of Assembly) to John Patterson (sic), President of the Desjardins Canal Company. Written November 16, 1836. Postmarked November 17, 1836.

18 Letter from W.W. Baldwin to [John] Bateman. Written May 11, 1840. Postmarked May 12, 1840.

19 Letter from W.W. Baldwin to A. Dickie, Secretary to the Desjardins Canal Company. Written July 13, 1840. Postmarked July 16, 1840.

20 Letter from James Hopkirk, Secretary's Office, Kingston, to John Paterson, President of the Desjardins Canal Company. July 24, 1841.

**File 1-6 Correspondence**

21 Letter from Robert Duggan to John Dickie, Secretary of the Desjardins Canal Co.. September 24, 1841. Includes reply from Desjardins Canal Office. September 25, 1841.

- 22 Letter from Allan MacNab to J. Paterson, President of the Desjardins Canal Co., Dundas. September 8, 1843.
- 23 Letter from Allan MacNabb to John Paterson, President of the Desjardins Canal Co., Dundas. September 20, 1843.
- 24 Letter from [J.H.] Higginson, Private Secretary's Office, Montreal, to John Paterson, President of the Desjardins Canal Co., Dundas. January 13, 1845.
- 25 Letter from merchants, manufacturers and traders connected with the exports and imports of Burlington Bay and the Desjardins Canal to Dr. James Hamilton. September 29, 1846.
- 26 Letter from John Paterson, Desjardins Canal Office, Dundas, to His Excellency, the Right Honourable Charles Murray, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of the Province of Canada, Commander of the Forces. March 11, 1846.

**File 1-7 Correspondence**

- 27 Letter from Absalom Shade to Dr. James Hamilton. March 11, 1846.
- 28 Letter from James Hamilton to the Honourable Receiver General. April 2, 1846.
- 29 Letter from W. Morris to ?. April 4, 1846.
- 30 Letter from the Honourable W. Cayley to Dr. Hamilton. April 6, 1846.

**File 1-8 Correspondence**

- 31 Copy of letter from James Hamilton to [?] the Honourable H.H. Killaby. April 13, 1846.
- 32 Letter from the Secretary's Office, Montreal, to James Hamilton. May 2, 1846.
- 33 Letter from John O. Hatt to John Dickie, Secretary of the Desjardins Canal Co.. June 24, 1847.
- 34 Letter from Angus McIntosh to [?]. January 21, 1850.

35 Letter from R.W. Suter to the President and Director of the Desjardins Canal Co.. November 14, 1850.

36 Letter from [?] W. Notman to the President and Director of the Desjardins Canal Co.. April 18, 1853.

**File 1-9 Correspondence**

**Note: The documents in this file are in extremely fragile condition.**

These letters have been copied into a letter book, a fragment of which is included in this file. There are approximately two letters on each side.

37 a Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to James Wilson. [?], 11, [?].

Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to James Wilson. March 24, [?].

37 b Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to the Hon. Robert Spencer. December 22, 1855.

Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to [?] Anderson, Deputy Receiver General. December 24, 1855.

37 c Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to John Page, Chief Engineer, Board of Public Works, Toronto. August 21, [1856].

Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, J.A. Begly, Secretary, Board of Public Works, Toronto. September 15, [1856].

37 d Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to C.J. Brydges, Managing Director, Great Western Railway Company, Hamilton. September 15, 1856.

37 e Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to James Ridley. November 13, 1856.

Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to John Page, Chief Engineer, Board of Public Works, Toronto. November 28, 1856.

- 37 f Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to the Hon. H.H. Killaby, Department of Public Works, Toronto. November 29, 1856.
- Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to the Publisher of the Canada Gazette, Toronto. December 16, 1856.
- 37 g Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to the Hon. H.H. Killaby. December 17, 1856.
- Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to John Page, Chief Engineer, Public Works, Toronto. December 17, 1856.
- 37 h Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, C.J. Brydges, Managing Director, Great Western Railway Company, Hamilton. December 30, 1856.
- Letter from Robert Suter, Desjardins Canal Office, to [?] Beasley, City Clerk. December 31, 1856.

**File 1-10 Correspondence**

- 38 Letter from [?] to R.W. Suter, Secretary, Desjardins Canal Co.. March 23, 1869.
- 39 Letter from John [Proctor] to Mr. McKechnie and Mr. Bertram. October 21, 1872.

**File 1-11 Legal documents**

- 1 Indenture between William Hare and Peter Desjardins re: parcel of land commencing at the north easterly corner of the town reserve called Cootes Paradise.... February 28, 1826.

**File 1-12 Legal documents**

- 2 Letter of Attorney: Desjardins Canal Co. to James Bell Ewart, Esq. June 28, 1847.
- 3 Power of Attorney: James Bell Ewart to Mr. John Ewart and Mr. Alexander Gillespie. July 21, 1847.

**File 1-13      Legal documents**

- 4                      Indenture of Bargain and Sale by way of Mortgage between John Gamble and the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Co.. November 27, 1850.
  
- 5                      Indenture – Deed between James Thorpe and the Desjardins Canal Co. April 16, 1852.

**File 1-14      Legal documents**

- 6 a-e                Debentures to the amount of £15,000 issued in favour of the Desjardins Canal Co.. December 31, 1852 and cancelled in the presence of Messrs Quarry and Vassie by George M. Barton, Mayor. December 17, 1855.
  
- 6 a                    Cover sheet: with above statement.
  
- 6 b                    Debenture No. 58: £13,000.
  
- 6 c                    Debenture No. 59: £1,000.
  
- 6 d                    Debenture No. 60: £500.
  
- 6 e                    Debenture No. 61: £500.

**File 1-15      Legal documents**

- 7                      Chattel Mortgage (Indenture) between Walter M. Pass, grocer, and James Baxter (mariner) and the Directors of the Desjardins Canal Co.. July 1, 1857.
  
- 8                      Writ of Summons: The Corporation of the Town of Dundas vs. the Desjardins Canal Company. October 17, 1859.

**File 1-16      Receipts**

- 1                      Receipt book of Robert Wells, Secretary of Desjardins Canal Co.. April 1, 1850 to December 12, 1850.

**File 1-17      Receipts**

- 2 a                    Tally slip for work done on the Canal. Total \$1.50. Signed James Johnston.

- 2 b Two receipts dated April 8, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00, payment for sounding Canal, one day. Signed: P. Smith.
- Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., 50 cents, payment for sounding Canal, one day. Signed: David Reynolds.
- 3 Receipt dated April 8, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.50 for expenses serving subpoenas. Signed: John McKenzie.
- 4 Receipt dated April 11, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$12.50 for [unknown]. Signed: [A]. F. Begue.
- 5 a Tally slip signed April 15, 1868 for work done on Canal. Total \$4.10.
- 5 b Receipt dated April 15, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$4.10 for work done on canal banks and sounding. Signed: James Johnston.
- 6 Receipt dated April 16, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.50 for attending court for two days. Signed: A.F. [Begue].
- 7 Series of six receipts dated April 15, 16, and 17, 1868. Attached to one page.
- Receipt: April 15, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.75 for one days carting on the banks of the Canal. Signed: John Cummins [x his mark].
- Receipt: April 15, 1868. Received form the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.75 for one days carting on the banks of the Canal. Signed: Robert Smith.
- Receipt: April 17, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.75 for one days carting on the banks of the Canal. Signed: [?] John [?].
- Receipt: April 15, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for one days work on the banks of the Canal. Signed: [?].

Receipt: April 15, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for one days work on the banks of the Canal. Signed: [?].

Receipt: April 16, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for one days work on banks of Canal. Signed: John Cummins.

- 8 Receipt: April 20, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.10 for 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  days work on the banks of the Canal. Signed: P. Smith.
- 9 Receipt: April 22, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., to [?], \$16.0 for 4 days attendance at court. Signed: [?].
- 10 Receipt: April 22, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 salary for auditing Canal books of 1867. Signed: [I.M. Babrington].
- 11 Receipt: April 24, 1868. Received from M. Suter, \$40.00 for expenses related to 2 suits pending between the Desjardins Canal Co. and the Great Western [Railway] at the present assizes in Hamilton. Signed: A.F. Begue.
- 12 Receipt: April 24, 1868. Desjardins Canal Co., to John McDonnell, livery keeper, \$4.50. Signed: John McDonnell.
- 13 Receipt: April 24, 1868. Desjardins Canal Co., to John McKenzie, \$11.50, by cash from Treasurer, D.C.C.. Signed: John McKenzie.
- 14 Receipt: April 27, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.50, for travelling expenses to Toronto to see Mr. Strong, Q.C. Signed: [?W] Moore.
- 15 Receipt: April 28, 1868. Received from M. Suter \$0.62 for expenses in going to Hamilton with Vice-Treasurer to see Mr. Strong. Signed: A.F. Begue.
- 16 Receipt: April 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.50 for expenses for attending court at Hamilton. Signed: Robert Suter.
- 17 Receipt: May 2, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.00 for work under Wm. Marsh, dredging. Signed: James Johnston.

- 18 Receipt: May 2, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., for work under Wm. March, dredging. Signed: [? P]. Smith.
- 19 Receipt: May 2, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$8.40. Signed: William Marsh.
- 20 Receipt: May 4, 1868. Received from R.W. Suter Sr., Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$20.00 to S.H. [Strong], Esq., Toronto, for his onion for the Canal Company. Signed: [?] Osler and [?].

**File 1-18 Receipts**

- 21 Receipt: May 4, 1868. Received from R.W. Suter Esq., Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 for services rendered. Signed: [?].
- 22 Receipt: May 7, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., \$12.00 to [?] for attending court. Signed: A.F. Begue.
- 23 Receipt: May 9, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$16.03, for dredging. Signed: William Marsh.
- 24 Receipt: May 16, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$22.60, for dredging. Signed: William Marsh.
- 25 Receipt: May 16, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.00, my claim for damages done to my crop and fences at the last flood in March. Signed: Joseph Dudley.
- 26 Receipt: May 19, 1868. Received from R.W. Suter Esq., \$5.00, for auditing Canal books for 1867. Signed: Geo. [?].
- 27 Receipt: May 23, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$36.00 for dredging. Signed: William Marsh.
- 28 Receipt: May 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$40.80 for dredging. Signed: William Marsh.

- 29            Receipt: May 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.50 for witness fees. Signed: H. Moore.
- 30            Receipt: June 5, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., five cents, for [?]. Signed: James Swain.
- 31            Series of seven receipts dated June 6, 1868. All on one page. The last receipt is not dated.
- Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.00 for two days work on canal bank. Signed: [E.P. Terrill].
- Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$8.40 for two days 8 hours of horse and cart. Signed: Robert Suter.
- Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.80 for two days 8 hours work on canal banks. Signed: Patrick Smith.
- Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.80 for two days 8 hours work on canal banks. Signed: John Cummins.
- Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.80 for two days 8 hours work on canal banks. Signed: [? Francis Reynolds].
- Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., 80 cents for 8 hours work on canal bank. Signed: Angus McIntosh, P. Flora McIntosh, [x his mark].
- Receipt: no date. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for 1 days work on canal bank. Signed: [?] Reynolds.
- 32            Receipt: June 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$34.50 for dredging. Signed: William Marsh. Note: additional information on receipt.

33 Receipt: June 10, 1868. From the Desjardins Canal Co., to Enright and Bro., Dr., Livery Stable Keepers, King Street. \$18.63.

**File 1-19 Receipts**

34 Receipt: June 13, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$43.20 for dredging. Signed: William Marsh.

35 Receipt: June 13, 1868. Received from R.W. Suter, Esq., Treasurer of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$30.00 for counsel fee to B.B. Osler (in suit The Desjardins Canal Company against the Great Western Railway Company). Signed: Osler and [?].

36 Receipt: June 16, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., \$7.15 for lumber, cedar posts, wood. Signed: J.C. McCarty.

37 Receipt: June 17, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$11.25 for cedar posts. Signed: [Manuel] Markle.

38 Receipt: June 18, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$6.00 for six days work on the banks of canal. Signed: Angus McIntosh [x his mark], P. Flora McIntosh.

39 Receipt: June 19, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$6.00 for six days work at canal bank. Signed: John Cummins.

40 Receipt: June 20, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$31.20 for dredging mud out of canal. Signed: William Marsh.

41 Receipt: June 20, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$12.00 for two weeks work at dike. Signed: [?P.] Smith.

42 Receipt: June 27, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$6.00 for six days work at dike. Signed: [?P.] Smith.

- 43 Receipt: June 27, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$22.60 for removing mud out of the canal. Signed: William Marsh.
- 44 Receipt: July 6, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$17.90 for mud dredged. Signed: William Marsh.
- 45 Receipt: July 11, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for work at the dyke. Signed: [?P.] Smith.
- 46 Receipt: July 11, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$21.00 for mud dredged. (Seven dollars retained and to be paid on completion of work). Signed: William Marsh.
- 47 Receipt: July 18, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$45.80 for mud dredged. (Twenty five percent having been deducted for weeks ending 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> inst. (i.e. July). \$4.35 and \$11.45. \$30.00 balance due by ins. 25<sup>th</sup> (i.e. July)). Signed: William Marsh.
- 48 Receipt: July 25, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$30.00 for 100 [c yds] after deducting 25%. Signed: William Marsh.
- 49 Receipt: July 25, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$4.00 for four days work at dike. Signed: [?P.] Smith.
- 50 Receipt: August 1, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.00 for three days work at dike. Signed: [?P.] Smith.
- 51 Series of 3 receipts dated August 1 and August 8, 1868. Attached to one page.
- Receipt: August 1, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$21.10 for mud taken out. (25% not deducted). Signed: William Marsh.
- Receipt: August 8, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$24.30 for mud taken out. (25% not deducted). Signed: William Marsh.

Receipt: August 8, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.00 for two days work at dyke. Signed: [?P.] Smith.

- 52 Receipt: August 15, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.50 for work on dyke. (One dollar being kept for taxes, '67). Signed: [? Patrick] Smith.
- 53 Receipt: August 15, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$25.05 for removing mud from the canal. Signed: William Marsh.
- 54 Receipt: August 22, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 for work on the banks of the canal. Signed: Patrick Smith.
- 55 Receipt: August 22, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$28.95 for mud taken out of the canal. Signed: William Marsh.

**File 1-20 Receipts**

- 56 Receipt: August 29, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$4.00 for four days work on canal banks. Signed: Patrick Smith.
- 57 Receipt: August 29, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$24.75 for mud being taken out of the canal. Signed: William Marsh.
- 58 Receipt: August 31, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.13 for fixing planks on platform at canal basin –  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day. Signed: James Smith.
- 59 Receipt: September 5, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.50 for work on canal banks. Signed: Pat Smith.
- 60 Receipt: September 5, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$27.75 for mud taken out of the canal. Signed: William Marsh.
- 61 Receipt: September 7, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., Bo't of J. Findlay Smith, \$2.02 for spikes. Signed: J. Findlay Smith.

- 62 Receipt: September 10, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$9.60 for mud taken out of the canal. Signed: William Marsh.
- 63 Receipt: September 12, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$4.00 for work on banks of the canal, one dollar thereof being retained for taxes for 1867. Signed: P. Smith.
- 64 Receipt: September 14, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.50 for 2 ½ days work on the canal banks. Signed: Harriet Johnston for James Johnston.
- 65 Receipt: September 16, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$22.75 for taking sediment out of the canal. Signed: James Johnston.
- 66 Receipt: September 21, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.41 for work done on the canal. Signed: William Marsh.
- 67 Receipt: September 26, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for one days work on banks of canal. Signed: John [Hefferman].
- 68 Receipt: September 28, 1868. Received from Robert W. Suter Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$150.00 on account of disbursements in suits. Signed: Osler [?] A. Begue.
- 69 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received payment from R.W. Suter Esq. for expenses of delegation to Toronto. September 29, 1868. Signed: [?] Begue.
- 70 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$6.00 for work one on canal banks. Signed: John Cummings [x his mark]. Witness: A. Suter.
- 71 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for work done in canal bank. Signed: James Kennedy [x his mark]. Witness: A. Suter.

- 72 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$31.00 for any taxes for 1867. Signed: [Jake Barnett].
- 73 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$8.50 for work done on the canal banks. Signed: James Martin [x his mark]. Witness: A. Suter.
- 74 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$7.00 for work done on canal bank. Signed: James Lane [x his mark]. Witness: A. Suter.
- 75 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.50 for work done on canal. Signed: John Taylor [x his mark]. Witness: A. Suter.
- 76 Receipt: September 30, 1868. Received from the Treasurer of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$7.25 for work done on canal bank. Signed: Joseph Dudley.
- 77 Receipt: September 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$7.50 being on account of the Corporation Town of Dundas. Signed: Robert Suter, Treasurer. T.D.
- 78 Receipt: October 10, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 for five days work on banks of canal. Signed: Patrick Smith.
- 79 Receipt: October 10, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$6.00 for work at canal. Signed: James Johnston for H. Johnston.
- 80 Receipt: October 17, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$4.00 for work at the inlet. Signed: [? Pat] Smith.
- 81 Receipt: October 20, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$83.69 for the amount deducted of 25% until the contract for dredging was completed, and for 3 yds not put in – Johnston being absent. Signed: William Marsh.

- 82            Receipt: October 24, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 for hauling posts from the Brock Road. Signed: John [?].
- 83            Receipt: October 24, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$10.00 for work on the banks of the creek and canal. Signed: James Johnston.
- 84            Receipt: October 31, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.65 in full of my account for work on the banks of the creek and canal to date. Signed: P. Smith.
- 85            Receipt: November 7, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 for work on the canal and creek banks. Signed: Patrick Smith.
- 86            Receipt: November 7, 1868. Received from R.W. Suter Esq., Secretary of Desjardins Canal Co., \$50.00 on account against them. Signed: [?].
- 87            Receipt: November 7, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$78.40 being in full of teaming and timber. Signed: [?] William P. Innes.
- 88            Receipt: November 10, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 for work on canal and creek banks. Signed: H. Johnston for James Johnston.
- 89            Receipt: November 14, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.00 for work on the wharves. Signed: P. Smith.
- 90            Receipt: November 18, 1868. Received from [?] Suter, \$2.00 for expenses going to inspect the bridge...2 tolls. Signed: [?].
- 91            Receipt: November 21, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 for work at the wharves. Signed: Patrick Smith.
- 92            Receipt: November 23, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$7.00 for work at canal wharves. Signed: H. Johnston for James Johnston.
- 93            Receipt: December 3, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.00 for work on the canal banks and at the two inlets. Signed: P. Smith.

- 94 Receipt: December 5, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$2.00 for work done on canal banks at inlets. Signed: H. Johnston for James Johnston.
- 95 Receipt: December 16, 1868. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$3.00 for 20 cedar posts @ 15c. Signed: S. Overfield.
- 96 Receipt: December 24, 1868. Received from R.W. Suter Esq., Secretary of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$100.00 on our account rendered in the fall of this year. Signed: Osler [?].
- 97 Receipt: December 29, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., Bo't of J. Findlay Smith, \$1.31 for nails. Signed: J. Findlay Smith.
- 98 Receipt: December 31, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., Enright and Bro, Dr.. Livery Stable Keepers, King Street, \$8.75 for ... Signed: [?J.] Enright.
- 99 Receipt: December 31, 1868. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., Dundas. Bought of Hugh Moore and Son, \$3.60 for nails, spikes, and file. Signed: H. Moore and Son.
- 100 Receipt: December 1868. Received from the Treasurer of the Desjardins Canal Co., \$5.00 in full of my account to date. Signed: [?].
- 101 Receipt: January 26, 1869. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., \$60.00 on account rendered dated 19<sup>th</sup> Oct/68. Signed: [?].
- 102 Receipt: January 30, 1869. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$275.07, being on account of the Corporation Town of Dundas. Signed: Robert W. Suter, Treasurer and [?].
- 103 Receipt: March 24, 1869. Received from the Desjardins Canal Co., \$35.36 for lumber, June – Nov 1868. Signed: J.C. McCarty.
- 104 Receipt: March 1869. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., \$1.00 being expenses to Hamilton. Signed: Robert W. Suter, Secretary, Desjardins Canal Co..

105 Receipt: April 5, 1869. Received from the Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Co., fifty cents, for work. Signed: John [?].

**File 1-21 "Huron Canal in Contemplation"**

1 Original document signed by Peter Desjardins titled "Huron Canal in Contemplation" describing the potential to form a company to cut a canal for boat navigation commencing at the head of Desjardins Canal Company at Dundas....to Lake Huron. February 1826.

**File 1-22 Booklet**

3 Original booklet: "Detailed account and general abstract of the affairs of the Desjardins Canal Company from 1831 to 1848, inclusive with a table of the exports and imports for the last ten years". Also: the reports of C.S. Gzowski, Esq., and the Board of Directors. Dundas: Printed by order of the President and Board of Directors, January 1849.

**File 1-23 Public notice**

5 Information mail from George Rolph of Dundas to F.S. Walsh Esq., MP for Norfolk County. February 10, 1836. Item includes copies of letters, petition related to business associated with the Desjardins Canal.

**File 1-24 Report**

7 Report of the President and Directors of the Desjardins Canal Company with a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same, from January 1, 1849 to December 31, 1849. Also includes the Engineer's Report in closing work, December 1849.

**File 1-25 Notice of application**

8 Notice of application advertisement (on behalf of the Desjardins Canal Company) which was regularly published in the "Dundas Warder" newspaper for two months, beginning April 23, 1852. (Great Western Railroad Company – re: contemplated improvement of the Canal.)

**File 1-26 Bills**

- 9 Bill (private bill): 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 4<sup>th</sup> Parliament, 16 Victoria, 1852. An Act to authorize the Town of Dundas to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the Desjardins Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal.
- 10 Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Session, 5<sup>th</sup> Parliament, 18 Victoria, 1855. An Act to amend the Act 16 Victoria, Chapter 54.

**File 1-27 Notices**

- 12 A notice re: double tolls for items left on the (Desjardins) Canal wharves over ten days from time of landing. Dated September 10, 1861, Desjardins Canal Office. Robert W. Suter, Secretary and Treasurer, Desjardins Canal Company.
- 13 Original copy of "Sheriff's Sale" dated March 19, 1869. Will be sold by public auction...all that property known as "The Desjardins Canal" seized by virtue of an Execution, issued out of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench.... Sale date postponed from April 2, 1869 to April 9, 1869.
- 14 Original copy of "Sheriff's Sale" dated June 28, 1869. Sale date July 7, 1869. Will be sold by public auction....all that property known as "The Desjardins Canal"....
- 15 Original copy of "Sheriff's Sale" dated June 28, 1869. As above except sale date postponed until July 14, 1869.
- 16 Notice re: Rate of Toll on the Desjardins Canal for 1870. R.W. Suter, Secretary, Treasurer and Collector, Desjardins Canal Office. April 4, 1870.