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**Inventory of the
Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto fonds**

Inventory #F0291

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0291**Title:** Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto fonds**Dates:** 1849-1925**Extent:** 5 microfilm reels : positive and negative

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Consumers' Gas Company was established in Toronto in October, 1847, as a private company to bring gas to the city for the purpose of illuminating the streets. In 1879 the company's authority was extended to providing gas for indoor uses (heating, cooking, illumination). In 1847 the company served approximately 641 consumers: by 1923 the company was serving two hundred times as many consumers claiming that every house in Toronto made use of gas. In 1887 legislation was passed to regulate the price of gas in Toronto, with the City Auditor inspecting the company's books. Further civic involvement in the gas company commenced in 1904 when the City of Toronto purchased shares in the company and the Mayor became an ex-officio director.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of annual reports of the Consumers' Gas Company (1849-1925) [incomplete], minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings (1947-1925), minutes of special Board meetings, taken from the secretary's and president's notes and agendas; minutes of the Finance Committee (1852-1874), of the Works Committee (1853-1873), and of selected meetings of the Executive Committee (1805-1909). As well, there is a run of 'Street lamps' [publication] (1887-1906).

Location of originals: The microfilms in this fonds are copies of the original held in the Consumers' Gas Company archives in Toronto, Ontario. Microfilming was conducted by York University Archives in 1976.

Availability of other formats: SC-ARCHIVES (copy 1): Preservation copy (microfilm negative) held in U+York University Scott Archives and not available for use.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: Reel list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000291.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1976-012. Further accruals are expected.

Provenance Access Points: Consumer's Gas Company (Toronto, Ont.)

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