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**[Scrapbook of North American Fire Reports]**

Dates: 1904-1918

Extent: 2 oversize boxes (containing 72 pages).

Scope and content: The collection consists of a disassembled scrapbook of insurance underwriters' reports and records, fire reports, original news clippings and photographs, and other miscellaneous material on various North American conflagrations between 1904 and 1918. Of particular local interest are the pages (five in total) devoted to the Toronto fire of 1904. Among the other major North American fires represented in the scrapbook include those in the cities of Baltimore, Rochester, Halifax, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Three Rivers (Que.), Salem (Mass.), Campbelltown (NB), Houston and Atlanta, among others. The scrapbook appears to have been assembled by an underwriter from the firm of Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.

Administrative note: Royal Insurance was formed in 1845 by a group of prominent Liverpool merchants and became one of the largest insurance companies in England. The company still exists today in the form of Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group.