Canadian Suomalainen Järjestö fonds

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**Extent:** 90 cm of primarily textual records

**Dates:** 1911-1981

**Scope + Content:**


Includes meeting minutes, reports, financial statements, and correspondence related to the operations and administration of these organizations. Also includes a variety of documents and pamphlets related to socialism, communism, and the peace movement in Canada and worldwide.

**Administrative History:**

The Canadian Suomalainen Järjestö (CSJ; Finnish Organization of Canada) is the oldest nationwide Finnish cultural organization in Canada. For over a century the CSJ has been one of the main organizations for Finnish immigrants in Canada with left-wing sympathies and, in particular, those with close ties to the Communist Party of Canada. Through the early to mid-1920s, Finnish-Canadians furnished over half the membership of the Communist Party and some, like A.T. Hill (born Armas Topias Mäkinen), became leading figures in the Party. Beyond support for leftist political causes, the cooperative and labour union movements, many local CSJ branches in both rural and urban centres established halls – some 70 of which were built over the years in communities across Canada – that hosted a range of social and cultural activities including dances, theatre, athletics, music, and lectures. The CSJ is also known for its publishing activities, notably the Vapaus (Liberty) newspaper.

The CSJ underwent several changes in its formative years related to both national and international developments. Founded in October 1911 as the Canadian Suomalainen Sosialisti Järjestö (CSSJ; Finnish Socialist Organization of Canada), the organization served as the Finnish-language affiliate of the Canadian Socialist Federation which soon after transformed into the Social Democratic Party of Canada (SDP). By 1914, the CSSJ had grown to 64 local branches and boasted a majority of the SDP membership with over 3,000 members. One year later the organization added two more local branches but membership had dropped to 1,867 members thanks, in part, to a more restrictive atmosphere due to Canada’s involvement in the First World War and an organizational split that saw the expulsion or resignation of supporters of the Industrial Workers of the World from the CSSJ.

In September 1918, the Canadian federal government passed Order-in-Council PC 2381 and PC 2384 which listed Finnish, along with Russian and Ukrainian, as “enemy languages” and outlawed the CSSJ along with thirteen other organizations. The CSSJ successfully appealed the ban in December 1918 but dropped “Socialist” from its name. The organization operated under the name Canadian Suomalainen Järjestö until December 1919. The SDP, however, did not
recover from the outlawing of its foreign-language sections, leaving the CSJ without a political home. Stepping into this organizational vacuum was the One Big Union of Canada (OBU), founded in June 1919. The CSJ briefly threw its support behind this new labour union initiative, functioning as an independent “propaganda organization of the OBU” until internal debates surrounding the structure of the Lumber Workers Industrial Union affiliate and the OBU decision not to join to the Moscow-headquartered Comintern led to its withdrawal shortly thereafter. In 1924, CSSJ activists including A.T. Hill helped to found the Lumber Workers Industrial Union of Canada (LWIUC).

Inspired by the Bolshevik Revolution that toppled the Tsarist Russian Empire in November 1917, and following the founding of the Communist Party of Canada (CPC) as an underground organization in May 1921, the CSSJ rapidly became an integral part of the nascent Communist movement in Canada. Reflecting this change, in 1922 the organization was renamed the Canadan Työläispuolueen Suomalainen Sosialistilärjestö (FS/WPC; Finnish Socialist Section of the Workers’ Party of Canada) – the Workers’ Party of Canada being the legal front organization of the CPC. In 1923, Finnish-Canadian Communists formed a separate cultural organization, the Canadan Suomalainen Järjestö (CSJ; Finnish Organization of Canada Inc.), to serve as a kind of “holding company” ensuring that the organization’s considerable properties and assets would be safe from confiscation by the government or capture from rival left-wing groups. With the legalization of the CPC in 1924, the FS/WPC became the Canadan Kommunistipuolueen Suomalainen Järjestö (FS/CP; Finnish section of the Communist Party of Canada). Between 1922 and 1925, membership in the CSJ through its various transitions also doubled as membership in the Communist Party. This arrangement ended in 1925 when the FS/CP was disbanded following the “bolshevization” directives of the Comintern. These directives demanded that separate ethnic organizations in North America be dissolved in favour of more disciplined and centralized party cells. It was hoped that this reorganization would help attract new members outside of the various Finnish, Ukrainian, and Jewish ethnic enclaves that had furnished the bulk of the CPC dues paying membership in Canada. From this point onwards, the CSJ officially functioned as a cultural organization but maintained a close, albeit sometimes strained, association with the CPC. The 1930s represent the peak of the CSJ size and influence, occurring during the Third Period and Popular Front eras of the international Communist movement. During this period CSJ union organizers assisted in the creation of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union – a unit of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of the American Federation of Labor, successor to the LWIUC – and the reemergence of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers in Sudbury and Kirkland Lake. CSJ activists also helped to recruit volunteers for the International Brigades that fought against nationalist and fascist forces in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). Finally, in the 1930s some 3,000 CSJ members or sympathizers embarked on the journey from Canada to the Soviet Union to help in the efforts to industrialize the Karelian Autonomous Soviet. Hundreds of Finns in Karelia would later perish in Stalin’s purges.

Despite the CSJ’s active support for the Canadian war effort, the organization was still deemed to be a threat to national security by the federal government and again outlawed in 1940. All FOC properties were seized and closed. The Suomalais-Canadalaisten Demokraattien Liitto (SCDL; Finnish-Canadian Democratic League) served as the FOC’s main legal surrogate until the organization was legalized in 1943. The rapid decline of the FOC following this period is apparent from the fact that of the 75 locals in operation in 1936, only 36 remained active in 1950.

Further reading:

Canadan Suomalainen Järjestö (CSJ)

Extent: 17 cm textual records

Dates: 1914-1981

Scope & Content:

Consists of records relating to the CSJ, its Executive Board, and Branches. Activities of the organization include political and international concerns including the peace movement; culture and sports; educational programs; and women’s, youth, and children’s groups. Most documents are typescript and for internal use; some are printed for distribution to the membership.

Subseries: Minutes:

Extent: 10 cm of textual records

Dates: 1914-1952

Scope and Content:

Consists of representative assembly or executive committee minutes of the CSJ.

Subseries File List:

• Canadian Suomalaisen Sosialistijärjestön Ensimmäisen Edustajakokouksen Pöytäkirja / Canadian Finnish Socialist Organizations First Assembly Minutes: 1914
  - Printed for distribution by Työkansa, Port Arthur, Ontario.
  - Transcribed by Aku Päiviö
  - Assembly was held in Port Arthur, Ontario from March 19-23, 1914

• Suomalainen Sosialistijärjestön Kolmannen Edustajakokouksen Pöytäkirja – Minutes of the Third Assembly of the Finnish Social Organization: 1922
  - Minutes published for distribution by the Workers’ Party of Canada Finnish Socialist Organization
- Assembly held in Toronto, Ontario on February 15, 16 and 20 and 21, 1922
- Minutes recorded by A.T. Hill and Jussi Latva

- Finnish Organization Assembly + Executive Committee Minutes: 1931-1937
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1931
  - Minutes of the Enlarged Executive Committee of the Finnish Organization of Canada, 1934
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1935
  - FOC Executive Committee Activity Report, 1935
  - FOC Enlarged Executive Committee Report, 1936
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1937
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1929

- Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1931
- Minutes of the Enlarged Executive Committee of the Finnish Organization of Canada, 1934
- Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1935
- FOC Executive Committee Activity Report, 1935
- FOC Enlarged Executive Committee Report, 1936
- Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1937
- Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly Minutes, 1929

- Canadian Suomalaisen Siirtolaisväestön Yhtenäisyys / Finnish Canadian Immigrant Unity: 1935
  - Pamphlet for distribution, Finnish Organization of Canada Assembly Discussions and Decisions

- Suomalais-Canadalaisten Demokraattien Liitto / Finnish-Canadian Democratic Union: 1941-1944
  - The CSJ was briefly made illegal; this organization took its place during that period.
  - Constitution and Preamble, 1941, 1943
  - Third Assembly Report, 1944
  - Naisten Rauhakamppailu (Women’s Peace Campaign), Dorise Nielsen
  - Second Assembly Report, 1943

- CSJ Edustajakokous Tomintakertomus Pöytäkirja, ja Päätökset / Assembly: Action reports, minutes, decisions: 1944-1951
  - CSJ was made legal again in 1944. This includes minutes of the first meeting after that period.

- CSJ Executive Committee: Activity Report, Minutes, Decisions: 1945-1948
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly, 1945
  - Finnish Organization of Canada Fifth Enlarged Executive Committee Meeting, 1946
  - Finnish Organization of Canada Sixth Enlarged Executive Committee Meeting, 1948

- CSJ Minutes of the Meetings of Representatives: 1945-1970
  - Includes Executive Board minutes. Discussions of the International Question; dangers of nuclear weapons; peace agreements and the problem of West Berlin; cultural activities; educational programs and travelling speakers; youth and children’s activities; women’s activities; aid to Finland; citizenship and race; information about the organization (branches, membership numbers, finances, etc.); Canadian Centennial celebrations.
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly, 1947
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly, 1967
- Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly, 1949

- CSJ / TPK Reports to the Meetings of Representatives: 1946-1953
  - Reports are each on many topics. Includes: culture, festivals, theatre, and films; education and travelling speakers; building the organization; the youth group; women’s activities; history and archives fund; aid to Finland; struggle for democratic rights; struggle for higher wages; the peace movement; civil rights; unemployment; 40th anniversary celebrations for the Organization; Canadian Peace Congress; information about the organization.

- CSJ Activity Reports: 1947-1948
  - Printed for distribution to membership. Describes the organization and its aims and activities. Account of a general meeting.
  - Finnish Organizations of Canada Assembly, 1947

- CSJ Assembly Minutes: 1951
  - Finnish Organization of Canada Assembly, 1951

- CSJ Full Meeting -- Pöytäkirja ja Lausunto / Minutes and Opinions: 1952
  - Report of a meeting for distribution to branches: organizational matters, financial information, new constitution; the peace movement; civil rights; cultural activities; the organization’s 40th anniversary; competitions; education; youth activities; women’s activities; children’s activities; archives and history treasury; organizing.

- Nälkää, Sotaa, Fascismia, ja Sosialifascismia Vastaan / Against Hunger, War, Fascism, and Social Fascism: 1933
  - Publication. Report and decisions of the Finnish Organization of Canada Assembly, 1933

Not in Subseries:

File List:

- Finnish Organization of Canada Membership Book and Constitution/Canadian Suomalainen Järjestön Jäsenkirja ja Perussäännöt (Finnish and English): undated


- Finnish Organization of Canada Toronto Women’s Club Local 19 Membership Card/Canadian Suomalaisen Järjestön Naistenclubin Jäsenkortti No. 19: undated
- Kansantajuisia läksyjä taloustieteessä / Shop Talks on Economics: 1912

- Sosialistinen Laulukirja / Socialist Songbook: 1913
  - Printed in Port Arthur, Ontario by Työkansan Kustannusyhtiö
  - Includes original songs by Finnish-Canadian socialists Moses Hahl (including humorous songs under his penname Hijoppi Rotilainen) and Aku Päiviö

- Asetus: korvauksen hankkimisesta työläisille vammoista ja ammattitaudeista, joita he ovat saaneet työssä ollessaan / Workers’ Compensation for Injuries and Occupational Diseases: 1915
  - Printed by Forward Press, Toronto
  - Sponsored by the Finnish Socialist Organization of Canada
  - Translated by L. N____nen

- Kolmannen Internationalen ja Punaisen Taloudellisen Internationalen: Teesit ja Säännöt sekä liittymisehdot niihin / Third International and Red International of Trade Unions: Theses and Rules as well as the conditions for joining them: circa 1921.
  - Translation into Finnish, sponsored by the Finnish Socialist Organization of Canada

- FOC/CSJ + Vapaus: Addresses: 1928-1948

- CSJ Meetings, Correspondence, Imprisonment of Communist Leaders: 1929-1934
  - Includes information on the arrest and imprisonment of Communist leaders A.T. Hill, Tim Buck, Tom Ewen, Malcolm Bruce, Sam Carr, John Boychuk, and Matthew Popovich; Canadian Labour Defence League
  - Petition for Unemployment Insurance to Canadian federal government (English), 1934

- Kalle Salo – Correspondence + Clippings: 1929-1934
  - Lumberworkers’ Industrial Union of Canada material. Largely photocopies. Donated separately by J. Stafford
  - Correspondence regarding Metsätyöläinen (The Lumber Worker) newspapers financial difficulties
  - Telegram to Port Arthur regarding the deaths of Rosvall and Voutilainen from Toronto FOC Branch and response from Alf Hautamäki
  - Leaflet entitled I.W.W., sen parjaustulva ja syyt siihen (The I.W.W., its flood of vilification, and the reasons for it), published by the Executive Committee of the Sixth District of the Communist Party of Canada

- CSJ Constitution and Bylaws: 1931, 1937, 1953

- CSJ Sudbury Local #16 – Financial Records: 1931-1953
  - Finnish hall December food requirements, 1946. List of advance insurance payments, 1946.
  - List of donations for various causes, 1946. Finnish hall list of movable contents, 1944.
• Soihtu: Port Arthurin Akkojan ja Poikien Juhlajulkaisu / Torch: Port Arthur Boys’ and Girls’ Festival Publication: 1936

• “The Illegal Finnish Organization of Canada Incorporated”: 1942
  - Published for distribution, an open letter to Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of Justice, written by former FOC executive members P. Mertanen and W. Eklund, appealing the ban on the organization.

• Political Correspondence: 1942-1952
  - Includes election campaign speeches, particularly municipal elections in Sudbury. Resolution on provincial elections. Committee for Citizenship Rights questionnaire on denial of citizenship applications. Union contract between Sudbury Builders’ Exchange and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local Union Number 2486. Petition appealing the application of alien status on Vapaus and Liekki staff in Sudbury, due to the Finnish government alliance with Nazi Germany, despite their anti-fascist views. Sudbury-Sault Ste. Marie Regional Committee Discussion of Communist Party Draft Resolution.

• CSJ / Finnish Organization of Canada Bylaws: 1945 (in English)

• CSJ/FOC Membership, Entertainment Committee Reports: c. 1945
  - Blank quarterly entertainment committee reports, to be submitted to the Executive Committee
  - Membership list

• CSJ Musiikkikomitea / Music Committee: 1945-1947
  - Discussion of concerts to be held in Timmins, 1947
  - Letter discussing the formation of the music committee in Toronto, 1944

• CSJ Forms: 1945-1955
  - Forms for donations to the organization, postcards pre-addressed to the Prime Minister for advocacy efforts; forms for members selling event tickets; blank letterhead.

• CSJ / TPK Circulars: 1945-1955
  - TPK refers to the Executive Board of the CSJ.
  - 1945-1950 includes an account of 30 Years of Vapaus; activities in the peace movement; appeals for new members; Save the Children Campaign; discussions of Finnish-language instruction for children.
  - 1950-1955 includes information on organizing; the peace movement; political activities in Finland; campaign against nuclear war; organization’s 40th anniversary; appeal for historical material in preparation for the 40th anniversary; Vapaus subscription competition; Canadian Peace Congress
• CSJ / TPK Financial Records: 1945-1965  
  - TPK refers to the Executive Board of the CSJ.

• Toronto Suomalaisten Seura / Finnish Society of Toronto: 1946  
  - Minutes of meetings.

• Mitä on Sosialismi / What Is Socialism: circa 1946  
  - Educational course, designed for individual or group study, with a Canadian context. The course is based on the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin.  
  - Part one is divided into sections on Social Science, Iroquois and the Landlords, Exploiters and Pioneers, the Factory, Upswings and Downswings in Industry, Fifty Large Owners  
  - Part two is divided into sections on Law and Order, Nation, Socialism, Towards socialism in Canada, War and Peace, and Worldview.

• Finnish Aid Minutes: 1946  
  - Finnish Aid Meeting, Tarmola FOC Branch, May 3, 1946 (handwritten in Finnish)

• Minutes of Red Guard Meeting: 1947  
  - Meeting in Sudbury of former Red Guard soldiers who served in the Finnish Civil War.

• Minutes of Consultative Meetings: 1947  
  - Meeting held regarding music festivals in Timmins

• Festival Programs: 1947-1971  
  - Also includes the Kullervo Festival program

• Canadian Suomalainen Jarjesto ja sen Toiminta / Finnish Organization of Canada And Its Activities: 1948  
  - Pamphlet printed for distribution to membership.

• CSJ Port Arthun Osasto / CSJ Port Arthur Branch – Circulars: 1949  
  - Information about Port Arthur events including music and sports festival.

• CSJ and the Peace Movement: 1950-1952  
  - Pamphlet written by W. Eklund in 1950 “We Want to Live: Let the dealers of death fight if they wish / Me Haluamme Elää: Sotikoot kuoleman kauppiat jos tahtovat”; Peace Organization Second World Congress (5,000 copies distributed to many branches) 1951; Finnish translation of Canadian Peace Congress materials; Petition for a World Peace Pact; membership books for the Finnish Organization of Canada.
- Minutes: Keski-Ont Aluetoimikunta / Mid-Ontario Regional Committee: 1950-1981
  - Includes cultural activities; appeals for donations to the Canadian Tribune; donations to the United Ukrainian-Canadian Association of Sudbury Branch; information about the organization including membership; distribution of Vapaus and Liekki; sale of halls; May Day festival; screening of films; discussion of INCO Strike and donations for strikers (1958). Branches are: Sudbury, Wanup, Sault Ste Marie, Wahnapita, Beaver Lake, Whitefish, Long Lake, Matawan.

- CSJ Speeches: 1951
  - Speech for Finnish Independence Day: discusses internationalism
  - Speech from CSJ 40th Anniversary Celebration: discusses the history of the organization
  - Speeches were distributed from the CSJ to branches to be given locally. Speakers are encouraged to modify the text and add local examples.

- CSJ Sudbury Local #16 Circulars: 1952-1960
  - Discusses: sending representatives to World Peace Conference in Helsinki, 1955; organizational matters; Vapaus distribution; youth theatre competition; district conferences; youth courses in Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie; Vapaus Travel Agency and Helsinki Olympics (1952).

- Kivet + Kullervot Fiscal Records (Sudbury, ON): 1952

- CSJ Youth Organization Theatre Productions: 1953
  - Poster for Youth Theatre Competition in Sudbury, April 4 and 5, 1953

- W. Eklund Candidacy in Lockerby / McKim Election: 1954

- CSJ Sudbury Local #16 Memoranda: 1955
  - Relates to: Aku Päiviö and the burning of his home, appeal for funds; district festival; cultural activities; peace movement.

- CSJ Sudbury Local #16 – Correspondence: 1955
  - One letter to the Prime Minister, regarding German re-militarization, and mutual disarmament.

- CSJ Sudbury Local #16 – Reports on Activities: 1956, 1964
  - Branches and membership numbers, women’s activities; sickness and care committee; educational programs; campaigns.

- Sudbury Finnish Societies Joint Committee: 1965
  - Minutes of meetings.
Vapaus Publishing Company

Extent: 40 cm of textual records

Dates: 1931-1970

Scope & Content:

Records of the Vapaus Publishing Company, responsible for producing Vapaus newspaper and Liikki literary magazine. Includes reports, minutes, and financial records. Also includes a variety of publications.

File List:

- Imperialismin Kätyrit Proletaarisen Oikeuden Edessä / Imperialist Henchmen face Proletarian Justice: 1931
  - Translation from Russian. Publication discussing the show trial of the “Industrial Party” (1930), during which Nikolai Krylenko, Deputy People's Commissar of Justice, accused and convicted several Soviet scientists and economists of plotting a coup against the government of the Soviet Union.

- Vapaus Publishing Company Reports and Minutes: 1932-1970
  - Includes a poem written by Aku Päiviö written for the 30th anniversary of Vapaus; a speech written for the 35th anniversary of Vapaus; correspondence with CSJ branches; special May Day issues; meetings of shareholders; minutes of executive board of Vapaus; operations of Vapaus Publishing Company; current affairs impacting operations; financial information; includes many edited drafts of activity reports, speakers’ notes.

- Vapaus Publishing Company Solicitations: 1933-1963
  - Solicitations for subscriptions; appeals to agents to increase advertising; appeals for public support of special issues; notices of special issues; financial and sales information; information regarding the annual general meeting; advertising rates; distribution of publications.

- Ensimmäisen Viisivoutissuunnitelman Yhteenvedot / The Results of the First Five-Year Plan: 1933
  - Translated publication in Finnish. Translated report of J. Stalin to the Joint Plenum of the Central Committee and Central Control Commission of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolsheviks), January 7-12, 1933.

BOX 2

Subseries: Vapaus Publishing Company Financial and Annual Reports

Extent: 12 cm
Tilipääös Vapauden tileista / Vapaus Account Reports: 1934
- Printed for distribution to membership

Vapaus Publishing Company Financial Statements: 1934-1963
- Printed for distribution to membership

- Printed for distribution to membership

- Typewritten, for internal use.

CSJ and Vapaus Publishing Company Financial and Annual Reports: 1934-1964
- Some printed for distribution; some typescript for internal use.
- Vapaus Editors and Board of Directors Activity Reports for 1959-60, 1956-1957, 1963-64
- Vapaus Financial Statements 1934
- Vapaus Editors Report 1964

- Printed for distribution to membership

- Printed for distribution for membership

Vapaus Publishing Company Audited Financial Statements: 1940-1948

- Some in English some in Finnish

- Printed for distribution to members. Activity reports and minutes of the annual meeting.
- Vapaus 30th anniversary poem by Aku Päiviö

Not in subseries:

  - Information related to regular operations; discussion of correspondence; information on branch offices; Creighton Mine Nickel Company threatens to fire miners for reading Vapaus 1935; discussion of the International Communist movement, Popular Front, and the potential for cooperation with other organizations; discussion of the work of the editor of Vapaus and expectations for political involvement; subscribers; advertising revenue; book publishing.

  - Publication. Translation of work by Moissaye J. Olgin.

- J.V. Stalinen Puhe ja Neuvostoliiton Perustuslaki / Stalin’s Speech and the Soviet Union Constitution: 1936
  - Publication

- Canadian Kommunistipuolueen VIII Konventsionin Hyväksymät Päätökset ja lausunnot / Canada’s Communist Party VIII Convention Decisions and Statements: 1937

- Canadian Suomalaisen Taskukalenteri / Finnish Canadian Pocket Calendar: 1938

- Sepän Poika / Carpenter’s Son: Poetry by John Anderson: 1938
  - Publication

- Vapaus Publishing Company Solicitations: 1940-1961
  - Correspondence related to advertising, branch advertisements, appeals to distribute the book “Meidän Poikamme Espanjassa” (Our Boys In Spain), other publications including one about Finnish-Canadians fighting in the Second World War, speech for the 35th anniversary of Vapaus, discussion of the financial situation of Vapaus, particularly losses of revenue, a special issue on the SCAUL (Athletics Association), notice of the annual general meeting, a special issue on the Finnish-Canadian Grand Cultural Festival.

- Various materials printed by Vapaus Publishing Company: Financial statements for the Farmers & Workers Co-Operative Stores of Wanup, Limited; Exhibit catalogue for Helene Schjerfbeck, National Gallery of Canada, 1949; forms printed for Oscar Setala; Industrial Standards Act for the Carpentry Industry, Sudbury Zone; letterhead for St. Matthew’s Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church; concert poster; part of a calendar for 1946.

- Chief Censors of Publications Notices: 1945
  - Were used as scrap paper in the initial arrangement of Vapaus files. Confidential memoranda to news associations regarding holding back of information related to the movements of Canadian troops.

- Vapaus Solicitations for Subscription and Advertising: c 1945 – 1964
  - Appeals for public support of special issues; flyers; appeal to get new subscribers for the 40th anniversary; competition to get 250 new subscribers for Liekki, including list of all FOC districts and subscriber goals; rules for Vapaus Press workers; material from other publications; totals collected for Labour Day advertisements; plans for subscription competition; notice of increase in subscription rates; calendar of events 1942 including special issues; questionnaire for people to be featured in a book about Finnish-Canadians fighting in the Second World War; Vapaus 25th anniversary competition to get 1000 new subscribers, including FOC districts and subscriber goals; advertising forms for various clubs, choirs, and affiliated groups.

  - Publication

- Special issue of Liekki: April 2, 1949
  - Honouring Aku Päiviö on his 70th birthday. 3 part special issue.

- Political Printing: Sudbury, Lockerby, McKim Elections + Annexation: 1950-1953


- Liekki Solicitations for Subscription, Donation, Advertising: 1953-1964
  - Appeals for public support, flyers, competitions for subscribers, special issues.

- Vapaus Publishing Company Agreements with Unions: 1953-1970
  - Signed original documents with a variety of unions with a relationship with Vapaus Publishing Company. Includes the Sudbury and District General Workers’ Union Local 902 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union Local 579; and the Sudbury Typographical Union No. 846 of the International Typographical Union.

- Vapaus Publishing Company Solicitations: 1956-1963
- Correspondence with agents of the newspaper, clubs and organizations; letters to subscribers; appeals for public support; special issues.

- W. Eklund, Editor of Vapaus: Correspondence with Ho. Stuart S. Garson, Minister of Justice: 1957
  - In English. Correspondence regarding Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada – affecting the activities of trade unions. Correspondence regarding incidences of police intimidation.

  - Solicitations for printing letterhead, envelopes, etc; letters to agents, clubs, organizations; material from Vapaus Travel Agency; campaigns for more subscriptions; appeals for public support; special issues.

  BOX 3

- Liekki Solicitations: 1960-1965
  - Advertising rates; special issues; letters to agents, clubs.

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- Vapaus Travel Agency Notices: 1961
  - Advertising for flights to Finland, prices; notices of cancellation; offers of flights only for CSJ members.

  - Correspondence regarding Vapaus subscriptions and support.

  - Printed posters; form for supporting the SCAUL / Finnish-Canadian Amateur Sports Federation; general rules for the Vapaus organization and bookstore likely from 1920s; Vapaus Publishing Company Work and Activity Program 1964, 1965; Vapaus and Liekki pricing for advertisements for celebrations; revenues for Vapaus and Liekki: advertising, subscriptions, donations, etc.

- Vapaus Publishing Company Advertising Cards: 1962-1966
  - For distribution to subscribers and potential advertisers. English and Finnish.

SCAUL / Sports

Extent: 15 cm
Dates: 1931-1970

Scope + Content:

Records related to the Suomalais-Canadalaisen Amatööriurheiluliiton (SCAUL) or Finnish Canadian Amateur Sports Federation (FCASF). Includes organizational records (constitution, minutes, correspondence) as well as rulebooks and sports and athletic information.

File List:

- Constitution of the Finnish Canadian Amateur Sports Federation / SCAUL Säänöt
  - Printed for distribution to members

- Finnish Canadian Amateur Sports Federation: Honour Certificate

- Canada Työväen Urheiluliiton Suomalaisten Jaoston Säännöt / Finnish Canadian Workers’ Athletics Association: Constitution: 1931
  - Printed for distribution to members

- Painisäännöt / Rules for Wrestling: 1931
  - Printed for public distribution

- Kunniakirja: Canadian Työläisten Urheiluliitto / Honorary Diploma: Canadian Workers’ Sport Federation: 1932

- SCAUL Minutes 1938-1959 / Canadian Amateur Sports Federation
  - Organization-wide meetings in Beaver Lake, Timmins, Toronto, South Porcupine, Sudbury
  - Minutes of the National Festival Committee meeting, April 17, 1959


- Finnish-Canadian Amateur Sports Federation Programs for Annual Sports Rally: 1944-1954
  - South Porcupine (1946), Toronto (1947), Sudbury (1949), Sudbury (1953), Toronto (1954)
  - Canadian Amateur Sport Federation Liitto Juhlat / League Celebrations: 1944

- Yleisurheilu-ja Kilpailusäännöt / Athletics and Competition Rules: 1945
  - Printed for public distribution

- Suomalais-Canadalaisen Amatööriurheiluliiton Säännöt / Finnish-Canadian Amateur Sports Federation Constitution: 1946
  - Printed for distribution

- CSJ + SCAUL Varhaisnuorisokomitea / Youth Committee: 1946
  - Correspondence to CSJ branches and SCAUL clubs
• Suomalais-Canadalaisen Amatööriurheiluliiton Vuosikirja / Finnish-Canadian Amateur Sports Federation Yearbook: 1946

• SCAUL Correspondence: 1947
  - Includes proposal that the Finnish organization put together an all-star hockey team of Finnish players from Canada to play in Finland and other Nordic countries. Minutes of youth organization. Letter to president of Canadian Amateur Ski Association and Canadian Olympic Committee regarding discrimination in the selection of cross-country ski teams.

• Canadian Suomalaisten Urheilu Kirja / Finnish-Canadian Sports Book: 1950, 1965

• SCAUL Agendas, Minutes, Invitations to Meetings: 1950-1958
  - Includes a 25th Anniversary speech

• SCAUL and CSJ: 1955
  - Correspondence to SCAUL clubs and CSJ branches: regarding individuals representing these organizations at a Helsinki peace conference, youth festival in Warsaw. Fundraising for travel expenses.

  - Organization-wide meetings, CSJ and SCAUL joint grand festival committee minutes

• SCAUL Balance Sheet: 1970

Co-ops

Extent: 5 cm

Dates: 1949-1954

Scope + Content:

Publications and documents related to Co-Operatives in Sudbury, Thunder Bay, and Timmins.

Files List:

• Bylaws: Sudbury Producers and Consumers Co-Operative Dairy Limited: 1934

• International Co-Op: 1949

• Northwest Co-Operator Newsletter: 1950
- Volume 1 Number 1. In English. Includes variety of news items and reports.


- Thunder Bay Co-Operative Dairy Limited: Bylaws: 1951
  - In Finnish

- Sudbury Producers and Consumers Co-Operative Dairy Limited: circa 1952

  - Based in Timmins.

Archives Project

Extent: 5 cm

Dates: 1911-1952

Scope + Content:

Materials relate to a project of collecting Finnish historical and archival documents. Includes news clippings, transcripts, notes, articles, and lists of publications and reference materials. Compiled by Hannes Sula in the 1940s-1950s.

File List:

- News Clippings and Transcripts: n.d.

- Finnish Canadian Archives Letterhead and Envelopes

- Statistical Information

- Tietoja Halutaan Suomalaisten Näytelmien Kirjoittajista / Information about Finnish Playwrights: circa 1945
  - Circulars sent to branches, in order to compile information.

- Appeal for Donations to the Archives: 1947
  - Circular addressed to All Finnish-Canadians.

- Biographies of William Tuomi and Helen Coulson: 1948

- Historia-ainehistoa keräämään / History Collecting Project: 1948

- Historical articles: 1947-1949

- Minutes of the Arkistokomitea / Archives Committee: 1947-1949

- Correspondence Regarding Finnish-Canadian Archives: 1947-1949

- Lists of Publications and Periodicals: 1949
  - Notes on various Finnish-Canadian publications and periodicals.

- Newspaper Clippings: circa 1949
• Notes, Ideas, Plans: 1949-1950

• Newspaper Clippings: 1949-1952

Poetry and Music
Extent: 2cm
Dates: 1935-1949
Scope + Content:
  Published poetry and music, primarily in Finnish
Files:
  • Uusia Runoja / New Poems: circa 1935
    - Four authors: Wm. Lahtinen, Magnus Raeus, Emil Salo, Valdemar Samaste. Published by Finnish Federation, New York.
  • Kiurun Lauluja / Skylark Songs: 1947
    - Multiple authors. Published by Finnish Democratic Pioneer League, Printed in Helsinki.
  • Kalle Kaskinen. Sudbury: circa 1949
    - Typescript.
  • Choral music: 1949
    - Typescript, lyrics.

Other Political Publications and Documents
Extent: 4 cm
Dates: 1912-1963
Scope + Content:
  A variety of publications on political topics.
Files:
- Luokka taistelijan Asevarasto / Class-fighter’s Armoury: 1912

- Valtio ja Vallankumous / The State and Revolution: 1920
  - Translation into Finnish, printed in Kuopio, Finland by Savon Kansan Kirjapaino Osakeyhtiö. Translation of work by V. Lenin, 1917.

- Kesäkoulujen Lukemisto / Summer School Reading List: 1928
  - Printed by Työmies Publishing Company, Superior, Wisconsin.

- Kommunistisen Internatsionaalen Ohjelma / The Program of the Communist International: 1928
  - In Finnish. Printed in the Soviet Union by Kustannusosuuskunta Kirja

- Ontario Committee, Communist Party of Canada: 1963
  - Draft circular, message to voters. In English. Typescript.

**Series: Other Documents**

**Extent:** 2 cm

**Dates:** 1940-1967

**Scope + Content:**

A variety of printed documents related to Finland, Finnish culture, and politics.

**File List:**

- Part Played by Women in the Present Struggle in Finland: 1940
  - Publication. In English. Written by J. Yrttimaa, Pastor of St. Michael’s Finnish Lutheran Church, Montreal, Quebec.

- The Communist Threat to Canada, Canadian Chamber of Commerce: 1947
  - Publication. In English.

- Sudbury Daily Star, 1948 Election Results: 1948

- Akateeminen Kirjakauppa / Academic Bookstore: Publication Catalogue (Helsinki) : Circa 1948

- Kutsu amerikansuomalaisille / Invitation to Finnish Americans: 1950
  - Tourism pamphlet, appealing to Finnish-Americans to visit Finland.

- Kotikirkon Tervehdys Valtameren Taakse / Greeting from Home Church Across the Ocean: 1956
Publication, printed in Heinola, Finland by Itä-Hämeen Kirjapaino Oy.

- Muisto-Ohjelma Suomi Viikolta / Souvenir Program of Finnish Week for the Centennial Celebration: 1967
- Committee is composed of many different Finnish-Canadian organizations.

Access Points:

- Subject terms
  - Finnish-Canadians
  - Socialism
  - Communism
  - Sports
  - Newspapers
  - Finnish-Canadian newspapers

- Geographic terms
  - Port Arthur
  - Fort William
  - Thunder Bay
  - Timmins
  - Sudbury
  - Finland
  - Nipigon
  - Sault Ste Marie
  - South Porcupine
  - Toronto
  - Beaver Lake
  - Wanup

- Names
  - Canadian Suomalainen Jarjesto (Subject)
  - Vapaus Publishing Company (Subject)
  - Suomalais-Canadalaisen Amatoori Urheiluliiton (Subject)
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