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Marvin and Tilton

Originals 1862-1922 2.6 m

Microfilm (neg.) 1887-1896 35 mm 2 reels [A01693-A01694]

Edgar Marvin (1824-1891) arrived in Victoria in 1862 and purchased a Fort Street hardware store previously owned by James Bell. Marvin moved his business to Wharf Street in 1866. The presence of the business records of Kent and Evans Birmingham House suggests that, after its financial difficulties in 1867 (*Colonist*, 24 October 1867, p. 3), Kent and Evans was purchased by Marvin in 1868. When Edward Gibbon Tilton became a partner in the company in 1884, the name of the firm was changed to Marvin and Tilton, and the name was retained after the death of Marvin in 1891. In 1897, when the business was sold to A.B. Fraser, the name was changed to Walter Fraser and Company Limited.

This collection of business records provides a glimpse into the early commercial life of British Columbia, noting imports of goods and sales of merchandise to customers not only in Victoria but also throughout the province. Records include business records of Marvin and Tilton hardware firm, as well as those of predecessor and successor stores. Specific types of records include copies of outward correspondence, inventories, daybooks, journals, ledgers, cashbooks, bills of lading and canceled cheques.

Volumes 1-7 are only available on microfilm the originals have been destroyed.

The records were discovered in 1973 during renovations and donated by Wilson and Proctor, occupants of the Wharf Street building which formerly housed the succession of hardware stores.

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Reel [A01693]	Correspondence	
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3	Marvin and Tilton indexed letterpress copies of correspondence, pages 476-end	1891-1893
4	Marvin and Tilton indexed letterpress copies of correspondence	1895-1896
5	Marvin and Tilton indexed letterpress copies of client's accounts	1890-1891

6	Marvin and Tilton indexed letterpress copies of client's accounts	1893-1895
7	Marvin and Tilton indexed letterpress copies of client's accounts	1895
8	Marvin and Tilton outgoing telegrams	1884-1885
9	Unidentified inventory, including records of good, doubtful and bad debts	1867
10	Marvin and Tilton inventory	1890
11	Marvin and Tilton inventory	1894
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13	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1884-1885
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15	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1889-1890
16	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1890-1891
17	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1890-1891
18	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1891-1892
19	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1894-1896
20	Marvin and Tilton daybook	1894-1896
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25	Marvin journal	1880-1881
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28	Marvin and Tilton journal	1887-1889
29	Marvin and Tilton journal	1889-1891
30	Unidentified ledger	1862-1863
31	Kent and Evans Birmingham House [?] ledger	1865-1866
32	Kent and Evans Birmingham House [?] Index to ledger [volume 31]	1865-1866
33	Kent and Evans Birmingham House ledger	1867-1868
34	Kent and Evans Birmingham House index to ledger [volume 33]	1867-1868
35	Marvin and Tilton ledger	1884-1887
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Cashbooks

37	Unidentified cashbook	1862-1867
38	Marvin and Tilton cashbook	1884-1891
39	Marvin and Tilton cashbook	1888-1892
40	Walter Fraser and Co. [?] cashbook	1918-1922
41	Marvin cheque stubs	1875-1876
42	Marvin cheque stubs	1877

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47	Marvin bills of lading	1884-1885
48	Marvin bills of lading	1885-1886
49-50	Marvin and Tilton bills of lading with Canadian Pacific Navigation Company Limited	1885
51	Marvin and Tilton bills of lading with Canadian Pacific Navigation Company Limited	1886
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