

Forestry @ NAC – Inventory List

Accession #	Creation Date	Extent (# of pages)	Title	Scope and Content (Description)
F001	15/01/1937	1	CNPA Circular #34 – “A Ministry of Recreation”	This newsletter argues that despite recent attempts to develop a Ministry of Sport in the Federal government, the government should broaden their horizons and create a Ministry of Recreation that will oversee health, recreation, and tourism in coordination with provincial and municipal groups.
F002	26/11/1937	2	Letter to W.L. Mackenzie King from W.J.S. Walker	Walker addresses the Prime Minister stating that present relief efforts have been poor and have done little to create anything of value. He points to the example of British Columbia stating that their provincial efforts [B.C. Pro-Rec] will be beneficial. He calls for a national program of reforestation and highway construction.
F003	03/11/1937	1	Letter to W.J.S. Walker from H.R.L. Henry (personal secretary to the PM)	Henry explains that the Prime Minister has asked him to forward the letter (F002) to the Hon. Norman Rogers, the Minister of Labour.
F004	23/11/1937	1	Letter to Hon. T.A. Crerar from Hon. Norman Rogers	Rogers has further forwarded the original Walker letter to Crerar, the Minister of Mines and Resources as it is a question he deems to be specifically related to that department. However, he does state that he thinks these should be provincial concerns.
F005	30/11/1937	1	Memorandum to Mr. Williamson from Director, Lands, parks and Forests Branch	Forwarded again, the original Walker letter has now been passed onto the Controller of the National Parks Bureau.

F006	01/12/1937	1	Memorandum to R.A. Gibson from D. Roy Cameron	Cameron, another in the chain of this forwarded letter, deems highway reconstruction to be entirely outside of their purview. Re-forestation does have its benefits but he dismisses it as wishful thinking because it is a seasonal venture and does not guarantee any steady level of employability.
F007	11/12/1937	2	Letter to Norman M. Rogers from T.A. Crerar	Crerar contends that he is in favour of many of the ideas in the original Walker letter. He favours projects that will not increase ordinary maintenance. He comments on the NEC cost sharing schemes vs 100% federal responsibility.
F008	19/01/1938	2	Letter to E.H. Finlayson from W.J.S. Walker	Walker is requesting that Finlayson look into modern logging practices as he believes that Canada's archaic methods are depleting their natural timber resources..
F009	19/01/1938	2	Letter to R.A. Gibson from W.J.S. Walker	Walker is requesting that Gibson look into modern logging practices as he believes that Canada's archaic methods are depleting their natural timber resources. Essentially the same letter as F009.
F010	24/01/1938	2 (loose)	Memorandum to Mr. Cameron from the Director, Lands, Parks and Forests Branch	Forwarding the letter to Gibson from Walker.
F011	29/01/1938	2 (loose)	Memorandum to Gibson from Cameron	Forwarding a draft that, pending Gibson's signature, will be sent back to Walker. It states little more than that Mr. Finlayson has gone missing and was replaced with R.A. Gibson, with Mr. Cameron as Dominion Forester Further he explains that he will attach information about the administrative changes that have since been undertaken in their department.
F012	29/01/1938	2	Letter to W.J.S. Walker from Director	Cameron states that despite Walker's insistence on looking for European guidance on forestry issues, there is little evidence that similar policies could work in a nation as large as Canada. He continues by stating that he respects his interest and hopes that further suggestions will continue.[could be a draft]

F013	08/02/1938	2	Letter to W.J.S. Walker from R.A. Gibson	Gibson repeats the sentiments from the previous letter, but this time includes several articles for Walker to examine so as to see the entirety of the national forestry plan in Canada.
F014	22/02/1938	2 (loose)	Memorandum and letter to be returned to W.J.S. Walker's previous Letter. (F009)	The letter states that aircraft sowing, which Walker had advocated, is of little effectiveness despite his misconceptions and for that reason, they would not proceed with that effort.
F015	22/02/1938	2	Letter to Roy Cameron from W.J.S. Walker	Walker is requesting a quote on the price for purchasing a set of policy papers from the American National Parks Association which has sent copies to the Department of Mines and Resources. Walker goes on to criticize the relief work programs.
F016	01/03/1938	2	Letter to R.A. Gibson from W.J.S. Walker	Walker is explaining his reasoning for advocating sowing by airplane because his organization believes that so many spruce trees are being ground for pulp that sowing by airplane may produce the greatest quantity of results.
F017	03/03/1938	1	Letter to W.J.S. Walker from Roy Cameron	Cameron thanks CNPA for interest in forest conservation stating that this knowledge would be invaluable in publicity to the nation for most are uneducated. He states that in some provinces, re-forestation programs have been set up under the Department of Labour, but Walker might not have noticed yet because the program hasn't really worked so well in Alberta.
F018	04/03/1938	1	Memorandum to Roy Cameron from R.A. Gibson	Gibson is sending Walker's letter and explaining the value of the CNPA in promoting forestry in Canada because of "large number of influential people connected with this Association."
F019	10/03/1938	2	Letter to Roy Cameron from W.J.S. Walker	Responding to letter F015. He comments on the forestry problems across the country and on the different approaches taken by men's and women's groups.
F020	15/03/1940	2	Memorandum regarding correspondence with Selby Walker	This memo is basically discussing whether Walker and his organization, the CNPA, are worthy being provided with the information that Walker is demanding.

F021	21/06/1938	2	Letter to R.A. Gibson from Selby Walker	Walker relates tales of forest fires being set intentionally so that employment can be obtained by fighting them. He again comments on unemployment and forestry issues.
F022	05/07/1938	2	Memorandum to Roy Cameron from *unknown*	This letter seems to agree with Walker's ideas that forestry needs to be taken on as a work project but not to the same degree Walker advocates, as planting is not as big a deal as he was originally led to believe.
F023	No Date	1	"Mr. B.C." Cartoon	Cartoon depicting "Mr. B.C." showing up the remaining provinces in their recreational developments.
F024	1937 to 1940	31	Views Expressed by Major W.J.S. Walker	Annotated journal of correspondence and views held by Mr. Walker in his various duties as the executive secretary of the CNPA and as an individual with a variety of interests.