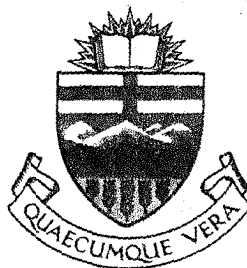


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## WILLIAM PEARCE: A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Pearce was born on February 1, 1848 near Port Talbot, Dunwich Township, Elgin County, Ontario. He apprenticed as a surveyor and joined the Department of the Interior in that capacity in 1874. Ten years later Mr. Pearce was acting as the department's chief advisor on the development of the newly accessible North-West. Over the next fifty years he became the leading expert on the West's natural resources and on the means of their exploitation.

In 1884, Mr. Pearce took up headquarters in Calgary as Superintendent of Mines, a duty which was optimistically thought to be of expanding importance at the time. When the mining industry failed to match expectations, his position rapidly became that of trouble-shooter, advisor and, unofficially, promoter for western expansion. He was, for example, assigned the task of settling land claims, particularly those of the Metis and squatters. Based on this knowledge, Mr. Pearce also prepared the official report on the causes of the Riel Rebellion.

During the next twenty years, William Pearce was actively engaged in devising a number of policies designed to control the development of resources. These included the creation of stock watering reserves, establishment of the system of National Parks, and passage of the North-West Irrigation Act. He became deeply interested in the potential of irrigation to improve agricultural production in the Saskatchewan River Basin. His surveys and promotional work were largely responsible for the Canadian Pacific Railway undertaking the huge project along the Bow River east of Calgary. In 1904, Mr. Pearce left the government service and joined the C.P.R.'s Irrigation Department.

William Pearce's career with the C.P.R. covered almost thirty years. During that time he continued to provide expertise in all fields of resource development. In 1916, he served on the Economic and Development Commission of the Canadian government. In his last years he acted as company statistician for the railway. Mr. Pearce died in Calgary on March 3, 1930.

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## PROVENANCE

In December, 1954, Mr. Seabury K. Pearce, eldest son of William Pearce, offered his father's papers to the University of Alberta. At that time there were no manuscript repositories in Alberta except for the University of Alberta. Mr. Pearce was concerned lest the papers become lost or damaged in the basement of his father's home, Bow Bend Shack in Calgary. The home was slated for demolition to make way for a building project. In accepting the offer, the University of Alberta realized and appreciated the significance of these papers to the history of Western Canada. The papers constitute one of the most complete records of the Department of Interior policies between 1880 and 1904 and they also supplement records of the Alberta Water Resources in the Provincial Archives. Since the papers were deposited with the University, in May, 1955, they have been a primary source for a number of graduate theses both at the master's and doctor's level. Constant reference is made to them for early information about historic sites and structures in Western Canada.

In his later years William Pearce collected data with a view to publishing a history of the Canadian west; that data and the unpublished manuscript form a valuable part of these papers.

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dividends.
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Investigation of company activities.  
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Shareholders' information, reports.  
History of the company (from January, 1908 -  
April, 1909).  
Purchase of the Herald Co. in 1908.  
Name changes: originally, the Hammond Lithographing Co.  
Ltd; after August, 1908, the Western Printing and  
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Real Property - Bow Bend Shack

From the time of his arrival in Calgary in 1883, William Pearce was impressed by what he perceived to be the prospects for residential and industrial development of that centre. With the aim of capitalizing upon Calgary's future success, he invested in a parcel of land, then outside the town boundary on the southeast. Once having moved his household to Calgary in 1887, he proceeded to build a magnificent two storey home on his land. Dubbed "Bow Bend Shack" at a housewarming party, the house and its surrounding property came to be known as one of the scenic spots of Calgary in succeeding years. Inside Bow Bend Shack were the latest in modern conveniences, including indoor plumbing and, at an early date, natural gas heating. At a considerable personal expense, Pearce also undertook a program of beautification of the grounds around his house. On that part of the land retained for agricultural purposes, he operated the first irrigation experimental farm in Alberta.

As the City of Calgary grew, Pearce succeeded in subdividing and selling a number of lots on his property. Among the primary obstacles to further development and sale of his land, however, was a danger of flooding. On a number of occasions, substantial portions of the Pearce property were submerged by water as the Bow River overflowed its banks. Flood prevention was thus an important concern of Pearce for many years.

In 1907, Pearce's lands were annexed by the City of Calgary, on terms which he strongly opposed. For a number of succeeding years, Pearce engaged in lengthy and complex legal disputes with the City, primarily relating to the assessment of his property for civic taxation. Having failed repeatedly to obtain satisfaction from civic authorities regarding his tax claims, Pearce eventually took his case to the Supreme Court of Canada. He also launched a personal investigation into what he saw as the evils of the contemporary single tax concept of civic taxation.

Outside of his personal land holdings in Calgary, Pearce was also a joint owner of another parcel of land in Calgary. As well, he held a number of plots of land, individually, in Port Moody, British Columbia and in Manitoba.

Bow Bend Shack: 55.3  
General.  
June 26, 1907 - October 29, 1921.  
Instructions to employees; orders for coal, etc.;  
repairs and claims, renovations.

Household accounts: 55.1  
Bills, correspondence.  
May 1, 1886; April 1, 1887 - June 18, 1889.  
Includes architect's estimate for house.



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August 1, 1918 - May 5, 1926.

Utilities. 731  
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Records, accounts with Canadian Western Natural Gas,  
Light, Heat and Power Co.  
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Coal orders. 980.2  
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To C.S. Lott, Bankhead Mines.

Equipment for Bow Bend Shack: 607.1  
General.  
April 15, 20, 1908.

Shuart, B. F. 607.2  
Inventor & manufacturer of Shuart Improved Earth  
Grader, Oberlin, Ohio.  
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William Pearce's purchase of grader,  
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Gate left open: 56  
Letters to protest action.  
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Personal: Farm - 3.3  
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Fertilizers, stock.  
Requests for advice, information.

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January 18 - February 20, 1904; March 1, 1913 -  
May 30, [1914].  
Brothers applying to William Pearce for work on ranch.

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October 18, 1902 - July 14, 1903; June 17-19, 1918.  
Sale of stable to William Pearce.

Beef cattle (steers): 9  
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you said  
to keep in the 'e'.)*

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Experimental planting, Bow Bend Property.  
December 28, 1894 - December 17, 1896.  
Alfalfa.  
Irrigation for tree growing, grass seed.  
Correspondence with Experimental Farms & agriculture professors.

Trees: 214.2  
Trees for experimental planting at Bow Bend.  
March 6, 1897 - February 17, 1904.  
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Correspondence advice on trees killed, damaged.  
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Trees for Bow Bend Shack Property. 18.2  
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Includes recommendations for Parks Departments in southern cities to begin nurseries.

Personal: Real Property - Other

Real Property: 68.2  
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Walker, Major James. 629  
March 29, 1887 January 8, 1902.  
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Calgary Irrigation Co. on Pearce-Walker land purchases.  
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- Jephson, J. P. J., 557.1  
Muir & Jephson, Advocates, Calgary.  
April 26, 1895 - January 13, 1902;  
April 6-7, 1920.  
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Half Breed scrip (Buttlin), 1901.  
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April 18, 1887 - May 19, 1893.  
Correspondence.  
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Commissioner of Public Works, Regina.  
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Map (2 copies - linen and blue print).  
Proposed exchange of land for road allowance on  
Mrs. Pearce's property.  
City nuisance ground on same section.  
[J.S. Dennis].
- Port Moody Property
- Port Moody Property. 702  
March 25, 1882 - September 7, 1886.  
1882 - Documents, correspondence re: conveyance of  
W1/2 N. part of lot 377, Group 1, New Westminster  
district, to Pearce.  
1883-86 - Assessment notices, receipt for above  
property.

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legislation.  
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- Port Moody Property. 698.1  
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Offers for purchase of same.  
Timber theft.  
Foreshore rights.  
Potential for development of Port Moody.
- Port Moody Property. 699  
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Offers for purchase/attempted sale of holdings.  
Western Canada Power Co. tramline.  
Sale of timber.
- Port Moody Property. 699.1  
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Taxation; municipal improvements  
in Port Moody; single tax - Pearce's views; sale of  
timber on property.
- Port Moody Property. 700  
May 17, 1923 - March 28, 1924.  
History of Port Moody development, and Pearce's  
investment there.  
Potential for development of harbour docks, grain  
shipping facilities.  
Vancouver Harbour Commission.  
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Statistics on grain ships docking in Vancouver, 1923-24  
(including tonnage).
- Port Moody Property. 700.1  
April 1 - December 17, 1924.  
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C.D. Howe's Report.  
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History of Port Moody as a port.  
New Westminster elevator (Fraser River).  
Second Narrows bridge and dam.
- Port Moody Property. 701  
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Second Narrows dam; tides; assessment;  
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on Bow Bend property.

GTP crossing - Pearce property. 849  
April 12, 1912 - August 15, 1918.  
Legal proceedings undertaken by Pearce to force changes  
to GTP plans re: crossings, street closures, connections  
and switches on/near William Pearce's property. Two folded  
blueprints included.  
GTP Spur line on Harry Street.  
Frances St. crossing of CPR - liability of Pearce to  
purchasers for street crossing.  
Beattie-Walker-Pearce - City of Calgary and CPR legal dispute.

Bow Bend. 666  
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Arrangements for sales/transfers of lots.  
1915 - agreement between Pearce, C & E Railway on  
proposed subway.

Bow Bend. 669  
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Land leased to the City of Calgary for use by the  
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Title, taxes and sale.  
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Sale of lots.  
Correspondence with Hon. William Hespeler (German  
Consul, Winnipeg.)

Manitoba, Manitoba

Land at Manitou, Manitoba, with Jacob Smith: 273.1  
Purchase, sale.  
March 22, 1889 - December 15, 1897; July 3, 1901.  
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Purchase of land sold in cemetery site exchange agreement: 346.2  
Correspondence.

July 22, 1889 - February 9, 1893.

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Cemetery 18-24-1-W5.

Property sold to Calgary Malting and Brewing Co.

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Calgary Cemetery lots: 76

Correspondence.

May 28, 1892 - March 16, 1926.

Union Cemetery.

Includes planting of spruce trees on plots.

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Sale of lots, including land for Burns abattoir:

Correspondence.

April 24, 1899 - September 16, 1902.

SW 1/4 11-24-1-W5.

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Sale of land to Mrs. Pearce.

Includes quit claim deed.

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Mortgage on Calgary Property by Mrs. M.A. Pearce: 582

Correspondence, mortgage, certificate of title.

March 20, 1895 - June 22, 1901.

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Description, prices of properties offered for sale  
by Mrs. Pearce, William Pearce and by William Pearce  
and wife together.

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- Syndicate. 680  
May 29, 1890 - May 23, 1913.  
Memo of agreement re: joint ownership of land; arrangements for sale, rental of portions of jointly held land (including transfer of land to CPR).  
1903 - agreement between City & John S. Hall re: stock market, stock yards property.
- Syndicate. 924  
June 23, 1905 - April 29, 1908.  
Description, sale of parcel of NE 1/4 11-24-1-5. D.L.S. Rules, Regulations & Program of Examination, 1906. Instructions to purchasers of other lots.
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February 14 - July 11, 1906; February, 1917.  
Sale of Syndicate property to Alberta Portland Cement Co.
- Syndicate (Pearce/Walker/Beattie). 681  
April 9, 1906; March 28, 1912 - ~~December 27, 1920~~. <sup>July 12, 1922.</sup>  
Negotiations re: laying of city streets; CPR and CNR railway tracks; street railway; overhead bridge. Disposition of various easements on property sold by the Syndicate.
- Syndicate: Proposed stockyard. 684  
May 4, 1912 - July 14, 1914.  
Negotiations pursuant to sale of Syndicate property to City for stockyards development. Negotiations for release of easement held by Canada Cement Co.
- Syndicate: Stockyards. 684.1  
May 11, 1916 - November 25, 1921.  
Efforts to sell property in SE11-24-1 W5 for stockyards purposes. Suggested changes in location of street railway. Proposed exchange of easements with Cement Co.
- Syndicate. 679  
May 10, 1927 - May 12, 1927.  
Tax Sale of portion of Walker/Pearce/Orr land previously given over to Calgary Brewing and Malting Co. & Western Canadian Flour Mills Co.



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- Assessment. 918.1  
n.d.  
Descriptions of blue-prints (blue-prints filed in map chest) - land description, use, extent of residential occupation of certain areas of Calgary.
- Assessment. 914  
n.d.  
Land description - part of SW 1/4 13-24-1 W5.  
Assessment appeal (12479, 12480) - area, surface levels, depth of filling.  
Summary of Exhibit B (filed in map chest).
- Assessment. 670  
April 12, 1906 - December 28, 1912.  
Assessment appeals - evidence, arguments; involves sewer taxes, police protection; river protection. [Muir, Jephson, Adams (legal firm)].
- Assessment. 680.1  
January 4, 1908 - April 26, 1917.  
Syndicate property: notices, calculations, payments of taxes assessed to syndicate.  
Consideration of joint protest against assessment, 1917. [Col. James Walker; W.J.S. Walker].
- Assessment. 939.1  
March 16, 1912; October 23 - 25, 1913.  
Copy of address by Prof. Adam Shortt re: single tax in Western Canada, March 16, 1912.  
Copy of paper, "Taxes and Assessments" by Lawson Purdy, Chairman of N.Y. City Board of Taxes and Assessments, October, 1913.
- Assessment. 671.1  
January 3 - November 19, 1913.  
[James Muir; P. Turner Bone; Hon. A. MacLean; J.L. Cote; M.S. McCarthy].  
William Pearce's evidence, arguments in 1913 taxation appeal.  
Proceedings of Court of Revision in Pearce's case.  
Preparation of appeal to District Court judge.  
Settlement of financial accounts in connection with case.  
Attempted settlement of tax dispute through legislature.  
Appeal argument involves considerations of landfill, sewerage, railway rights of way.

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- Assessment. 672  
January 6 - May 15, 1914.  
[J.M. Miller (City Clerk); W.P. Taylor (lawyer)].  
Special legislative committee to investigate taxation  
of agricultural land within Calgary.  
Proposition to city to sell portion of property.  
Appeal against assessment on 13-24-1-W5, S. of  
Bow River, unsubdivided.
- Assessment. 673  
July 4, 1914 - March 22, 1915.  
[Chas Stewart; W.P. Taylor; City Clerk.]  
Assessment appeals - arguments, evidence.  
Contains blueprints (filed in map chest).  
Riparian rights; river protection.  
Hon. Chas Stewart (Minister of Public Works) re:  
committee to investigate Calgary's  
taxation of agriculture land in city limits.  
Copy of evidence from Pearce's assessment appeal.  
Description of areas added to Calgary since 1907.
- Assessment. 935  
[1915].  
Correspondence, memos.  
Memo: explaining William Pearce's property purchases;  
efforts to sell specific parcels; arguments against city  
assessment.  
Information re: Winnipeg Board of Valuation and Revision.  
Costs of filling property.  
Request for information re: municipal taxation elsewhere.
- Assessment. 926  
March 8 - April 7, 1915.  
Memo: seeking separate assessments of 4 parcels of land.  
Memo: detailing own experience in land valuation.  
River protection - civic action on William Pearce's request.
- Assessment appeal.  
Valuation of William Pearce's property; peculiarities  
in assessment.
- Assessment: Affidavit of S.K. Pearce re: appeal of 913  
assessment decision of Judge Carpenter (District  
Court, Calgary).  
October 1, 1915.  
Flooding of Pearce property in June, 1915.  
Includes blueprints, photos of flooded area.

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- Assessment. 676.1  
October 12 - December 31, 1915.  
Appeal to Supreme Court against assessment of personal  
property, 1915 - includes copy of judgement.  
Valuation of vacant property - Calgary.  
[F.H. Chrysler; W.P. Taylor].
- Assessment. 676.2  
January 6 - November 28, 1916.  
Protest against 1916 assessment on Bow Bend property  
and on behalf of Bow Bend Sand and Gravel Co.  
Valuation of non-productive property.  
Proceedings of Court of Revision, 1916.  
Labor conditions in Calgary.  
History of Calgary annexation of Pearce property;  
William Pearce's use of property.  
Instructions to Seabury, lawyer re: tax appeal.  
[W.P. Taylor; R.B. Bennett; S.K. Pearce].
- Assessment. 677.1  
January 19 - March 31, 1917.  
William Pearce's assessment appeal (3 parcels of own  
property; 2 parcels of Bow Bend Sand and Gravel Co.);  
evidence, arguments; proceedings, decision of  
Court of Revision.  
Requests for data re: single tax towns; Calgary sewer and  
water connections.  
[G.U. Riley; J. Miller; W.P. Taylor; G.W. Craig].
- Assessment. 677.2  
April 3 - 23, 1917.  
William Pearce's assessment appeal case: evidence,  
arguments; Court of Revision ruling.  
[W.P. Taylor].
- Assessment. 934.1  
April 3, 1917 - April 16, 1918.  
Bow Bend Sand and Gravel Co. - proposed evidence  
in case before Public Utilities Commission;  
Includes history of William Pearce's land  
acquisitions, assessment appeals.  
Statistics re: Calgary's population (density, location).

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- Assessment. 677.3  
May 1 - August 25, 1917.  
William Pearce's assessment appeal case - data re:  
land demand, use, values, demographic features of  
Calgary; argument for assessment reduction  
on personal and Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. properties  
(exhibits in map chest).  
Court decision on Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. appeal.  
Copy of judgement in Grierson versus Edmonton assessment  
appeal case.  
Settlement of account with legal firm.  
[Taylor, Moffat & Co. (legal firm)].
- Assessment. 678.1  
September 4 - December 28, 1917.  
Calgary civic indebtedness.  
William Pearce's tax appeal (1917).
- Assessment. 678.2  
January 3 - May 15, 1918.  
Committee to form Association of Property Owners.  
Calgary taxation re: assessment board appeals.  
Prince Albert municipal finances, taxation.  
Copy of Bill No. 24, 1918 - An Act to Amend the  
Public Utilities Act.  
William Pearce's 1918 assessment - appeal arguments  
(residential and Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. properties).  
Resume of William Pearce's experience in land valuation.  
[D.S. Moffat].
- Assessment. 937  
June 12, 1918.  
Pearce assessment appeal - evidence of City Engineer,  
G.W. Craig.
- Assessment. 938  
June 19 - October 11, 1918.  
[D.S. Moffat].  
Pearce assessment appeal - evidence, judge's decision.  
Suggested petition to Board of Public Utilities on  
behalf of Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. re: assessment on  
parcels 12479 and 12480.  
Extracts of evidence by city assessor from 1915  
assessment appeal.
- Assessment. 909  
December 30, 1918 - January 17, 1919.  
Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. - application to Public  
Utilities Commission for reassessment and taxation  
of property  
William Pearce's arguments; includes extracts from  
Appeal Book (Pearce versus Calgary case, 1915).

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Assessment. 911

January 8, 1919; April 1 - May 1, 1920.

Data re: extent of unsold lots in Calgary, 1919.

William Pearce's arguments against taxation rates on land annexed by Calgary, 1907.

Transcript of hearing of Public Utilities Commission re: Pearce appeal (January, 1919).

William Pearce's corrections of evidence.

[Jas. McCaig; Hon. Judge Winter].

Assessment. 674

April 7, 1919 - March 26, 1920.

[Jas. McCaig; Hugh John Macdonald].

William Pearce's arguments to Court of Revision in appeal of 1920 taxes for Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co.; decision of Court of Revision.

Settlement of account with Taylor, Moffat & Co. legal firm.

William Pearce's further appeal to District Court of Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. assessment.

Assessment. 912

June 1 - December 31, 1920.

Negotiations with City on taxes of land proposed for sale by William Pearce.

Judgment of Public Utilities Commission relating to William Pearce's tax appeal case; William Pearce's comments on judgement.

[S.K. Pearce; D.S. Moffat].

Assessment. 675.1

January 5 - March 8, 1921.

William Pearce's arguments in case of Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. & Stockyards properties, before Public Utilities Commission.

Photographs submitted as evidence in tax appeal case.

[D.S. Moffat (lawyer); Jas McCaig (lawyer);

W.S. Walker (son of Jas Walker, joint property owner)].

Assessment. 675.2

May 3, 1921 - September 28, 1922.

Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. - application to Public Utilities Commission for tax relief.

Appeal to Court of Revision re: 1922 assessment (Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co.); arguments, evidence; history of case;

Settlement of account with legal firm.

Judgments of Utilities Board in tax arrears cases of Jackson Bros., Mrs. F.D. Walker, Mrs. H. Riley, H.H. Honens, William Pearce.

Appeal of sewer assessment.

[W.S. Walker; Taylor, Moffat & Co. legal firm].

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Assessment.	675.3
October 6, 1922 - April 16, 1926.	
Utilities Board judgments in specific tax cases.	
Urban Assessment Appeals Act (1925); William Pearce's comments on draft copy.	
Proposed compromise of tax arrears on Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. property.	
Transcript of Pearce appeal to Public Utilities Commission, January, 1919.	
Sewer tax appeal.	
Settlement of accounts with legal firm.	
[S.W. Walker; Taylor, Moffat & Co. legal firm; Margaret Beattie (joint owner of Bow Bend Sand & Gravel Co. property)].	
<u>Personal: Taxation, Assessment, Single Tax</u>	
Single tax:	21.1
Correspondence, extracts from speeches, publications.	
July 31, 1913 - January 5, 1915.	
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Municipal taxation and single tax.	21.2
October 20, 1914 - January 24, 1915.	
Data collected from municipalities and school boards.	
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Assessment and taxation of Western Municipalities.	
January 6 - February 26, 1915.	
Distribution of "The Absurdity and Injustice of Single Tax"; pamphlet.	
"The Case Against the Single Tax," by E.T. Allen.	
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Pearce's tenure with the Department of the Interior spanned the period from the early 1870's, when he worked as a Provincial Land Surveyor in Ontario, to 1904, when he left the department to join the CPR. After having served as Dominion Land Surveyor in Manitoba and the northwest in the mid to late 1870's, he was appointed Inspector of Dominion Land Agencies in 1882, and then Superintendent of Mines in 1884. In this latter capacity, he became the senior official of the Department of the Interior in western Canada. His responsibilities included the formulation of regulations for the administration of public lands and the supervision of timber and mineral development. In the absence of anticipated developments in mining in the west, Pearce was assigned a number of other specific tasks, including the settlement of land claims and railway grants, throughout the west. In 1901, he was appointed Chief Inspector of Surveys.

The files in this series pertain mostly to Pearce's correspondence with other officials in the Department of the Interior. For further information dealing with Pearce's career with the Department of the Interior, the researcher is advised to consult the published guides to the Letterbooks, Irrigation, Surveys and Settlement series of the Pearce Papers.

In his career with the CPR after 1904, Pearce had frequent cause to renew his contact with the Department of the Interior, for instance to obtain information and reports. A number of files in this series relate to this later period of correspondence with Department of the Interior officials.

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In the field of forestry, Pearce expressed a strong commitment to watershed management and reforestation. Much of the correspondence and many of the reports in this series relate to the Canadian Forestry Association, an organization formed in 1900 to press for the establishment of forest reserves by Act of Parliament. Pearce was an early and active member of this association.

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The discovery and industrial development of the natural resources of the Canadian west were among the major concerns of William Pearce, both as an employee of the Department of the Interior and of the CPR and as an individual proponent of western economic growth. With characteristic determination and thoroughness, Pearce set out to research every possible aspect of a number of development schemes of western resource exploitation. His strategy was to consult all available sources of information prior to drawing personal conclusions regarding the viability of specific projects. The result of this method of investigation has been a wealth of correspondence and statistical data relating to developments in resource exploration and management in Canada during the course of Pearce's career.

The major thrusts of Pearce's natural resource research were coal, oil, and gas. One of the earliest promoters of the search for oil in Alberta, Pearce was largely responsible for the commencement of successful drilling in the Turner Valley field. In the belief that western coal and its by-products could be used more widely and effectively than hitherto, Pearce also devoted serious attention, particularly in the post-World War I period, to the discovery and promotion of new processes of coal treatment.

Water power, particularly involving the mountain streams of Alberta and British Columbia, was another area of major concern for Pearce. The possibilities of harnessing the power of these rivers, and of simultaneously practising flood control, are addressed in a series of correspondence, reports and recommendations. Other resources dealt with in less detail in the series include peat, stone, brick and potash.

A number of files at the conclusion of the series deal with specific industrial development schemes investigated by Pearce. Included here are the files of the Alberta Industrial Development Association, an organization intended to promote provincial trade and industry. Pearce was among the first members of this association.

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Railways: Both as a Department of the Interior official and subsequently as a CPR employee, William Pearce actively followed the progress of other rail companies in western Canada. He produced correspondence, memoranda and statistical studies dealing with general rail conditions, routes and traffic possibilities on the prairies. He also focussed on particular topics such as the Hudson's Bay Railway proposition, government investment in railroads and rail traffic prospects in northwestern Alberta.

CPR: As an employee of the CPR from 1904 until the last years of his life, William Pearce exerted a tremendous impact upon the policies and progress of that company. His influence was particularly evident in the fields of irrigation and natural resource development.

Pearce's early work with the CPR involved the development of the company's Irrigation Block east of Calgary. Based on his surveying background and his widespread knowledge of conditions in the west, he was also asked to research and make recommendations regarding land acquisition and use, branch line routes and construction, and townsite development on other CPR lands.

Following the assignment to the Department of Natural Resources, Pearce undertook to investigate the viability of specific schemes of resource development, including coal mining and processing in Alberta and British Columbia, lumbering in the mountains, and fruit growing in British Columbia. As in previous years, his advice continued to be solicited in decisions relating to branch line development.

In his later years with the CPR, Pearce served as Chief Statistician. In this capacity, he continued to provide the company with statistical data and other evidence required to determine future development priorities.

Roads: Through his involvement in the creation and promotion of national parks in the west, Pearce developed an interest in the establishment and improvement of roads in Alberta. On the premise that automobile travel would become an increasingly popular form of tourist transportation, Pearce strongly promoted the formation of a network of scenic routes through the Rocky Mountains. He also encouraged the improvement of highways and secondary road systems in other regions of the province.



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Pearce was among the key figures responsible for the plan to reserve national parks in the Rocky Mountains in the 1880's. He was also instrumental in drafting regulations governing activities in the parks. In later years, he was active in efforts to publicize the parks and to prevent reductions in the size of Banff park. Water storage in the parks was an issue of further concern to him. For further information pertaining to water power and to roads in the parks, the researcher should refer to the series on water power and transportation, respectively.

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A keen student of political and economic affairs in Canada, Pearce followed, and occasionally contributed to, the proceedings of national commissions. He served as a commissioner on both the Railway Rates Commission of 1894-1895 and the Economic and Development Commission of 1916. In conjunction with his work for the Economic and Development Commission, Pearce prepared detailed reports and statistical studies of western population, settlement, resources and railways.

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From the outset of his domicile in Calgary in 1887, Pearce dedicated himself to the advancement of the residential and commercial development of that centre. While he was prevented from seeking political office during his careers with the federal government and the CPR, he succeeded in shaping community affairs to a substantial extent as an individual and as a member of civic commissions and associations. A strong advocate of fiscal responsibility in municipal affairs, Pearce was critical of the spending priorities of successive civic administrations. As a proponent of long-term planning and parks development, he was instrumental in the creation of the St. George's Island and Mewata parks. He also served on civic commissions designed to consider Calgary's future needs.

In the area of health care, Pearce was responsible for the reservation of land for the Calgary General Hospital as early as 1891. In the field of education, he was active in the establishment of St. Hilda's School and Western Canada College.

Through his membership in the Calgary Board of Trade, Pearce also worked to further the business and industrial interests of Calgary. In a special project carried out for the Board, he compared a number of aspects of the civic development of Edmonton and Calgary in order to demonstrate the superiority of the southern city.

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