

Preliminary inventory from  
W.E. Atkins' identification of  
Champion photographs.  
Requires further arrangement and  
grouping of duplicates, measurement  
and counting of negatives.

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Descriptive Inventory of Photographs

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Inventory Existing  
Number Number

Title: L.R. Champion Collection

Description:

*All photographs are unique prints.*

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| 1  | CF-AXQ Canadian Pacific Airlines plane   |
| 2  | CF-CPS at Athabasca - Bitumount  |
| 3  | CF-CPS landing at Athabaska Bitumount in summer  |
| 4  | CF-CPS at Bitumount  |
| 5  | CF-AXQ Canadian Pacific Airlines plane at Athabasca below International Bitumen Company Camp |
| 6  | Pouring foundation at Separator Plant in summer 1946   |
| 7  | Winter 1945 - 1946   |
| 8  | Moving a tractor overland in winter 1945-46  |
| 9  | Looking at the tar sands deposit   |
| 10 | East Bitumount Summer 1945   |
| 11 | Taking a tractor into Bitumount, overland in the winter of 1945 - 46.                        |
| 12 | H.B. paddle wheel, probably S.S. Echo unloading equipment at I.B.C.                          |
| 13 | L.R. Champion and R.C. Fitzsimmons at I.B.C. among stacks of oil drums                       |
| 14 | Fort McMurray. Neilson standing by the wagon - centre front (wearing a baseball cap)         |
| 15 | Tank building - oil sands project 1946   |

- 16 An employee at the oil sands project (unnamed) in the winter
- 17 R. Fitzsimmons at the I.B.C. Refinery looking at flow from a valve
- 18 Construction of the Separation Plant at the oil sands project 1947
- 19 Unloading a bulldozer from a barge at Bitumont
- 20 Kear Luft standing near refinery fuel tanks and storage at the oil sands project
- 21 (L to R) L. Champion, R. Fitzsimmons, L. Maynard
- 22 Oil Sands Project - beginning of construction of separator plant level
- 23 Looking north over the I.B.C. Camp and plant
- 24 Entering the tailings dump - 1949
- 25 At the tailings dump
- 26 Excavation at the Separation Plant site 1946
- 27 At the Separation Plant site - frames for the foundation - 1948
- 28 Late development of the oil sands project in 1946. (L to R) Dining Hall, Ice House, Machine Shop and Garage
- 29 Another view of the machine shop and dining hall. Loading a truck by crane
- 30 Supports for the oil sands project storage bins
- 31 Excavating for the foundation of the Separator Plant summer 1946
- 32 Loading directly from the excavation of the Separator Plant

- 33 Oil sands - photo of the side of the excavation
- 34 International Bitumen Company - flow of thick tar sands oil from a pipe
- 35 Duplicate photo of number 29
- 36 Dragline I.B.C. pit. - probably Oil Sands Ltd. at this time.
- 37 Dragline bucket in I.B.C. pit.
- 38 Excavating for Separator Plant foundation in summer 1946
- 39 Tailings Dump 1947
- 40 Back at Bitumount 1945
- 41 Site preparation 1946
- 42 Separator Plant Foundation
- 43 Preparing forms for Separator Plant foundations 1946-47
- 44 Refinery foundations in the foreground in 1947. Storage bins in the back.
- 45 Foundations for the Separator Plant 1946
- 46 Foundations for the office and laboratory 1946
- 47 Framework for the Separator Plant winter of 1946-47
- 48 Duplicate photo of no. 48
- 49 Steel plate for building storage tanks Bitumount 1946-47
- 50 Foundations for the powerhouse
- 51 Loading boiler tube bundles at McMurray rail siding
- 52 At rail siding at McMurray, boiler tube bundles enroute to barges in stages
- 53 Boiler tube bundles enroute to barges in

- stages
- 54 Placing tube bundles in the power house  
Bitumont 1947
  - 55 Boiler tube bundles being loaded at  
McMurray
  - 56 Boiler tube bundles being loaded at  
McMurray
  - 57 Duplicate photo of no. 57
  - 58 Boiler tube bundles being unloaded at  
McMurray
  - 59 Machine Shop 1946
  - 60 Foundation for the power house
  - 61 Erecting the power house steel 1947
  - 62 Loading boiler tube bundles 1947
  - 63 Unloading boiler stacks at McMurray 1947
  - 64 Pipe yard oil sands project 1946-1947
  - 65 Crane at the oil sands project lifting  
pipe - 1946
  - 66 Foundations for the refinery 1946
  - 67 Photo of the site showing L to R:  
Sawmill, Power house and Machine Shop
  - 68 Building of the Machine Shop 1946
  - 69 Garage under construction, winter of  
1945-46
  - 70 Garage at the oil sands project 1946
  - 71 Separator Plant equipment being erected  
1947
  - 72 Power house under construction - frame  
and boiler tubing 1947
  - 73 Power house under construction 1947

- 74 Construction of the separation plant  
1946-47 site
- 75 Oil sands site 1943 or 1944
- 76 Oil sands project - staff cottages
- 77 Hudson's Bay Co. steamer on the river  
opposite Bitumount
- 78 Photo depicting a horse-drawn winter sled  
with pipe for a chimney
- 79 International Bitumen Company camp
- 80 International Bitumen Company cookhouse
- 81 Storage bin during construction
- 82 Unloading tanks at Bitumount 1943 or 1944
- 83 Oil Sands Ltd. 1944
- 84 I.B.C. 1944 - probably Oil Sands Ltd.
- 85 I.B.C. bunkhouse constructed of logs
- 86 I.B.C. site
- 87 Completed storage site with tanks 1946
- 88 Erecting storage tanks 1946 metal sheets  
and part of tank already in place
- 89 Winter scene - broken-down machinery  
(cat)
- 90 Staff cottages under construction
- 91 Access road to reach the oil sands  
project
- 92 Erecting tanks at Bitumount
- 93 Erecting tanks at Bitumount
- 94 Dining Hall under construction
- 95 Refinery site. On the left is the  
pumphouse and on the right are the

- stacks with heaters in the forefront
- 96 I.B.C. site
- 97 I.B.C. Plant
- 98 Sawmill - Oil Sands Project 1944 - 1945
- 99 Winter scene depicting a broken down piece  
of machinery (cat)
- 100 Quonset huts at Bitumount
- 101 Sawmill 1945
- 102 Winter 1947 - Separator Plant
- 103 Office and Lab during construction 1945
- 104 Bunkhouse
- 105 Camp under construction 1945 on the left  
is the dining hall and on the right  
bunkhouse
- 106 Winter 1947 - the Bunkhouse and Lab
- 107 Oil Sands Camp 1946 (L to R) - Warehouse,  
Office and Lab, Bunkhouse, Dining Hall,  
Staff Cottages
- 108 I.B.C. Plant
- 109 Duplicate photo of no. 108 - I.B.C.
- 110 (L to R) L.R.Champion, R.C.Fitzsimmons,  
L.Maynard looking at oil sand deposit
- 111 Separator Plant under construction  
1946-47
- 112 Separator Plant construction
- 113 (L to R) R.C.Fitzsimmons and L. Champion  
looking at oil sands