

**P108 Socialist Party of Canada, Local 33 fonds
1911-1927
1.6 cm of textual records**

Administrative history: The Socialist Party of Canada, Local 33, was organized on Feb. 19, 1909(?). The Local, active in Gowganda, had eight subscribing members at the time.

“The first socialist Party of Canada was founded in 1905 and although sometimes unsound in its policies, was the home of some sound socialists. Several members of the old party went on to found the present Socialist Party of Canada, on a sound theoretical basis, in June 1931, adopting the following Object: The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of society as a whole...”¹

Custodial history: The book of minutes was donated by Gib Gilchrist who received it from the USWA, Local 6500. It was found in the Gowganda building, previously known as the Miners’ Hall and later as the Gowganda Mine Workers’ Club. This building was subsequently owned by the Steelworkers.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of a minute-book of the regular meetings of the Gowganda, Local 33, of the Socialist Party of Canada recorded between February 1911 and June 1927. There are no minutes recorded between February 1914 and June 1927. The first recorded meeting states: “*Gowganda Local*33 of Socialist Party of Canada held an organization meeting in the Miners’ Union hall on February 19, 1909 when the following business was transacted*”. The document, however, is dated Feb. 19, 1911.

Note: Availability: A photocopy is available.

: Restrictions on access: Due to the fragile state of the original document, only the copy of the original is accessible.

¹ Socialist Party of Canada. Socialist Party of Canada Web site [online]. www.worldsocialism.org/canada/spchdr.htm. consulted Jan7, 2002.