

## **Introduction**

Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited was founded in 1904 for the purpose of manufacturing and selling Ford automobiles in Canada and the British Empire. The Ford Motor Company in Detroit transferred the patent and selling rights to the Walkerville Wagon Company in order to avoid the tariff rates for non-British Empire countries. The Company, originally known as the Walkerville Wagon Works, was located in Walkerville, Ontario (now incorporated within Windsor, Ontario). Company President Gordon McGregor convinced a group of investors to invest in Henry Ford's new automobile, which was being produced across the river in Detroit.

On August 17, 1904, the Ford Motor Company was founded in Walkerville, Ontario. The Company had gained all Ford patent rights and selling privileges to all parts of the British Empire, except Great Britain and Ireland. The Model C, the first car to be produced in Canada, rolled out of the factory in late September, 1904. In its first full year of production, the Company was produced 117 automobiles. The Company's first export sales were to Calcutta, India. The Company continued to grow and prosper and is still an important manufacturing enterprise in Windsor, as well as the rest of the country.

With the growth in car sales after World War II, Ford of Canada moved its head office and build a new assembly plant in Oakville, Ontario. The Oakville assembly plant opened in 1953. In order to meet ever increasing demand, the Company opened an assembly plant in Talbotville, Ontario, in 1967.

The Ford of Canada papers are a rich resource for research into the founding of Canada's automotive identity and a valuable source of historic information for local, legal, and business historians, as well as those with a general interest in automobiles. The records were stored in the assembly plant of the Company in Windsor, Ontario, and transferred to the University of Windsor Archives in 1997. The collection was organized with respect to provenance and maintains the original filing structure.

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11	1	Letters Patent, Canada, no. 487598. Expendable Dies, 28 October 1952 -- Original Letters Patent and drawings, including detailed descriptions of the patents, correspondence, power of attorney, petitions, assignments and oaths of the inventor
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14	1	Information re: Letters Patent, India, application. Exhaust Turbo Supercharger, May-June 1942
15	1	Letters Patent, India, No.29145. Improvements in lamps, 29 October 1942
16	1	Letters Patent, India, no. 29282. Improvements in and Relating to Vibration Damping Means for Rotary Elements of Shafts and to an Inertia Body or Flywheel Construction for Use therein, 9 January 1943
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33	1	Letters Patent, India, no. 30783. Improvement in Tires, 21 April 1944
34	1	Letters Patent, India, no. 30784. Improvement in Clutch and Throttle Control Mechanism for Internal Combustion Engines, particularly for Motor Vehicles, 21 April 1944
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58	3	Expense Accounts, 1898 -- contains the expenses of the Walkerville Wagon Company
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76	6	Permanent Inventory of Machine Tools, 4 July 1921-14 October 1938 -- a listing of all machine tools ordered by the Ford Motor Company of Canada. The list includes a description of the tools, when they were ordered, value, quantity and when the tools were received at the plant.
77	8	Monthly Statement Ledger for all Branches, August 1917-July 1918 -- contains the monthly statements for all of the Ford Motor Company's Canadian branch operations. Contained within the statements are the sales, assets, liabilities, expenses and number of automobiles sold for each branch. The branches were located in the following cities: Toronto, Winnipeg, Hamilton (existed until July 1917), Montreal, Vancouver, London, Calgary, Saskatoon (existed until November 1919), Regina (in operation December 1919) and St. John
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84	12	Parts Ledger, 1907 -- contains a description of various automotive parts and an inventory of parts. This includes a listing of automobile sales for the Model N and K
85	12	Cash Received Transfer Ledger, 1 March 1916-31 December 1926 -- cash received from various customers, including amount paid, make and date of purchase
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90	16	Patent, Canada, No. 145583. Spring Suspension, 19 September 1919
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92	16	Patent, Canada, No. 140918. Transmission Mechanism, 19 September 1919
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