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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
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<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1902-1928 (bulk)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	79.5 linear feet (ledgers)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.25 cubic feet (boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Records from 40 small electric companies established in Maine in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The companies subsequently were acquired by Central Maine Power Company between 1910 and 1965.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The collection contains records from 40 small electric companies established in Maine in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The companies subsequently were acquired by Central Maine Power Company between 1910 and 1965.

These records reflect the nature of the early electric power business in Maine. Maine's rivers, with their changes in altitude between their source and sea level, led to the early development of hydroelectric power in the state. By the 1890s, many communities had a small gas or electric company, often begun to furnish power for a few hours a day for street lighting. The companies were mostly locally owned, and each served only a few communities at best. Power transmission was limited to short distances by the use

of direct-current technology. In a rural state like Maine, residential accounts were the last sought by these electric companies, they concentrated on street lighting, electric trolleys, and businesses until about 1910.

Central Maine Power Company (CMP) was founded in 1899 when Harvey D. Eaton, an attorney from Waterville, Maine, and Walter S. Wyman, an engineer, bought the Oakland Electric Company. This company, organized in 1887, owned a hydroelectric generator which provided street lighting and electricity to the community of Oakland, Maine.

Eaton and Wyman recognized early on the potential for generating electricity that Maine's rivers provided. Around 1901 they offered a contract to the city of Waterville for street lighting using the name Messalonskee Electric Company, the company was chartered by the Maine legislature in 1905. During this time the partners issued bonds and stocks to raise capital to purchase other small companies and to build new power plants. The company's name was changed to Central Maine Power Company in 1910, and in 1912 its main office moved from Waterville to Augusta. The company continued to acquire small hydroelectric companies and to develop new sites to supply hydropower. Between 1910 and 1917, CMP bought electric companies in Bingham, Dexter, Skowhegan, Vassalboro, Clinton, Corinna, Richmond and Waterville. Power plants were operating at Dennistown, Fairfield, Oakland, Belfast and Limerick. By 1919 CMP was serving over 21,000 customers.

In an effort to gain new financing, CMP in the 1920s sold its stock to Samuel Insull's Middle West Utilities holding company. Harvey Eaton also resigned as CMP president in January, 1924. By August, 1925, CMP's board of directors included three Insull appointees, with Wyman and other CMP members in the remaining seats. CMP became part of the holding-company structure and was owned by New England Public Service Company. In return, the Insull company gave cash for CMP stock which could be used for further growth. With this money CMP was able to build two hydroelectric plants: the Gulf Island plant in Lewiston and the William S. Wyman station in Bingham and Moscow, plus a storage reservoir on the Moose River.

The Insull holding company collapsed in the early 1930s and Wyman was forced to buy CMP stock from the Insull creditors, returning CMP control to local hands. Throughout these financial difficulties and those of the Great Depression, construction continued, with the hydroelectric plant at Solon, Maine, beginning operations in 1939, and construction beginning in 1940 on Mason Station, a steam plant in Wiscasset.

Walter Wyman died on November 15, 1942. CMP vice-president William B. Skelton succeeded him as president. A merger with the Cumberland County Power and Light Company late in 1942 made CMP the largest electric utility operating in northern New England.

The 1950s through the 1990s saw many changes in CMP operations. The company entered the nuclear power industry in 1954 when it joined with 11 other utility companies to form Yankee Atomic Electric Company, which built a nuclear plant in Rowe, Massachusetts. It also contributed to the cost of plants in Connecticut and Vermont and in the Maine Yankee Plant in Wiscasset, Maine. Financial problems, controversy and lack of public support for nuclear facilities eventually led CMP to withdraw from nuclear power projects, and in 1997 the decision was made to close Maine Yankee and begin its decommissioning process.

The 1990s also brought about a re-structuring of the electric power industry. In 1997 the Maine legislature passed "An Act to Restructure the State's Electric Industry," whereby customers would be

able to choose their electricity suppliers as of March 1, 2000. Utilities would no longer supply energy and were required to sell their non-nuclear generating assets. They were responsible only for operating, maintaining and repairing sub-stations and power lines.

The CMP Group holding company was created in 1998. In 1999 Florida-based FPL Energy bought 31 hydroelectric plants, three oil-fired plants, and one wood-fired plant from CMP. CMP thus left the electricity generation business and became responsible only for operating and maintaining the transmission and distribution system. In August, 2000 CMP Group merged with New York-based Energy East Corporation. In over 100 years of operation the company had grown tremendously, now delivering over 9 billion kilowatt hours of electricity to 570,000 customers in an 11,000 square mile area in central and southern Maine.

The researcher interested in the history of CMP may also want to consult the book, *The Light from the River: Central Maine Power's First Century of Service*, published to mark the company's centennial in 1999.

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## Scope and Contents of the Records

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The records of 40 small electric power companies later acquired by Central Maine Power Company make up this collection.

Each company forms its own record group within the collection, and companies are listed in the order in which they were acquired by CMP. Records of only a few companies date after their acquisition by Central Maine Power. The earliest acquisition, of the Sebasticook Water Power Company, took place in 1911, the latest, of the Casco Bay Light and Power Company, took place in 1965.

Most companies have only a few volumes of records, reflecting their short existence before being acquired by CMP. The Kennebec Light and Heat Company, Androscoggin Electric Company, Cumberland County Power and Light Company, and Rumford Light Company have more extensive holdings.

Records for each company are primarily financial and include cashbooks, daybooks, voucher registers, journals, and ledgers. Payroll records, purchasing records, and operating journals are included for a few companies. Some companies have ledgers and balance sheets that reflect their finances and activities at the time of their mergers with CMP.

Information for each company, including a brief history and list of contents, follows. Each company also has a separate record in URSUS, the Library's on-line catalog, therefore its assigned manuscript number is included in its description. In addition, the ledger number used as a location identifier has been added to each description.

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## Conservation Note

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Electric utilities



- United States -- Maine
- Winslow (Me.)
- Financial records
- Cashbooks
- Daybooks
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Sales records

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## Collection Inventory

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### Sebasticook Water Power Company (MS 457, Ledgers Se21)

#### Historical Note

The company was acquired by CMP in 1911.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, Dec., 1902-Sept., 1911 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Journal, Feb., 1905-Oct., 1911 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Ledgers, Feb., 1905-Oct., 1911 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	

### Kennebec Light and Heat Company (MS 272, Ledgers K37)

#### Historical Note

Located in Augusta, the company was incorporated in 1887 by Chapter 29 of the Private Laws of Maine. Its purpose was to manufacture gas and electricity for supplying light, heat and power to the city of Hallowell, Maine. George F. West, Daniel A. Cony and W.E. Maxcy were the original corporators. The act also authorized the newly-formed company to purchase the franchise, property, etc., of the Augusta Gas Light Company and the Gardiner Gas Light Company and to supply the communities of Augusta, Gardiner, Farmingdale, and Pittston. The company was acquired by CMP in 1911.

Title/Description	Instances
Letter books of outgoing correspondence of W.H. Williams, superintendent, 1899-1906 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 Volumes	
Cashbooks, 1887-1911 <u>Physical Description:</u> 17 Volumes	
Trial balances, 1911	
Journals, 1888-1905	

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Ledgers, 1887-1911

Physical Description: 8 Volumes

Purchase records, 1910-1911

New services laid, 1910

## Fort Halifax Power Company (Ledger B513)

### Historical Note

CMP founders Eaton and Wyman bought land along the Sebasticook River in Winslow, Maine, and in 1907 built the Fort Halifax power plant there. In 1908 it began providing power to the Waterville, Augusta, and Lewiston interurban railway.

Title/Description	Instances
Combined cashbook and journal: accounts payable and receivable, 1909-1911	

## Bingham Electric Company (MS 53, Ledger B513)

### Historical Note

This company was incorporated as the Bingham Electrical Company in 1907 by Chapter 105 of the Laws of Maine. It was authorized to make, sell, and supply electricity to the communities of Bingham, Moscow, and Concord and Pleasant Ridge Plantation. The company was acquired by CMP in 1911.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, 1909-1911	

## Skowhegan Electric Light Company (MS 467, Ledgers Sk59)

### Historical Note

The first incandescent lighting in Skowhegan was made possible by installing a generator in a local pulp mill in 1886. The Skowhegan Electric Light Company purchased this generator in 1887 and increased capacity. In 1889 it took over the operation of its competitor, the Union Electric and Power Company. In 1897 the company bought a water privilege and moved its generators to that site. The company was acquired by CMP in 1911, CMP continued to acquire water rights and completed construction of a dam and power station, Weston Station, in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbooks, 1888-1911 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 Volumes	
Journals, 1888-1911 <u>Physical Description</u> : 11 Volumes	
Ledgers, 1888-1911 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 Volumes	
Invoices to company, 1887/1888	

Physical Description: 1 volume

## Fairfield Junction Mills and Water Power Company (MS 172, Ledgers F161)

### Historical Note

The company was incorporated in 1854 by Chapter 340 of the Acts of Maine, approved on April 14, 1854. The incorporators were William Connor, Ezra Totman, Nahum Totman, Oliver Bragdon, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Henry C. Newhall, Samuel Judkins, and John Bradbury. Its purpose was to keep in repair and rebuild the dams at Kendall's Mills on the Kennebec River in the town of Fairfield. It was also to regulate the water from the river used for manufacturing. The company's office was in Waterville and it was acquired by CMP in 1911.

Title/Description	Instances
Combined journal and cashbook, 1899-1904	
Journal, 1901-1951	
Ledger, 1901-1951	

## Penobscot Bay Electric Company (MS 397, Ledgers P386a)

### Historical Note

This company was incorporated in 1907 by Chapter 156 of the Acts of Maine. Albert H. Shaw of Bath, William M. Shaw of Greenville, and Melville H. Blackwell of Brunswick were the original incorporators. Based in Orland, the company was authorized to supply electricity to Bucksport, Orland, Penobscot, Castine, Blue Hill, Winterport, Frankfort, Prospect, Stockton Springs, and Verona. In 1909, Penobscot purchased Belfast Light and Power Company, which had begun generating electricity in 1888. The company was absorbed by CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbooks, 1909-1921	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Volumes	
Journals, 1916-1920	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Ledgers, 1907-1920	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Volumes	
Voucher record-journal, 1908-1916	

## Dover and Foxcroft Light and Heat Company (MS 145, Ledgers D751)

### Historical Note

The company was incorporated by Chapter 25 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887. E.A. Thompson, J.B. Mayo, Willis E. Parsons, John F. Arnold, E.S. Favor, Joseph B. Peaks, J.A. Lander, H.M. Heath, Weston Lewis and J.S. Maxcy were the original incorporators. The company was authorized to supply electricity to the towns of Dover and Foxcroft and those towns were authorized to enter into a contract with the company to supply street lighting. The company became part of Greenville Light and Power Company in 1914. Greenville became part of Penobscot Bay Electric Co. in 1915, Penobscot became part of CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
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Ledgers, 1895-1916

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Invoice books, 1895-1916

Physical Description: 8 Volumes

## Bath Gas and Electric Company (MS 40, Ledgers B321)

### Historical Note

The Bath Electric Light and Power Company was organized in 1887 and entered into a contract with the city of Bath shortly thereafter to supply lighting for a number of street lights. F.A. Sawyer was president of the company and Fritz H. Twitchell was treasurer. In 1890 it acquired the property of the Bath Gas Light Company and was reorganized as Bath Gas and Electric Company. Bath Gas and Electric became part of Sagadahoc Light and Power Company in 1900. This company became part of Bath and Brunswick Light and Power Company in 1910. Bath and Brunswick became part of CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Cash receipts, Bath Gas properties, 1894-1898	
Journal, 1890-1898	

## Hartland Electric Light and Power Company (MS 227, Ledgers H255)

### Historical Note

The company was acquired by CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Journal, maintenance account, 1911-1915	
Journals, 1916-1920	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Ledger, 1916-1920	
Journal and voucher register (CMP), 1920	

## Newport Light and Power Company (MS 363, Ledgers N472)

### Historical Note

Organized sometime before 1903 and located in Newport, Maine, the company was authorized to sell gas and electricity in the towns of Newport, Plymouth, Detroit, and Palmyra. This company was acquired by CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, Oct.1916-Jan.1921	
Journal, Oct.1916-Dec.1920	
Ledger, 1916-1920	

Sub-ledger, July 1917 - December 1920, voucher register,  
 July 1917 - December 1919, operating journal, 1920,  
 1917-07-1920-12, 1917-07-1919-12, 1920

Purchase ledger, 1912-1923

## Union Electric Power Company (MS 594, Ledgers Un3)

### Historical Note

The company, located in Lewiston, Maine, was acquired by CMP in 1920.

## Records of Union Electric Company

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, 1910-1925	
Journal, 1910-1924	
Ledger, 1910-1924	
Records of Union Light and Power Company	
Cash - A (Cashbook), Mar. 1916- Jan. 1921	
Journal, Nov. 1915- Dec. 1920	
Ledger, Nov. 1915- Dec. 1920	
Journal and voucher register (CMP), 1920	

## Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company (MS 610, Ledgers W147)

### Historical Note

This company was incorporated by Chapter 590 of the 1893 Private and Special Laws of Maine. George Bliss, Edwin O. Clark, Lincoln L. Kennedy, Hiram Bliss, Levitt Storer, George W. Young, Theodore S. Brown, A.R.G. Smith, A.R. Nickerson, and T.F. Turner were the original corporators. The company was authorized to furnish both water and electric light to the village of Waldoboro. After acquiring a former flour mill and its privilege, the company put in a new turbine water wheel and starting supplying electricity for lights in the village in 1902. The company was acquired by CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Cash-B [Cashbook], 1916-1920	
Journals, 1893-1906,, Nov. 1915-Dec.1920 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Ledgers, 1901-1906,, Nov. 1915-Dec.1920 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Journal and voucher register, 1920	

**Wiscasset Light and Power Company (MS 635, Ledgers W752)****Historical Note**

The company was incorporated by Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1911, approved March 22, 1911. The original incorporators were E. Fred Albee, H.W. Hawes, Charles L. Macurda, Enoch Leathers, C.E. Emerson, E.S. Perkins, A.W. Kierstead, W.G. Hubbard and A.H. Dodge. The company was authorized to supply electricity to the town of Wiscasset and also to buy electricity from the Portland Power and Development Company, located in Damariscotta Mills. Wiscasset Light and Power Company was acquired by CMP in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook [for Wiscasset Electric Company], April 1912-1916	
Cashbook, 1916-1920	
Journal, 1916-1920	
Ledger, 1916-1920	
Operating journal, 1920	

**Knox County Electric Company (MS 282, Ledgers K77)****Historical Note**

This company was chartered by Chapter 193 of the Acts of 1891 as the Rockland, Thomaston and Camden Street Railway. Its name was changed to the Knox County Electric Company sometime around 1919. The company was acquired by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Journal and voucher register, 1920	
Sub-ledger, 1920-1921	
Payroll, 1920	

**Readfield Light and Power Company (MS 427, Ledgers R221)****Historical Note**

The company, located in Readfield, Maine, was authorized by Chapter 173 of the Acts of 1911 to supply gas and electricity to the communities of Readfield, Mount Vernon and Vienna, and to supply water to Readfield and Mount Vernon. The company was acquired by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbooks, 1910-1915,, Dec.1919-1921	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Trial balances, 1915-1918	
Journal, 1919-1920	
Ledgers, 1910-1915,, 1915-1921	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	

Operating journal, July 1915-Dec.1918

## Winthrop and Wayne Light and Power Company (MS 634, Ledgers W737)

### Historical Note

The company was acquired by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Cash receipts, 1917-1919,, 1919-1920 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Cash disbursements, 1916-1920	
Cashbook, July 1920-Aug.1921	
Voucher register, June 1915- June 1920 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Journal, Dec.1915-Dec. 1920, 1919-1920 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Ledger, 1917-1919	
Operating journal, 1921	

## Oxford Electric Company (MS 380, Ledgers Ox2)

### Historical Note

Originally formed as the Norway and Paris Street Railway, the company also purchased property and rights to supply electric power to the towns of Norway, Paris, and Mechanic Falls. The company had two divisions, the Mechanic Falls Division and the Norway and Paris Division. It stopped service on its street railway in 1918 and was absorbed by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbooks and Cash disbursed, 1915-1919 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Cash receipts, Norway, 1916-1919	
Cashbook, 1920-1921	
Trial balances, 1915-1920	
Accounts payable register, 1916-1919	
Distribution ledgers, 1916-1921 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 Volumes	
Voucher register, 1916-1920	
Ledgers, 1915-1921 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	

Operating Journal (CMP), 1920/1921

**Mechanic Falls Electric Light Company (MS 337, Ledgers M464)****Historical Note**

This company, originally called Mechanic Falls Water and Electric Light and Power Company, was incorporated by Chapter 511 of the Acts of 1889. The original incorporators were Josiah A. Bucknam, E. Adron Gammon, J. Judson Bucknam, William H. Whitcomb, Henry M. Beane and F.O. Purington. Located in Minot, it was to furnish water and electricity to the towns of Minot and Poland. Chapter 88 of the Acts of 1899 changed the place of business of the company to Mechanic Falls and its business was extended to the towns of Minot, Poland, and Mechanic Falls. It later became Mechanic Falls Electric Light Company and became a division of Oxford Electric Company in 1916. Oxford was acquired by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, Nov. 1905-Jan.1915	
Trial Balances, 1907-1915	
Ledgers, May 1898-June 1916	

**Yarmouth Electric Company (MS 641, Ledgers Ya2)****Historical Note**

The company was acquired by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, April-Aug. 1921	
Ledger, April -July 1921	
Operating journal, May 1921-July 1921	

**Maine Power Corporation (MS 319, Ledgers M284p)****Historical Note**

The company was formed sometime before 1920 to do business in the town of Lisbon. It was acquired by CMP in 1921.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, July 1920-July 1921	
Journal, April -Dec. 1920	
Ledger, April 1920-July 1921	
Operating journal, July 1920-July 1921	

**Robinson Land Company (MS 438, Ledgers R561L)**



**Historical Note**

This company was formed by Harvey Eaton and William Wyman to acquire property in Bingham and Moscow for future hydroelectric development. The company was acquired by CMP in 1921.

**Title/Description****Instances**

Cashbook and journal, May 1910-Dec. 1917

Ledger, May 1910-Dec. 1917

Cashbook, 1918-1921

Journal, 1918-1921

Ledger, 1918-1921

**Western Maine Power Company (MS 623, Ledgers W524)****Historical Note**

Western Maine Power Company, called the Limerick Water and Electric Company until 1916, became part of CMP in 1927.

**Limerick office**

Language of the Material: English.

**Title/Description****Instances**

Stock certificate ledger, 1925-1926

Temporary receipts, bond, 1919

Bills payable [information re notes of company], 1924-1926

Statement record [profit and loss statements], 1924-1926

Distribution record, 1923-1927

Plant ledger, 1917-1926

Sub-ledger, 1926

General ledger transfer cards, 1917-1922,, 1923- June 1926

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Cash trans. cards, vo. register trans. cards, Dec. 1925-June 1926

Cashbook, July 1926- Dec.1927

Journal, July 1925- June 1926

Ledger A, June 1926-Dec.1927

Limerick Water and Electric Co., Western Maine Power Co.:  
Payroll distribution, Mar. 1916-May 1921

Payroll, 1923-1926

Operating journal and voucher register (CMP), 1926-1927

## Bridgton office

Language of the Material: English.

Title/Description	Instances
General records: cash, vouchers, journal, payroll, 1922-1926	
General ledger, 1923-1926	

## Limerick Water and Electric Company (MS 297, Ledgers L629)

### Historical Note

The company was incorporated by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 1907, approved March 6, 1907. Original incorporators were John F. Moore, Charles G. Moulton, Charles H. Adams, Ira H. Moore, Ralph Clark and J. Merrill Lord. The company was authorized to furnish water and electricity or gas in the towns of Limerick, Newfield and Waterboro. The company constructed a dam and hydroelectric power station at a point known as Ledgemere on the Little Ossipee River between Limerick and Waterboro. The company became the Western Maine Power Company in 1916, this company was absorbed by CMP in 1927.

Title/Description	Instances
Stock ledger, 1917-1916	
Cashbook, 1907-1917	
Trial balance book, 1909-1916	
Journal, 1909-1916	
Ledger, 1907-1915	
Construction journal, 1907-1914	
Operating journal, 1909-1914	
Distribution ledger, 1915	
Voucher record, general ledger, 1915-1917	
Bills payable (Western Maine Power Co.), 1908-1917, 1917-1924	
Check and deposit register, 1907-1910	

## Hiram Water, Light, and Power Company (MS 247, Ledgers H614)

### Historical Note

The company, located in Limerick, Maine, was incorporated by Chapter 184 of the Acts of 1909, approved March 16, 1909. The original incorporators were E.W. Bosworth, Charles E. Wilson, Albert F. Berry, L.E. Kendall, and J. Merrill Lord. Its purpose was to furnish water and make, generate, and supply gas or electricity or both in the towns of Hiram and Baldwin. It was consolidated with the Western Maine Power Company in 1917. Western Maine Power became part of CMP in 1927.

Title/Description	Instances
Journal and voucher record, 1915-1917	

Ledger, 1915-1917

**Bridgton Water and Electric Company (MS 71, Ledgers 764)****Historical Note**

The Bridgton Water Company was incorporated by Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1901. Winford M. Staples, Albion H. Burnham, Fred C. Knight, C.E. Gleason, and W.L. Haskell of Bridgton, and E.E. Goodwin, Willis E. Sanborn and Charles A. Bodwell of Sanford were the original incorporators. The company was authorized to supply water to the residents of Bridgton. The charter of the company was amended by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1902 to authorize the company to acquire the property of the Bridgton and Harrison Electric Company and to change its name to the Bridgton Water and Electric Company. The company was sold to the Western Maine Power Company in 1923, Western Maine became part of CMP in 1927.

Title/Description	Instances
Ledgers, 1901-1923	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2vols.	

**Fryeburg Electric Light Company (MS 193, Ledgers F897)****Historical Note**

The organization of this company was ratified and confirmed by Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1903, approved March 17, 1903. This act gave the company permission to sell gas and electricity within the town of Fryeburg provided it purchased the already existing electrical plant operating within the town. The company was acquired by CMP in 1927.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbooks, 1914-1927	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 Volumes	
Voucher register, 1914-1927	
Journal, 1914-1926	
Ledgers, 1903-1927	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Volumes	
Revenue reports, 1927	
sub-ledger, 1926-1927, 1926	

**Black Stream Electric Company (MS 56, Ledgers B5615)****Historical Note**

The company was authorized by the Maine General Laws to generate and distribute electricity and gas and to distribute water in the towns of Carmel, Hermon, Etna and Levant. It was absorbed by CMP in 1927.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbook, 1922-1927	
Journal, 1920-1926	

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 Ledger, 1922-1927
 

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 trial balances, 1926-1927
 

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## Androscoggin Electric Company (MS 644, Ledgers An29)

### Historical Note

The company was incorporated by Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1913, approved March 25, 1913. Original incorporators were Winfield S. Libbey, Henry M. Dingley, Harold S. Libbey and J.E. Parkhurst of Lewiston, and John A. Morrill of Auburn. With its principal office in Lewiston, the company was authorized to manufacture and sell electricity in Androscoggin County and also was authorized to acquire the Mechanic Falls Electric Light Company and the Portland, Gray and Lewiston Railroad Company. This electric trolley line operated between Lewiston and Portland from 1914 until 1933 when CMP left the inter-urban trolley business. In 1914 the company also acquired the Lewiston and Auburn Electric Light Co. and in 1935 acquired Livermore Falls Light and Power Co. and Turner Light and Power Co. CMP purchased Androscoggin Electric in 1920.

Title/Description	Instances
Stock journal, stock ledger, 1914-1920 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Cash received book no.2-6, 1915-1925 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 Volumes	
Cash received railway book no. 10-11, 1915-1925 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Cashbook A and B, 1921-1925 <u>Physical Description:</u> 5 Volumes	
Cashbook, Androscoggin Electric Corp., 1920-1935	
Cash receipts, Androscoggin Electric Corp., 1935 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Voucher register, cash disbursements, etc., 1913-1921 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Cash disbursements, Androscoggin Electric Corp., 1935 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Voucher register, 1915-1920	
Journal and voucher register, Androscoggin Electric Corp., 1935	
Journal and ledger, Androscoggin Electric Corp., 1920-1935 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Operating accounts sub-ledger, 1918-1919 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	
Fixed capital sub-ledger, 1915-1919	
Transfer revenue and expense sub-ledger, 1935	

Operating expense ledger, 1916-1920

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

General ledger, 1915-1935

Physical Description: 6 Volumes

Accts. rec., suspense and sundry billing recap, 1935

Bank deposits and withdrawals, 1915-1921

## Lewiston and Auburn Electric Light Company (MS 295, Ledgers L585)

### Historical Note

The company was located in Auburn, Maine. In the 1880s, its president was George C. Wing and its treasurer was N.I. Jordan. It became part of Androscoggin Electric Company in 1914. Androscoggin was acquired by CMP in 1935.

Title/Description	Instances
Dividend book, 1884-1896	
Cashbooks, 1899-1913	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Cashbook, jobbing stock, 1907-1913	
Ledgers, 1901-1915	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Volumes	
journal, Jan.- June 1915	

## Livermore Falls Light and Power Company (MS 302, Ledgers L751)

### Historical Note

The company was incorporated by Chapter 472 of the Acts of 1897, approved March 20, 1897. John H. Maxwell, William A. Stuart, John L. Cummings, Daniel J. Bogan and Edmund Eaton were the original incorporators. Chapter 101 of 1899 extended the company's charter for two more years. Located in East Livermore, the company was authorized to supply electricity to East Livermore, Livermore and Jay. In 1899 Edwin Riley was president, John H. Maxwell, secretary and treasurer, and Waldo Pettingill was auditor. The company became part of Androscoggin Electric Company in 1935, Androscoggin Electric was acquired by CMP in 1935.

Title/Description	Instances
Cashbooks, 1910, 1911, 1935	
Ledger, 1916-1923	
Ledger, 1929	
Ledger, 1929-1930	
Cash disbursements, voucher register, 1931	
Voucher register-journal, invoice register-journal (CMP), 1932-1934	

**Dennistown Power Company (MS 137, Ledgers D425)****Historical Note**

The company, located in Jackman, Maine, was acquired by CMP in 1935.

Title/Description	Instances
Construction ledger, 1913	
Cashbooks, 1913, 1931-1932 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Journals, 1913-1935 <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 Volumes	
Ledgers, 1915-1922 <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 Volumes	
General ledger transfer sheets (incomplete), 1923-1939	
General Ledgers, 1929-1935 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Voucher register and journal, 1935 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	

**Waterford Light and power Company (MS 617, Ledgers W291)****Historical Note**

The company merged with CMP as of July 31, 1935.

Title/Description	Instances
Journal, Dec. 1931-Dec.1934	
Ledgers, 1931-1935 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	

**Mount Vernon Light and Power Company (MS 355, Ledgers M863)****Historical Note**

The company, located in Mount Vernon, Maine, served customers in the communities of Mount Vernon, Rome and Vienna. Its distribution plant was acquired by CMP in 1940.

Title/Description	Instances
Cash receipts and disbursements, 1928-1931	
Voucher register, 1928-1931	
General journal, 1928-1931	
Ledger, 1928-1931	

General ledger, cashbook, voucher register, journal, 1932-1940

Property valuation, distribution inventory (CMP), 1939

## Cumberland Power and Light Company (MS 617, Ledgers C91)

### Historical Note

Located in Portland, Maine, the company was incorporated by Chapter 256 of the Acts of 1907, approved March 14, 1907. Newell T. Fogg, Thomas Leigh, George A. Goodwin, C.E. Mitchell, and Scott Wilson were the original incorporators. The company was authorized to sell electricity in York County except in the town of Sanford and in Cumberland County except in the town of Bridgton. The company was acquired by CMP in 1942, adding 37 communities to CMP's service area. Also included were gas customers in Biddeford and Saco, and the buses operating in Portland, Westbrook, and South Portland.

Title/Description	Instances
Invoices and accounts payable register, 1939-1942 <u>Physical Description</u> : 13 Volumes	
Voucher registers, 1912-1930 <u>Physical Description</u> : 9 Volumes	
Journal and ledger, 1907 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes	
Journals, 1936-1942 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 Volumes	
General ledgers, 1912-1942 <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 Volumes	
Plant ledger no. 2, 1912-1942	
Liabilities, income, transfer ledger, 1915-1926	
Westbrook Electric estimates no. 1 to 8, 1916-1922, 1916-1920	

## Consolidated Electric Light Company of Maine (MS 103, Ledgers C766)

### Historical Note

This company began supplying electricity to the Portland, Maine, area in 1883, using three steam-driven generators. It became part of the Portland Electric Company in 1912. This company became part of Cumberland County Power and Light Company in 1912. Cumberland became part of CMP in 1942.

Title/Description	Instances
Letter book (copies of outgoing correspondence of P.H. Burrowes, Assistant Treasurer), 1908-1909	

## Ossipee Valley Power Company (MS 378, Ledgers Os28)

### Historical Note

The company was incorporated by Chapter 258 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, approved February 15, 1907. Corporators were Charles A. Bodwell, Will J. Bodwell and Stillman A. Bodwell. The company was authorized to develop waterpower on the Little Ossipee River and its tributaries in York County and to sell electricity to the towns of Shapleigh, Newfield, Limington, Waterboro and Alfred. The company became part of the Cumberland County Power and Light Company in 1913, Cumberland was acquired by CMP in 1942.

Title/Description	Instances
General ledger, July 1911-Aug. 1913	

## Rumford Light Company (MS 443, Ledgers R865)

### Historical Note

In 1892 Hugh Chisholm, the founder of International Paper Company, and his associates established the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company in Rumford, Maine. Its organization was ratified by Chapter 365 of the Acts of 1893 and it was authorized to do business in the towns of Rumford, Mexico and Peru. Its name was changed to the Rumford Light Company in 1947. It was purchased by CMP in 1958, CMP brought an electric transmission line into Rumford, thus connecting it with CMP's integrated system in southern Maine.

Title/Description	Instances
Accounts payable, 1913-1958 <u>Physical Description</u> : 22 Volumes	
Cashbooks, 1896-1959 <u>Physical Description</u> : 23 Volumes	
Monthly statements, 1853-1957 <u>Physical Description</u> : 18 Volumes	
Journals, 1893-1841 <u>Physical Description</u> : 11 Volumes	
Ledgers, 1892-1917, 1934-1958 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Volumes	

## Cornish and Kezar Falls Light and Power Company (MS 115, Ledgers C816)

### Historical Note

The company was acquired by CMP in 1965.

Title/Description	Instances
Daybooks, 1902-1903 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Volumes	
Journals, 1924-1943 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Volumes	
Ledger, Electric Supply Company, Kezar Falls, Maine, 1903-1906	



Ledgers, 1903-1923

Physical Description: 6 Volumes

General ledger #1-3, 1924-1965

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Cash ledger #1-5, 1915-1965

Physical Description: 6 Volumes

## Casco Bay Light and Power Company (MS 87, Ledgers C266)

### Historical Note

Formed as the Peaks Island Corporation, this company provided electric power and water on Peaks Island, Maine, from 1922 to 1927. In 1927 it became the Casco Bay Light and Water Company, and in 1941 its name changed to the Casco Bay Light and Power Company. It was acquired by CMP in 1965.

Title/Description	Instances
General records (Peaks Island Corp.), 1922-1929	
General records, 1930-1963	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 Volumes	
voucher record, 1961-1965	

## Miscellaneous Ledgers

### Central Maine Power Company (MS 41, Ledgers B3215)

Language of the Material: English.

Title/Description	Instances
Pole records in Bath, Maine, 1938-1947	

### Central Construction Corporation (MS 89, Ledgers C333)

Language of the Material: English.

#### Historical Note

The company was organized in 1921 as a general contracting, engineering and construction business. Harold D. Jennings was president and Walter Wyman was treasurer, Harold Jennings, Walter Wyman and Everett H. Maxcy were the directors. In a 1921 memo from Maxcy to John Everett, auditor at CMP, Maxcy indicates that Central Construction would join CMP's new mortgage and as it acquired valuable properties would convey them to the Trustee.

Title/Description	Instances
Journal, 1921-1922	
Ledger, 1921	
Work order estimate and cost, 1926-1927	

