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Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Collection

Papers, 1930-1952

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

In the 30s and 40s, before statehood, the chambers of commerce of Alaska's larger communities were actively involved in shaping the politics of the territory; and, together, they joined forces in the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce. Working with proponents of tourism and industry, such as the Alaska Railroad, Alaska Road Commission, and the Alaska Steamship Company, the Territorial Chamber of Commerce promoted travel throughout Alaska and advocated for opening access to development of Alaska's natural resources. Included in this collection are ballots on referendums, issued by the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce and pertaining to concerns such as shipping rates, local hire, and local control of resource development.

During this time period, Anthony J. Dimond, who had been a senator in the Territorial legislature in 1923, 1925, 1929, and 1931, was elected the Territorial delegate to the 73rd through 78th Congresses (1933-1945). The bulk of the papers in this collection are attributed to Dimond, either through his own words, as recorded in the *Congressional Record*, or through the *Washington News-Letter*, issued by Secretary to the Delegate, J. J. Eckles. Included in this collection are 104 of these newsletters, dating from January 9, 1936 to March 6, 1940. The newsletters cover a wide range of topics, including reports on the progress of bills introduced in Congress by Dimond.

SUBJECTS

Alaska—History—1867-1959, Alaska—Politics and government—1867-1959
Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, Wrangell Chamber of Congress, Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Cordova Chamber of Commerce
Congressional Record, and the *Washington News-Letter*
Alaska Steamship Company, Alaska Railroad, Copper River & Northwestern Railway, Alaska Road Commission, Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations
Alaska—Description and travel, Fur farming—Alaska; Fishery law and legislation--Alaska

INVENTORY

Folder 1 – Resource Development

- 1 Pacific Yukon Highway, a Proposed General Route to Alaska, November 15, 1930
- 2 U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census: Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930; Population—Agriculture, Final Bulletin, ALASKA; Composition and characteristics of the population, number of farms, acreage, tenure, value, production and livestock
- 3 Annual Statement of the Customs and Commerce Business of Alaska for the Calendar Year ended December 31, James J. Connors, Collector of Customs, Juneau, Alaska: 1934, 1936 (two copies), and 1938
- 4 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Biological Survey; Alaska Game Commission, Juneau, Alaska: Furs Shipped from Alaska during the Calendar Year: 1937, 1938, and 1939
- 5 Planned Development of Alaska, prepared by the Juneau Chamber of Commerce and the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, October 19, 1939
- 6 Memorandum from the Alaska Steamship company concerning strike costs, July 17, 1952
- 7 Three articles/advertisements for the *Wall Street Journal*, written by The Alaska Steamship Company in cooperation with the Alaska Development Board: “Pulp Manufacturers Eye Rich Alaska Resources with Increased Interest,” July 21, 1952; “Vast Stores of Industrial Limestone in S. E. Alaska, Recent Survey Reveals,” August 11, 1952; and “Commercial Peat Interests Taking New Look at Heavily-Laden Alaska Muskegs,” October 20, 1952

Folder 2 – Promotional Materials

- 1 Flyer advertising the Alaska Yukon Pioneers Civic Exposition and dedication of Alaskan Way, Seattle, November 6 to 14, 1937
- 2 *Alaska Sportsman* flyer promoting the benefits to firms that advertise in the Annual August Pictorial Issue for 1939
- 3 1939 brochure, advertising the Alaska Railroad, titled, “From Sheltered Seas to Golden Heart and Return Via the Alaska Railroad,” 23 pages
- 4 Alaska-Steamship Company’s brochure, *Alaska Travelgraph*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (March 1940)

- 5 *Traveling with the National Editorial Association*, by E. A. Briles, Stafford, Kansas; this “lengthy report of the National Editorial Association 1951 convention and tour is a reprint of [E. A. Briles’] weekly Hit ‘n Miss column in the Stafford Courier”
- 6 Alaska Steamship Company’s *The Alaska Liner*, Vol. 3, No. 5 (September 1952)
- 7 Pictorial Alaska, a brochure issued by the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce

Folder 3 – Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce

- 1 Constitution and By-Laws of the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, May 2, 1931
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, held at Juneau, Alaska, September 8, 1931; members present were: F. A. J. Gallwas, L. W. Kilburn, Allen Shattuck, R. E. Robertson, G.H. Walmsley, and M. S. Whittier
- 3 Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce Ballot on Referendum No. 4, December 22, 1931, resolving that the Territorial Chamber petition the government of the United States that it “restore the former rates applying on the Alaska Railroad, bring the Alaska Road Commission’s appropriations to the amount recommended and heretofore allowed, and restore the item in the Department of Agriculture’s appropriations to provide for the continuance of the very valuable work of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations in Alaska”
- 4 Resolution and brief presented by Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Juneau, Alaska, January 5, 1932, recommending that Congress fund the work of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations
- 5 Letter from the Board of Managers, Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, to Member Organizations, January 9, 1932, in regard to federal appropriation to fund the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations
- 6 Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, January 26, 1932
- 7 Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce Ballot on Referendum No. 5, January 28, 1932, in regard to local hire and the use of local materials
- 8 Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce Ballot on Referendum No. 7, February 27, 1932, in regard to vessels of fifteen gross tons being subject to the provisions of the laws governing the Steamboat Inspection Service

- 9 Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce Ballot on Referendum No. 8, February 27, 1932, in regard to the Davis bill, pending before Congress, which would amend coastwise shipping laws
- 10 Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce Ballot on Referendum No. 9, May 12, 1932, in regard to the transfer of authority over the Alaska Road Commission from War to Interior Department
- 11 Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, October 11, 1932
- 12 Letter to member organizations from the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce in regard to complaints received from citizens in regard to telegraphic communication services, October 25, 1932
- 13 Letter to member organizations from the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, transmitting the text of wires received from Delegate A. J. Dimond, May 19, 1933
- 14 Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, held at Juneau, Alaska, October 17, 1933; members present were: H. L. Faulkner, E. M. Goddard; Allen Shattuck, R. E. Robertson, J. W. Kilburn, and M. S. Whittier
- 15 Petition and Brief of the Alaska Territorial Chamber of Commerce, Territory of Alaska, and a certificate stating that Wrangell is a member of good standing for the year ending March 15, 1934
- 16 Brief in Support of the Proposed Conversion of Grade of Copper River & Northwestern Railway, Territory of Alaska, into a Highway, presented by the Cordova Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 1, 1938

Folder 4 – Congressional actions of Anthony J. Dimond

- 1 Memorandum from Anthony J. Dimond to Accompany H.R. 12893, 74th Congress, 2d Session, June 1936, in regard to a bill for the protection of oyster culture in Alaska
- 2 Radio Address of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond, printed in the *Congressional Record* January 12, 1937, in regard to “Social Security for Alaska”
- 3 Speech of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond printed in the *Congressional Record* February 17 and 19, 1937, in regard to “Alaska’s Need for Air-Mail Service”
- 4 Speech of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond printed in the *Congressional Record* April 29 and 30, 1937, in regard to “Air Defense in Alaska”

- 5 Speech of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond printed in the *Congressional Record* May 20, 1937, in regard to "Save Alaskan Fisheries"
- 6 Extension of Remarks of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond printed in the *Congressional Record* May 20, 1937, in regard to "Fur Farms in Alaska"
- 7 Speech of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond printed in the *Congressional Record* August 20, 1937, in regard to "Reindeer for the Natives of Alaska"
- 8 Speech of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond printed in the *Congressional Record* March 25 and 28, 1938, in regard to "Alaska – Defend It"
- 9 House Report No. 2223, April 25, 1938, to "Authorize Alaska to Incur Bonded Indebtedness"
- 10 Senate Bill 3893: "A bill to authorize the Territory of Alaska to incur bonded indebtedness, and for other purposes," calendar day, April 25, 1938
- 11 House Resolution 5894: "An act to authorize the Territory of Alaska to incur bonded indebtedness, and for other purposes," calendar day, May 3, 1938
- 12 Remarks of Hon. Anthony J. Dimond, printed in the *Congressional Record* June 16, 1938, presenting "a concise statement of the legislation enacted by this Congress (the Seventy-fifth), which has special application to the Territory"

Folder 5 – Washington News-Letter

- 1-15 Newsletters written by J. J. Eckles, Secretary to the Delegate, Anthony J. Dimond, ranging in date from January 9, 1936 to June 29, 1936

Folder 6 – Washington News-Letter

- 1-17 Newsletters written by J. J. Eckles, Secretary to the Delegate, Anthony J. Dimond, ranging in date from January 16, 1937 to May 18, 1937

Folder 7 – Washington News-Letter

- 1-18 Newsletters written by J. J. Eckles, Secretary to the Delegate, Anthony J. Dimond, ranging in date from June 5, 1937 to December 27, 1937

Folder 8 – Washington News-Letter

- 1-21 Newsletters written by J. J. Eckles, Secretary to the Delegate, Anthony J. Dimond, ranging in date from January 8, 1938 to June 27, 1938

Folder 9 – *Washington News-Letter*

1-20 Newsletters written by J. J. Eckles, Secretary to the Delegate, Anthony J. Dimond, ranging in date from January 7, 1939 to June 26, 1939

Folder 10 – *Washington News-Letter*

1-13 Newsletters written by J. J. Eckles, Secretary to the Delegate, Anthony J. Dimond, ranging in date from July 1, 1939 to March 16, 1940