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Creator: Isle of Man; Forestry Mines and Lands Board; circa 1950-1986

Description of series:

This series comprises 3 folders of legal papers and licensing records. The legal papers predominantly document proceedings heard by the Manx Courts and appeals heard by the Privy Council relating to quarrying and mineral rights. The miscellaneous licensing records include: correspondence, plans, share holder prospectus for Manx Companies and working papers relating to the management of mineral licensing on the Isle of Man.

Administrative History:

Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board: In Oct 1947, Tynwald agreed to purchase all remaining Crown property on the Island for the sum of £75,000. This included Crown lands and forestry, as well as Crown minerals, quarrying, foreshores and territorial sea rights. The new Board took its name from the legislation which established it - The Forestry, Mines and Lands Act, 1950 - and took on the responsibility for a number of functions formerly administered by H. M. Commissioners of Woods and Forest (restyled H. M. Commissioners of Crown Lands from 1 Jan 1925 by an Order in Council of the 8 Dec 1924). One of the the newly established Board responsibilities included the issuing and renewal of prospecting licenses on the Island.

The other elements of the Board's land management functions - those relating to the administration of the Common lands - were transferred from the Common Lands Board; whilst its forestry administration functions - those relating to the management of publicly owned forestry plantations on the Island - were transferred from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Board ceased to exist in 1986 when its core functions were in turn transferred to the newly created Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry was dissolved in 2010 with the majority of its core functions being vested in the newly formed Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

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Custodial History: Records comprising this series were originally collated and maintained by the Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board which was responsible for issuing mineral licences on the Island. The records were later consigned to the Isle of Man Public Record Office as a temporary transfer under section 3(8) of the Public Records Act, 1999 by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the immediate departmental successor of the Forestry, Mines and Lands Board) in Apr 2010. Reappraisal and selection work was conducted on the consignment in Nov 2015. Selected records were subsequently fully transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act, 1999 by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture in Jan 2016.

Appraisal: Selected for permanent preservation in Nov 2015, Angela Skitt, Isle of Man Public Record Office.

Accruals: No accruals are expected

Arrangement of series: Record have been left in the original order they were received in on consignment.

Access Status: Open

Copyright: Crown copyright (duration - 125 years from the end of the calendar year of production).

Archivist Note: Series level description created by Gavin Rowan, Records & Archive Officer
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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S99/1 Item	Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board: legal papers	<p>This file includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 copies of a High Bailiff's Court judgement relating to a case between the Isle of Man Local Government Board and Billown Lime Quarries Limited.; - records relating to a case between H. M. Attorney General and Emily Moore. Records document proceedings heard in the Staff of Government Division of the Isle of Man High Court and on appeal to the Privy Council; - records relating to a case between H. M. Attorney General and Thomas Mylchreest. Records document proceedings heard in the Isle of Man Court of Exchequer and on appeal to the Privy Council; - a copy article relating to a case heard in the Deemsters' Court between Evan Gell and The East Foxdale Mining Company Ltd.; - 2 copies of a Privy Council judgement, entitled 'Judgement of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the Appeal of Ballacorkish Silver, Lead and c., Company V. Dumbell and others from the Isle of Man; delivered the 19 Dec 1873'. 	1 file	1873-1962	Open

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S99/2 Item	Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board: File titled 'Mines: Coal and Salt etc.'	<p>This folder includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copy letter from J. Todd to the Crown Receiver, Douglas, dated 31 Dec 1895 relating to borehole work in the vicinity of the Point of Ayre and Knock-E-Dooney. It includes two enclosures, namely: a journal, detailing the geological composition of the borehole core extract; and a plan, entitled 'Sections Showing The Rocks The New Red Sandstone Is Supposed To Rest Upon: In The North Of The Isle Of Man', dated 1 Jan 1896; - copy letter from C. E. Howlett to the Office of Woods, dated 25 Feb 1908, relating to Isle of Man Coal boring works; - copy letter from Horace B. Woodward (Geological Survey and Museum, Jermyn Street, London) to E. Stafford Howard, dated 26 Feb 1908, relating to Isle of Man Coal boring works and core analysis; - copy letter from W. Foster Brown to C. E. Howlett (Office of Woods), dated 3 Mar 1908, relating to Isle of Man bore hole works; - extract copy minutes, correspondence and copy report extracts, dating 4 Mar-23 Mar 1908; - plan entitled 'Sections Showing The Rocks The New Red Sandstone Is Supposed To Rest Upon: In 	1 envelope (on repackaging: 1 archive folder)	1895-1913	Open

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		<p>The North Of The Isle Of Man', dated 31 Jan 1896;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - report entitled 'Mines - Coal and Salt: Report 1907', dated 20 Jan 1908; - report entitled 'Mines - Coal and Salt: Analysis', dated 7 Jul 1899; - plan entitled 'Coal: Tracing Of Geological Survey Section Of Ballaghenny Borehole', dated 27 Feb 1897; - copy article relating to Coal boring work on the Isle of Man, dated 20 Mar 1909; - plan entitled 'Salt: Plan Showing Leasehold And Site Of Proposed Works', dated Feb 1897; - booklet entitled, 'Harbour Particulars and Analyses of Salt: The Manx Salt and Alkali Company, Ramsey, Isle of Man', dated 1909; - copy article relating to Manx Salt and Alkali profitability, dated Dec 1912; - post card entitled 'The Manx Salt and Alkali Company: Exhibit at the Isle of Man Fine Art and Industrial Guild', dated 1909; - report entitled 'Salt: Report of J Todd: Year Ending 31 Dec 1912', dated 16 Jan 1913; - 'Estimates of the Cost of Salt Works: To Make 30,000 Tons of Salt Per Year at the Shipyard, Ramsey', dated 28 Jul 1899; 			
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- template entitled 'The Manx Salt and Alkali Company: Form of Agreement to take Shares'; - plan entitled 'Plan 1: Plan of Ramsey Harbour and Site of Proposed Works'; - plan entitled 'Plan 2: Plan of Leasehold and Proposed Pipe Line'; - 'The Manx Salt and Alkali Company: Prospectus'; - copy judgement entitled 'Judgement of the Lords Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the Appeal of Her Majesty's Attorney General for the Isle of Man v. Mylchreest and others from the Court of Exchequer of the Isle of Man; delivered 8 May 1879'; - notes and working papers relating to judgement of H. M. Attorney General v. Mylchreest - compiled by G Drinkwater. Includes: 3 documents containing handwritten notes on proofs; and a document, entitled 'Att. Gen. v. Mylchreest', which comprises a sequence of pasted articles relating to the case.			
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Ref. No.	Title	Description	Extent	Date	Access
S99/3 Item	Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board: File titled 'The Manx Salt and Alkali Company Ltd.'	<p>The file includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a paper, entitled 'The Red rocks of a deep bore at the North end of the Isle of Man', by Professor J. W. Gregory; - 3 reports relating to a 'Proposed Brine Spa and Clinic at Ramsey'; - correspondence between The Valuation Office and the Attorney General's Chambers, Isle of Man; - correspondence between the Company and the Isle of Man Forestry, Mines and Lands Board; - correspondence between the Company and H. M. Commissioner for Woods (later restyled the H. M. Commissioner for Crown Lands); - correspondence between the Company and H. M. Crown Receiver for the Isle of Man, Mr J. R. Drinkwater; - copy extract, entitled 'A Few Disjoined Notes on the Geology of the Isle of Man', which mainly includes observations based on survey works undertaken by A. J. Davidson; - plan 1, entitled 'Plan of Ramsey Harbour and Site of Proposed Works'; - plan 2, entitled 'Plan of Leasehold and Proposed Pipe Line'; 	1 file	12 Feb 1898- 13 May 1969	Open

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Manx Salt and Alkali Company 'Reports and Analyses' x3; - Manx Salt and Alkali Company 'Prospectus' x4;- form 11 of the Commissioner for Crown Lands, dated 6 Sep 1927; - draft lease agreement, dated 12 Feb 1898, and entitled 'Analysis: Lease of Salts'.			
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