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**Electrical Inspector's Barge Canal construction
correspondence A3261**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	Arranged by electrical inspector then chronologically, the series consists of reports to the Superintendent; correspondence from companies supplying machinery or parts; informational copies of letters to employees or companies; results of inspections (e.g. discovery of faulty equipment); canal water levels; construction work; need for lights; readiness of locks for navigation; damage, wear, and repairs to machinery; operating procedures for locks, and appointments, salaries, training of lock employees.
Creator:	New York (State). Superintendent of Public Works
Title:	Electrical Inspector's Barge Canal construction correspondence
Quantity:	0.2 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1911-1914
Series:	A3261

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Arrangement

Arranged by official (Electrical Inspector, Superintendent of Public Works), then chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

An Electrical Inspector employed by the Superintendent of Public Works kept this correspondence file documenting Barge Canal construction, especially concerning work on electrically-operated locks.

The correspondence includes: Electrical Inspector's reports to the Superintendent, comprising the bulk of the series; correspondence to the Electrical Inspector from companies supplying machinery or parts; and informational copies of mostly routine letters from the Superintendent to other employees or companies.

The correspondence concerns such subjects as: results of inspections, e.g. discovery of faulty capstan motors in canal locks; water levels in canals; cost and purchase of machinery, parts, and supplies; progress of construction work; need for and installation of lights; readiness of locks for navigation; damage, wear, and repairs to machinery; appointment, salaries, and training of lock employees; and operating procedures for locks, e.g. responsibilities of lock employees.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Access Terms

- Civil engineering
- Locks (Hydraulic engineering)
- Canals--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Canals--Design and construction--Costs
- Constructing
- New York State Barge Canal System (N.Y.)
- Canals--Design and construction
- New York (State). Department of Transportation