

Stallinga-Ganzevoort Holland-Canada Emigration Collection, 1890-1960

32 reels of microfilm

This microfilm collection documents the activities of the Stichting Landverhuizing Nederland (SLN) in Brasil and the United States, but predominantly in Canada. These materials were microfilmed at the former Algemeen Rijksarchief at Den Haag, where most of the original materials have been destroyed. The collection consists of correspondence, reports, lists, and pamphlets regarding emigration (mostly in English), including correspondence from and about individual immigrants (mostly in Dutch). Much of the material came from the Canadian Offices of the Stichting Landverhuizing Nederland, which service was organized in 1931 and lasted till the late 1950s to select and assist Dutch emigrants. Before the body of original documents was destroyed, the Canadian scholar Herman Ganzevoort had it microfilmed with the support of Ir. Gerrit Stallinga.

Dr. Ganzevoort donated this collection to the Roosevelt Study Center in 2003. The microfilms are closely connected to the Henk van Stekelenburg Collection on Dutch Roman Catholic Emigration to North America, 1840-1960 (24 boxes, see notes on these reels in file 101).

Reel 1: Folder nr.13 (former Rijksarchief at The Hague, nowadays National Archive): correspondence Centrale Stichting Landbouw Emigratie, 1938-December 1948: letters of the Stichting Landverhuizing Nederland (SLN) concerning recommendations, procedures, tests and withdrawals of individual emigrants, files are mostly on Canada and consist of correspondence with the Christelijke Emigratie Centrale. This reel also contains letters from T. Cnossen, A. Warnaar, P. de Bruin (Christelijke Emigratie Centrale) and J. Hartland (SLN), as well as some material about emigration conditions in South America (Brasil, Argentina and Chili), South Africa and France, and some letters and newspapers clippings concerning the formation of the CEC.

Folder nr.14: idem, 1949-1950: emigration procedures, reports, correspondence, etc. Most information about emigration to Canada & Australia, also some files on New-Zealand and South-Africa.

Reel 2: Folder nr.45: correspondence Stichting Landverhuizing Nederland (SLN) with the Hervormde Emigratie Commissie (HEC), 1947-Febr.1953, with the Departments of Foreign & Social Affairs and with ir. A.S. Tuinman, agricultural attaché of the Dutch Embassy in Ottawa, June 1947-Dec.1948. Procedures and files on Dutch emigration to Canada, Australia, New-Zealand, France and South-America (Brasil, Chili, Argentina), folder about (trade) relations with Costa Rica (40 pp).

Folder nr.117: procedures Canada, some letters about the experiences of Dutch immigrants, list with immigrants and the denominations they were involved in.

Reel 3: Folder nr.117: Jan.-May 1947: correspondence of the SLN (J. Hartland) with ir. A.S. Tuinman, agricultural attaché in Ottawa. Reports on emigration conditions in Canada.

Folder nr.72: Jan.1946-Dec.1948: reports on France, Brasil, New-Zealand, brochures about Brasil (2), letters from T. Cnossen (CEC), J. Hartland (SLN), statutes of the CSLE (Centrale Stichting Landbouw Emigratie).

Folder nr.5: some photos (negatives) of emigrants, location unknown.

Folder nr.118: Jan.-May 1948: files and reports of emigrants in Canada (personal information of individual immigrants), some letters of A.S. Tuinman en J. Hartland, denials of access to Canada.

Folder nr.119: files, procedures, reports on emigrants to Canada, 1948.

- Reel 4: Folder nr.119: Correspondence A.S. Tuinman with Dep.of Mines and Resources, accounts of Dutch emigrants to Canada (Jan.-Dec.1948), emigration procedures (June 1948).
Folder nr.120: emigration plans 1949, some detailed reports on emigration from Great Britain to Canada, information about the 'Kota Inten' and 'Tabinta' ships (1948), many letters of A.S. Tuinman and J. Hartland, personal files and letters of emigrants (Aug.-Oct.1948), correspondence with the Canadian Department of Mines and Resources.
Folder nr.121: letters of A.S. Tuinman (agricultural attaché in Canada), J. Hartland (SLN) and T. Clossen (CEC), many reports and personal files about emigrants, Nov.-Dec.1948
- Reel 5: Folder nr.121: Oct.-Nov.1948: letters of J. Hartland about Clossen's trip to Canada.
Folder nr.122: Nov.1948-June 1949: emigration procedures, annual report of A.S. Tuinman's activities in 1948, letters about the Immigration Committee of the Christian Reformed Church, emigrant transport by KLM, letters of the Canadian Department of Mines and Resources, complaints about emigrants, numerous personal files of emigrants.
Folder nr.123: report SLN-meeting (April 1949), verbatim report of a telephone call between J. Hartland and A.S. Tuinman (May 1949), as well as many personal files of emigrants.
- Reel 6: Folder nr.124: June-Oct. 1949: files of emigrants, telegrams, letters of ir. A.S. Tuinman, 3 copies of the "Mededelingenblad van de Chr. Emigr. Centrale" ("Journal of the Christian Emigration Board"; editions of March, April and May '49), letter about trouble-making immigrants from the Reformed Churches Liberated (Aug.1949), letters about the Immigration Committee of the Christian Reformed Church, arrival of the ships 'Volendam' and 'Tabinta' (summer '49), verbatim reports of telephone calls between J. Hartland and A.S. Tuinman.
Folder nr.125: Oct.1949-Febr.1950: numerous personal files on Dutch emigrants, including references to their religious denominations.
- Reel 7: Folder nr.125: Dec.1949-Mar.1950: a.o. monthly and annual reports of the Dutch emigration attaché in Ottawa, letters about the Immigration Committee of the Christian Reformed Church, some information about immigrants from the Reformed Churches (Liberated), overviews of prices of agricultural products in Canada, passenger lists.
Folder nr.127: Jul.-Oct.1950: reports of A.S. Tuinman, a few letters of A. Warnaar, F. Jensma (assistant of A.S. Tuinman) & the Canadian Department of Citizenship and Immigration, passenger lists.
Folder nr.128: ship lists, personal files on Dutch emigrants, some letters of disappointed Dutch immigrants.
- Reel 8: Folder nr.128: Aug.1950-Oct.1950: reports of emigrants, ships lists, weekly reports of B. Menage (a Dutch official in Winnipeg) and F. Jensma.
Folder nr.129: May 1950-Jan.1951: overview of prices of agricultural products (nov./dec/1950), letters (o.a. from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration), documents on the immigration policy of the Netherlands & Canada, ship lists, documents on Catholic and Reformed (Liberated) Immigrants, report from the Migration Conference in Geneva (April 1950, 44pp).

- Folder nr.130: some passenger lists.
- Reel 9: Folder nr.130: Febr.-May 1951: reports on disembarkation of emigrants, many individual files and ships lists, travel reports of two Dutchmen (Maritime Provinces), letters of A.S. Tuinman to SLN, weekly reports of F. Jensma en D.K. Ebbens, minutes of annual meeting of Dutch with representatives of religious organizations / immigration officials with the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.
Folder nr.132: June / July 1951: many files and ships lists on emigrants, letters about immigration of Dutch technical engineers, letters of J. Leyenaar to SLN, some reports of F. Jensma.
Folder nr.134: Aug.-Nov.1951: many files on emigrants and ships lists, reports of F. Jensma, plans for flower import Holland > Canada, letters about experienced problems, letters of A.S. Tuinman, list of emigrants with denomination (13-18 Aug.1951), the 1952 plan for Dutch immigration to Canada.
- Reel 10: Folder nr.134: Oct.-Dec.1951: some letter exchanges with individual emigrants, many personal files, letters of Immigration Inspector of Ottawa to the SLN, welcome leaflet of Reformed Church in America for new immigrants, letters of A.S. Tuinman to SLN and vice versa, report of F. Jensma about the sugarbeet industry in South Alberta, some files of L.M. Hunter (Supervisor of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration) about the experiences of Dutch immigrants.
Folder nr.135: Jan.-May 1952: personal files / letters of and about emigrants, ships and airplanes lists, letters of J. Hartland en A.S. Tuinman about various subjects, a.o. about plans for flower industry in B.C., correspondence from Departm. of Citiz. and Immigration.
Folder nr.136: June 1952-Dec.1953: many reports and files of emigrants, lists of settlement reports, correspondence about students of the Dutch "HeideMij" company.
Folder nr.137: Jan.1954-Dec.1956: many files and reports of 'disapprovals' and immigrants with problems (marriage a.o.).
- Reel 11: Folder nr.137: Aug.-Dec.1954: numerous files and letters about / from (potential) emigrants to the SLN.
Folder nr.138: Jan.1957-Nov.1958: incoming messages / telegrams from Tuinman (now in Washington) about the "Vermontplan" (emigration to USA).
Folder nr.139: Oct.1956-May 1957: many telegrams from the Dutch Embassy in Washington D.C. to SLN, immigration to USA (many names of emigrants, Calif., Boston, Chicago, etc.).
Folder nr.246: Sept.1945-Sept.1952: ship lists, letters SLN to the Canadian Immigration Office at Ottawa, conferences and informative meetings on emigration, many files of emigrants, letters about financial matters (april 1948), some letters about malafide agents.
Folder nr.270: May 1938-Dec.1939: letters from Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs to SLN, general documents on emigration before WWII.
Folder nr.272: Jan.1924-June 1939: documents on malafide emigration agents, many letters from the Dutch Catholic Immigration Society (RKEV), documents concerning the Holland Immigration Board (Saskat., Can.), emigration to South America (Venezuela, Chili), agent Frans Schaap (editor of the "Holland-California" newspaper).
- Reel 12: May 1924-June 1927: Toronto: letters of NVL (J.C.C. Sandberg), ECH (J.A.A. Hartland), F.G. de Veer and H. Boogert (ambassador of the ECH—Toronto), procedures and personal files of emigrants, documents about agent J.J. Snor (ambassador of the ECH—Hamilton, Ontario).

- Reel 13: March 1922-May 1940: documents on Canadian Pacific Railways (CPR), informative meetings about emigration to Canada in the Netherlands, many documents about the Dutch Catholic Immigration Society (RKEV, 1925-28), personal files of emigrants, travel reports about Canada, correspondence between ECH and Canadian National Railways (CNR).
- Reel 14: Jan.1924-Oct.1930: Hamilton, Ontario: letters from Central Emigration Foundation Holland concerning emigration conditions in this area.
- Reel 15: Dec.1924-June 1935: Hamilton / Holland Marsh, Ontario: letters of J.J. Snor (agent of ECH at Hamilton), telgrams / files of emigrants, many documents on financial matters, travel reports, complaints about activities of some agents (J.J. Snor en W. van Ark), documents concerning the Holland Marsh area.
- Reel 16: Aug.1931-Dec.1934: Holland Marsh: many contracts dealing with land purchases in Holland Marsh, documents on property, correspondence SLN with institutions in Canada, letters L. van Riemsdijk (correspondent SLN at Winnipeg, Manitoba), many letters with complaints about agent J.J. Snor, some newspaper clippings concerning Holland Marsh, letters from J.J. Snor, reports about opportunities for settlement in the region.
- Reel 17: Nov.1933-Aug.1939: Holland Marsh: correspondence between SLN & J.J. Snor / Canadian National Railways, some pricelists of agricultural products, newspaper clippings concerning Holland Marsh (Ansnorveld), immigration statistics Canada (Department of Immigration and Colonization): 1930-1939.
- Reel 18: Febr.1924-Aug.1939: Montreal: correspondence between SLN and consul-generals in Montreal / Ottawa / Winnipeg: Th. H. de Meester, J.A. Schuurman en L. van Riemsdijk, statistics of Dutch immigration: 1924-1925, lists of immigrants who went to Ontario in the period of 1926-1930, some reports about financial problems Holland Marsh (oct.1938), letters about the trip of Jacob Prins to the Netherlands, many files of emigrants.
- Reel 19: July 1921-April 1940: documents emigration boards: correspondence SLN with National Council of Jewish Women (New York); "Door Eendracht Sterk" (Strong Through Union); Nederlandse Emigratie Vereeniging "Nieuw-Guinea" (Netherlands Emigration Board "New Guinea", founded in June 1933): first edition of their magazine "De Kolonist"; many documents on the "Friesche Gereformeerde Kolonisatie Vereeniging" (FGKV, Frisian Reformed Colonization Board): financial reports, correspondence with Taeke Cnossen, complaints about Rev. Balt (Hamilton), plans for emigration to Argentina, documents regarding to the founding of the CEC (1938).
- Reel 20: March 1925-Feb.1939: agents and problems: settlement scheme of W. Cox, a Catholic pastor at Plumias (Manit.), International Union of Colonisation (Kolonisatie Unie, KK), National League of Emigration (Suriname), correspondence with consulate of the Netherlands (British Columbia), newspaper clippings with warnings for malafide agents, many reports of agents and organizations (also references to South American countries), travel report Nova Scotia (1931), agricultural prices.
- Reel 21: Oct.1928-Dec.1937: agents and problems: documents of Roman Catholic Immigration Society (RKEV), complaints about activities of malafide (CPR-) agents (W. van Ark, C. Smith, Bakker), correspondence with the Holland Colonization Board of Saskatchewan.

- Reel 22: March 1919-Aug.1929: correspondence NVL-ECH-SLN, letters about information / p.r.-activities and emigration procedures and regulations, some letters from Dutch-Canadian immigrants (1926/27), pricelists of agricultural products.
- Reel 23: March 1919-Aug.1929: correspondence NVL-ECH-SLN, reports of agents in Canada, visitor reports, documents concerning some changes in Can. immigration policy (1930), some letters about experiences of Dutch emigrants in Canada, trip of J. Hartland to Canada, docum. on malafide agent W. van Ark (May & June 1930) and his trip to Canada, minutes of ECH-meeting (Febr.1931), many personal files about emigrants, letters from “Gemeente Arbeidsbeurs” (Municipal Labor Exchange) in Amsterdam, correspondence with “Heidemij” about training farms (contains also a syllabus): 1924-1929, letters from CNR, copy of the Empire Settlement Act, Canada-Great Britain (1922), copy “Deportation of Aliens”—Act USA, 1929.
- Reel 24: 1924-April 1939: correspondence NVL-ECH-SLN: letters from Dutch ministries about (a.o. subjects) misleading activities in the emigration branche, information about emigration to Argentina, Brasil (1930) and Marocco (1933), Australia and France, financial matters NVL (1931), travel report of J.A.A. Hartland, documents on the experiences of Dutch-Canadians, report about Holland Marsh (Ont.), Nova Scotia and Br. Columbia, copy of the article “De werkloosheid” (“The Unemployment”, april 1939, about possible emigration tot New Guinee), letters from Dutch agents in Canada (ir. R.P. Dojes, ir. L.A.H. Peters, L. van Riemsdijk).
- Reel 25: Dec.1928-Nov.1949: NVL-ECH-SLN (Winnipeg): correspondence of ir. R.P. Dojes to SLN about a.o. Holland Marsh, documents on postwar emigration (CEC), some brochures (Christian Home for Seamen and Immigrants), some documents concerning emigration tot USA (1930-1949), letters from the Netherl. Information Office in the USA., U.S. Departments of Agriculture, correspondence with Canadian Department of Immigration and Colonization (1924-1930), documents from the “Canada House” in London (July 1949-1950).
- Reel 26: Jan.1924-May 1932: NVL-ECH-SLN (Winnipeg): correspondence SLN with the Netherlands Investment company of canada, letters to and from vice-consul L.J.F. van Riemsdijk, minutes of meetings ECH with the Advisory Board (1924-1932), letters from A. Nordheimer and J.J. Snor, documents concerning the Dutch Catholic Immigration Society (1928/29), newspaper clippings, many letters J. de Clercq (Winnipeg), letters from the National Catholic Welfare Conference (1930), many lists of sponsored emigrants.
- Reel 27: 1924-Aug.1938: NVL-ECH-SLN (Winnipeg): correspondence of the Central Emigration Foundation Holland, many information of (sponsored) emigrants, letters of L.J.F. van Riemsdijk, J. de Clercq (1924-1931), letters about the colonization of Neerlandia / Edmonton, newspaper clippings concerning emigration, letters of J. Hartland to consuls in Canada, visitor reports SLN, statistical information about immigration to Canada (1921,1926), letters about financial matters.
- Reel 28: 1938-1945: Winnipeg: correspondence between SLN & Canadian Ministry of Social Affairs, notes / remarks about Dutch emigrants, letters of consul Van Riemsdijk (Winnipeg) to J. Hartland (SLN), financial matters, correspondence Canadian National Railways – SLN (1934-1936).
- Reel 29: General Information I: copy of “Abel’s Verzamelaar. Courant- en nieuwsuitknipsels” (a collection of Dutch newspaper clippings), part a of this collection consists of material about general, Reformed and Catholic emigration to Canada before WWII, part b contains

newspaper clippings about Dutch emigration to the USA (around 1929) and American / Dutch immigration acts and regulations (1924,1929-1932).

Furthermore, this reel contains documents with general information concerning some Dutch colonies in Canada (Holland Marsh & Neerlandia; 1912/13), reports of SLN-consuls and agents, and some anonymous reports (1910-1913).

- Reel 30: General Information II: books and brochures: report: "Prospects for settlement in the Finch district, Ont." (description of 33 farms, including pictures), description of most Canadian provinces (Can.Nat.Railways), report SLN concerning different immigration countries, book: "The immigrastion situation in Canada" (1910; 218pp), reports of the "Emigratie Vereeniging Amsterdam" (Emigration Association Amsterdam; 1911,1914), Dutch brochure "Canada. Inlichtingen en wenken voor hen die over landverhuizing denken" (1916; 24pp), more Dutch brochures and articles written by J.J. Leys and J.J. Sandberg (1922-1926), report of the Roman Catholic Emigration Congres (Nov.1927; 103pp), newspaper clippings, annual reports of Emigration Board Holland (ECH, 1928) and Reformed Emigration Board (Gereformeerde Emigratie Vereeniging (GEV): 1928/29), Canadian immigration acts and regulations, Dutch brochures aimed for potential emigrants, publications of the NVL.
- Reel 31: General Information II: books and brochures: publications of the NVL (1914/15), copy of J. Hartland's book "De geschiedenis van de Nederlandse emigratie tot WO II" ("The history of Dutch emigration before WWII"; 1959; 275pp), "Enforcement of Alien Contract Labors Laws", vol.2, about emigration to the USA (115pp), annual reports from the NVL (1914-1930).
- Reel 32: Immigration Branch Records (National Archives Canada, Ottawa: RG 76, acc.70/47, box 5, file no.923 vol.6, box 27, file no 169402): documents Canadian National Railways & Department of Mines and Resources, newspaper clippings concerning Dutch war refugees (May 1940), information about Dutch emigration to Canada in general (1938/39), correspondence between SLN and Canadian departments (1928-1936).