



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION: AUSTRAL OTIS ENGINEERING CO LTD

ACCESSION NO: 60/10

CATEGORY: Business, organisations
ACTIVITY: Manufacturers, machinery & equipment

DATE RANGE: 1887 - 1916

SIZE OF COLLECTION: 0.17 metres

DATE OF TRANSFER: Dec 1960

ACCESS CONDITIONS: Open

HISTORICAL NOTE: The company was formed in 1878 as Hughes, Pye & Rigby manufacturing mining plant, steam engines, elevators, wool & other hydraulic presses. It was incorporated as a public company in 1887 as The Austral Otis Engineering and Elevator Company Limited and in Oct 1893 changed its name to The Austral Otis Engineering Co Ltd. A controlling interest in the business was acquired by the Food Machinery & Chemical Corporation of USA on 30 Jul 1948. It became a subsidiary of the American company and its name was changed in Sep 1952 to Food Machinery (Australia) Ltd.

NOTE ON COLLECTIONS: No other records of this early period survive.

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DATE: 15 Dec 1960 9 May 2003

Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
	1	Minutes Includes Half yearly & annual reports of directors and balance sheets & P&L accounts 30 Jun 1888 - Jun 1917 are tipped-in	
1	1/1	Minutes	3 Nov 1887 - 4 Jun 1901
1	1/2	Minutes	21 Jun 1901 - 14 Feb 1918
	2	Secretary's Record Book Includes Lists of Shareholders showing name, address, occupation and number of shares held, balance sheets & P&L accounts, & taxation returns (1903-1916) are tipped-in.	
2	2/1	Secretary's Record Book	14 Apr 1892 - 14 Nov 1916
	3	Miscellaneous Documents Includes reports on properties owned, report to bank on operations, lists of sales & storage warrants	
1	3/1	Miscellaneous Documents	13 Dec 1888 - 18 Jun 1902
	4	History Notes	
1	4/1	History Notes [information about Austral Otis issued by FMC	1957
	5	Austral Otis Andebar Cannery Equipment Pty Ltd Minutes	
1	5/1	Minutes	7 Jan 1927 - 21 May 1940