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INTRODUCTION

James Gordon Alison established the Dock Engine Works at Birkenhead in 1875. Shortly after, he was joined by Peter Duff as a partner, who bought the business on Alison's death in 1894. Duff turned it into a limited liability company and it was liquidated to pay Duff's death duties. It was then reformed as a private company with the same name, and in 1977 became a subsidiary of the Laird Group Ltd. In 1991 it traded as Gordon Alison & Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Pasec Group Ltd.

An advertisement with an illustration of the works, 1901, can be found in SAS/25F/4/11.

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1 - 3:	<u>Administrative Records</u>	<u>1883 - 1955</u>
1	Minute Book re meetings of shareholders and directors (in voluntary liquidation).	15 Oct 1894 - 14 Jul 1927
2/1 - 3	<u>Cost Books</u>	<u>1883 - 1910</u>
1	Cost Book, No. 1. [indexed]	Oct 1883 - (?)Aug 1884
2	Cost Book, No. 46. [indexed]	Oct 1906 - Mar 1907
3	Cost Book, No. 52. [indexed]	Oct 1909 - Jan 1910
3/1 - 4	<u>Pocket Books of Notes</u>	<u>1915 - 1955</u>
1	Pocket Book on ships, docks, etc.	1915 - 1928
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4/1 - 2	<u>Lists and Index of Drawings</u>	<u>(?)1896 - 1909</u>
1	List and Index to drawings commenced.	(?)Jul 1896
2	List and Index to drawings commenced; with an insert, improvements in or connected with ship construction, Patent 10405/1912, by T. Turton Jones, MINA, Liverpool.	24 Apr 1909

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1	Calendar of the firm, based on a circular with illustration of works. <u>Second Instalment, dep. 21 October 1982</u>	1978 (1901)
2 - 30	Printing Blocks and Photographic Block; includes seals, commemorative awards from the Philadelphia International Exhibition, 1876; Newcastle-upon-Tyne Royal Mining, Engineering and Industrial Exhibition, 1887; and also depicting engineering products. [29 items]	c.1876 - 1900
31	Business Card of J.G. Alison & Co., Ltd.	c.1982
32	Another Calendar of the firm, based on a circular with illustration of works.	1978
33	Photograph and Photostat copy of a business circular re the erection of the new foundry (basis of 5/1 and 5/4).	1901
34	Transfer of Shares: papers for the Liverpool Electric Welding Co.	28 June 1917
35	Bye-Laws of the Boilermakers' Society, Mersey District.	1911

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6 - 9:	<u>Engineering Drawings</u>	<u>c.1870 - 1900</u>
6	Engineering Drawings. [See card index, reference B/AL/4/1-2, photocopy available in the Maritime Archives & Library Searchroom.]	c.1888 - 1896
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10/1 - 4	<u>Photographs</u>	<u>n.d.</u>
1	Photograph of Machinery.	n.d.
2	Photograph of Machinery.	n.d.
3	Photograph of Duplex Ballast Pump.	n.d.
4	Photograph of Duplex Feed and Ballast Pump.	n.d.

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11/1 - 3	<u>Records re the "Motograph"</u>	<u>n.d.</u>
1	Original Poster re the "Motograph".	n.d.
2	Photograph taken on board ship, showing the "Motograph".	n.d.
3	Modern reproduction of the original poster used for an advertisement calendar.	n.d.

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1 - 8	Schedule of Charging Rates.	Jul 1914 Dec 1915 June 1916 Sept 1916 Jan 1917 Apr 1917 Aug 1917 Dec 1917
9	Letter from the Ministry of Munitions of War re a proposed increase in remuneration.	Nov 1917
10	<i>United Society of Boiler Makers, Iron and Steel Shipbuilders, Bye-Law Book for the Mersey District.</i>	Jul 1911

