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H. Greville Smith fonds. - 1967. - 1 textual record.

Biographical sketch:

Harold Greville Smith was born in Sheffield on 25th January 1902 and attended the King Edward VII School there. In 1924 Smith went to work for ICI at Billingham, where he was mainly concerned with the methanol plant. In 1929 he was posted to the New York office of ICI. Smith moved to Montreal in 1932 as Manager of the Chemicals Development Department of Canadian Industries Ltd (CIL). On the outbreak of war he was named Vice-President and, a little later, General Manager of Defence Industries Ltd (DIL), a wartime government-owned subsidiary of CIL. For his prodigious managerial skills directly affecting the wartime effort, Smith was made a CBE in 1944. Throughout the war he had also been a Director of the parent CIL, and he remained on the Board until 1958. He was President of the Company 1951-58. In his 1st year at CIL he was also President of the Society of Chemical Industry. He served as Director of a score of companies, Governor of Bishop's University, Governor of McGill University, and President of the Royal Victoria Hospital Montreal. A bachelor, whose principal private interests were fishing and his collection of Canadian paintings, his life was by all accounts dedicated to hard work. He died in Montreal after a short illness on 19 February 1974. His estate was valued at over \$4,000,000; the main beneficiaries were Balliol College, McGill University, The Royal Victoria Hospital Montreal, Bishop's University and Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario).

Scope and content:

Diploma. Bishop's D.C.L. 1967, with "A Citation for Harold Greville Smith on the occasion of the conferring upon him of the degree of Doctor of Civil Law (Honoris Causa) on Saturday, May 27, 1967. By Anthony W. Preston.

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