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SNAITH, (William W.) PAPERS

William Snaith presented his papers to the University of Toronto Library in 1962 and 1966. The only restriction he placed upon their use was as follows: Companies are identified by initials only and if any use of this material is used in research, it should be understood that such name be omitted.

Scope:

Most of the papers are concerned with industrial engineering, including the description and 103 photos of the building of the Leaside Bridge, Toronto. Mr. Snaith's personal accounts and diaries, covering the years 1914-1960, are an excellent source of social history. The collection is 2 1/2 ft. in extent.

Biographical note:

William W. Snaith was born in Montreal of English parents in 1882. He graduated from the Quebec City High School and gained practical experience as a draftsman before coming to the University of Toronto. He graduated from the School of Practical Science in 1907.

His professional career was divided between Canada and U.S.A. In 1921 he returned to the University of Toronto for his C.E. degree. His thesis, now in the U. of T. archives, was on The Construction Plant, Equipment and Structures of the Niagara Plant of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, 1916-1919, Mr. Snaith having been Office Engineer on the project and responsible for the design of most of the structures.

In 1923 he received the degree of M.E. His thesis on The Productive Capacity of Woodworking Machines is also in the U. of T. Archives.

In 1927 he was Resident Engineer on the Leaside Bridge project. Later jobs took him to various cities in Canada and the U.S.A. He wrote articles and book-lengths reports on industrial engineering, some with particular reference to woodworking plants. At one time he ran a consulting practice in industrial engineering in Toronto.

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Container Listing:

- Box 1. Diary, 1914-60. 15 v.
Expense details, 1925-60. 3 v.
Summaries, 1924-60. 1 v.
Hudson automobile accounts, 1949-1961. 1 v.
Budget book, 1920-23.
- Box. 2 Income and expenses, 1924-1960. 18 v.
- Box. 3 Articles and speeches on industrial engineering, 1906-1946.
mainly typescripts of published papers.
- Box. 4 Analysis of engineering businesses; handbooks written by Braith.
- Box. 5 Photos of the building of the Leaside Bridge. *(card in picture file)*
- Box. 6 Forest Products Engineering Company. Standard practice manual.
Chicago, c1947. 2 v. Reproduced from typewritten copy.

For detailed descriptions of items, see Manuscript Catalogue.