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INTRODUCTION

Biographical Notes

Adam Zurowski was born in 1908 in a Polish family who lived in the former Russian Empire (now Ukraine). He completed his studies in Poland and in France. He entered the Polish diplomatic service in 1932 and served in France and Poland. In October, 1939, he joined the Polish Army in France, was interned in Switzerland and escaped to England. He arrived in Canada in August, 1941 as a member of the Polish Military Mission to Canada. He reentered the Polish diplomatic service in December, 1941. He served throughout the war in Ottawa resigning in 1945 when the Canadian government withdrew the recognition of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London, England.

After the war, he was engaged in a number of business ventures but always maintained a close contact with Polish organizations in Canada and abroad. Because of his previous diplomatic experience, some Polish individuals and organizations asked for his assistance in their relations with the federal government. He held positions on the national executives of numerous Polish Canadian associations including veterans groups, Canadian Polish Congress, Polish National Fund and other organizations. He also maintained close contacts with most of the national Polish Canadian leadership. He died in Ottawa on September 20, 1992 at the age of 84 years.

Introductory Notes

Adam Zurowski's archival collection reflects his years as a diplomat and community leader. His papers include correspondence with other Polish community leaders and Canadian officials. As a community leader, he received and produced correspondence and reports on various issues of interest to the Polish community in Canada.

The papers provide insights into the life of the post-World War II immigration to Canada, the integration of new immigrants and the growth of the Polish Canadian community.

The Adam Zurowski Papers complement historical information in the Stefan Sznuk Papers (MG31 D115), the Canadian Polish Congress Papers (MG28 V10) and other fonds in the Government Archives Division.

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