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INTRODUCTION

Tadeusz Romer was born at Antonosze, his family estate near Kowno (Lithuania), on December 6, 1894. He studied at the universities of Lausanne and Fribourg. During peace negotiations following World War I he was the secretary of Roman Dmowski, the First Delegate of the Polish Government. Subsequently, Romer entered the diplomatic service of Poland and was Poland's Minister Plenipotentiary in Lisbon (1935-1937), Ambassador to Japan (1937-1941), Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. (1942-1943), and Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Polish Government-in-Exile in London (1943-1944). He came to Canada in 1948 and joined the staff of the Department of Romance Languages, McGill University. While at McGill, he taught a special course on the French language in modern diplomacy and international protocol. Since the Second World War, Romer has played a leading role in the Polish *émigré* community and Polish Canadian society in a variety of capacities in such prominent institutions as the Polish Council of National Unity and the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, Canadian Branch. Tadeusz Romer died in Montreal on March 23, 1978.

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- C. ACTIVITIES IN CANADA, 1951-1975. 40 cm. (Volumes 7-9).
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- D. ACADEMIC: MCGILL UNIVERSITY, 1948-1973. 13 cm. (Volumes 9-10).
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Articles by T. Romer and others on contemporary political problems; list of Polish refugees in the U.S.S.R. (1941); galley proofs of U.S. State Department's *The Conferences of Malta and Yalta*; *Wiadomosci polskie* (Montreal) 1959-1967.

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