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SMITH, Ernest Norman (1871-1957). Journalist and Publisher.

Originals, 1906-1974. 20 cm. Finding Aid No. 1219.

Born in Manchester, England, E.N. Smith received his early training as a journalist on Fleet Street. In 1893 he was sent to cover the Chicago World's Fair by the (British) National Press Agency. In 1894 he accepted a job as reporter with the Toronto World. He became Editor of the Woodstock Sentinel Review in 1895. He then joined the Toronto Mail and Empire as Telegraph Editor. In 1904 he moved to the Globe as special editor touring North America covering Laurier's 1904 election campaign. In 1905 he was appointed Editor and Managing Director of the Ottawa Free Press purchasing the paper in 1906. When the Ottawa Free Press merged with the Ottawa Journal in 1916 Smith was made Associate Editor and Vice President of the Ottawa Journal. Upon the death of P.D. Ross in 1949, Smith was made Editor and President, as position he held until his death in 1957. E. Norman Smith was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Canada Press Ltd in 1911 (now Canadian Press). He served as President of the Canadian Press from 1920 to 1925. Smith was named to the Board of the Ottawa Civic Hospital in 1931 becoming Chairman in 1941, a post he held until 1947.

Presented in 1979 by I. Norman Smith of Rockcliffe Park.

The finding aid No. 1219 is a file list and a list of notable correspondence.

The E. Norman Smith papers consist of twelve numbered files containing correspondence, memoranda, pamphlets and reports. Some subjects covered in the files are Smith's purchase of the Ottawa Free Press and its merger with the Ottawa Journal, the Imperial Press Conference in South Africa in 1935, the formation of the Canadian Press and the Ottawa Civic Hospital Board. Notable correspondents are Prime Minister Robert L. Borden, Senator Arthur Charles Hardy and Hector Charlesworth.

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List of files

1. Biographical notes and supporting clippings. n.d. 1905-49.
2. Buys the Ottawa Free Press in 1905, and Free Press merges with Ottawa Journal in 1916 with Smith as Vice President and Editor. 1895-1964.
3. Some Journal business statements, 1950-58.
4. Leads Canadian delegation to Imperial Press Conference in South Africa and leads successful movement towards Commonwealth exchange of news and shared services, 1935.
5. Reports from the Imperial Press Conference, and a series of stories in Ottawa Journal. Also a bound volume of his stories, 1935.
6. Smith's career in The Canadian Press, of which he became President for more years than ever served by a president, 1920-73.
7. A file of miscellaneous views and deeds of Smith in Journalism, 1925-51.
8. Nine Smith articles on a journey through the Caribbean in 1936, both a travelogue and a description of those islands at that time, 1936.
9. Smith's long service as Chairman of Ottawa Civic Hospital Board, 1931-53.
10. Letters from P.D. Ross family to E.N. Smith on Mr. Ross' death, 1949.
11. Death of E. Norman Smith, news stories, editorials and tributes, 1957.
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	1	Geo. W. Yates to E.N. Smith -enclosing photograph	3 Aug. 1942
	2	Gol (Grattan O'Leary?) to I.N. Smith <u>Ottawa Free Press - Ottawa Journal</u> merger	n.d.
	2	Wm. Findlay to E.N. Smith <u>Ottawa Free Press</u>	19 Feb. 1906
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	2	Charlie Bruce to I.N. Smith <u>Ottawa Free Press - Ottawa Journal</u> merger	12 July 1964
	2	I.N. Smith to Charlie Bruce reply to 12 July 1964	28 July 1964
	2	Charlie Bruce to I.N. Smith reply to 28 July 1964	6 Aug. 1964
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	4	J.F.B. Livesay to E.N. Smith Imperial Press Conference	11 Dec. 1934
	4	W.A. Craick to E.N. Smith Imperial Press Conference	7 May 1935
	4	Gillis Purcell to E.N. Smith annual meeting Canadian Press	1 June 1953
	6	E.N. Smith to Arthur Ford history of Canadian Press	29 Oct. 1942
	6	E.N. Smith to M.E. Nichols history of Canadian Press	19 Nov. 1948
	6	M.E. Nichols to E.N. Smith reply to 19 Nov. 1948	30 Nov. 1948
	6	E.N. Smith to Gillis Purcell history of Canadian Press	13 Nov. 1956
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	7	W.A. Craick to E.N. Smith BBC overseas news service	5 Nov. 1940
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	7	E.N. Smith to Hector Charlesworth history of <u>The Globe</u>	15 Mar. 1944
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