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**Fonds AUSP-226 – JAMES CHARLES BONAR (1906-1990)**  
**1946-1977**  
**0.05 m of textual records. – 3 photographs.**

**Biographical notes:**

James Charles Bonar

J.C. Bonar was born in Montreal September 27, 1906. He is Doctor of Political, Social and Economic Sciences (D.P.Sc.), Honoris causa of the University of Montreal (Canada), and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies (F.C.I.S.).

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company:

- He has had a career with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (later known as the Canadian Pacific Limited) -- Traffic Department
- Subsequently became Advertising Supervisor
- Secretary of Educational Committee
- Chief of Office of Chairman and President
- Appointed Assistant Secretary of the Company in 1946
- And later was also appointed Secretary of Canadian Pacific subsidiary companies
- Archivist from 1965-1970
- Retired December 1, 1970

Educational Programs:

- At the request of the Canadian educational, he headed educational programs for the Canadian Army, Navy, Air Force, and Mercantile Marine in Military District No. 4 (Western Quebec)
- He later was appointed Chairman of educational programs in Quebec for veterans of World Wars I and II conducted by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League
- Awarded "Certificate of [Member] of the Canadian Legion" (1948)

Other duties:

- Chairman (Quebec Branch), of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies
- Subsequently Chairman of the Canadian Division
- Councilor of the international organization
- The recipient of the "Distinguished Professional Service Award" of the Institute (1960)
- General Chairman of the Combined Appeals for the Blind, Montreal (1956 and 1957 campaigns)

- Treasurer and a Director of the Canadian Conferences on Social Work:
  - i. Conference in Montreal (1956)
  - ii. Conference in Halifax (1960)
- President of the Better Business Bureau of Montreal, Inc. (1958-1959)
- Past president of the Canadian Railway Club, Inc., Montreal
- Chairman and President of the Business Archives Council of Canada (1968-1973)
- Life Governor, of the Montreal General Hospital and Sainte-Justine Hospital, Montreal

**Member of:**

- i. The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
- ii. Canadian Authors Association
- iii. Canadian Historical Association
- iv. Westmount Municipal Association
- Also served as an officer at the Canadian Club of Montreal
- Vice-President of the City Improvement League, Inc. of Montreal

**Club memberships:**

- i. The Saint James's Club (Montreal)
- ii. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (Scotland)

*[Adapted from his biographical sketches in "The International Yearbook and Statesmen's Who's Who", England, and "Who's Who in Finance and Industry, U.S.A.]*

**Scope and content:**

The fonds is composed of several correspondence of Mr. James Charles Bonar, as well as lecture transcripts and biographical sketches.

**The fonds is composed of four series:**

1. Biographical sketch and notes
2. Correspondences
3. Writings
4. Memberships

**Immediate source of acquisition:**

The documents were donated to the Research Centre for the Religious History of Canada at St. Paul University. The initial source of the acquisition is unknown.

In 2011, the documents were transferred to the Archival Services of the Library and Archives Jean-Léon Allie (Saint Paul University).

**Restrictions on access:**

The documents are open for consultation.

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**Finding aids:**

A research guide is available at the SPU Archival Services.

**Accruals:**

No further accruals are expected.

**Related documents:**

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