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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
Title:	E. D. Cotterell collection
ID:	RBSC-ARC-1789
Date:	1887-1943 (date of creation)
Physical description:	5 scrapbooks 728 photographs : b&w 1 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Description created by Georg Gaenser in April 2018.
Note [generalNote]:	Includes the following photographs: RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-01-01 to PH-01-265; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-02; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-03 to PH-36; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-37; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-38; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-39 to PH-50; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-51-01 to PH-51-319; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-52-01 to PH-52-46; RBSC-ARC-1789-PH-53-01 to PH-53-50.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Edward Darlington Cotterell was the General Superintendent Alberta District of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

He was born in England in 1881 to William and Katherine Cotterell, but moved to Canada and was educated in Montreal, Quebec. He joined C.P.R. in 1897 as a messenger. His career included positions as an agent and operator at Crows Nest pass. div., Western Lines, agent for the Alberta Ry. & Irrigation Co., operator NYC Rensselaer, dispatcher and chief dispatcher for Hudson div. NYC at Grand Central, Inspector transport Western Lines, Winnipeg, Superintendent car service Western Lines, Winnipeg. He married Edna Petershagen in July of 1918, and the couple had two daughters, Gladys and Elizabeth. In June 1917 he became the Superintendent transport for Western Lines until 1928, when he became the General Superintendent of the Manitoba district. He served as General Superintendent of the Saskatchewan district from Nov 1931 to May 1932. In May 1932 he was appointed the General Superintendent of the Alberta District of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Later he was appointed a Vice President and general manager for C.P.R. at the headquarters in Toronto. He was an Anglican, conservative member of the Calgary community involved with the council of the Calgary Board of Trade and Ranchmens Club, and the Canadian Masonic fraternity.

Scope and content

The collection consists of five scrapbooks with materials and photographs mainly related to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the career of E.D. Cotterell. One scrapbook is dedicated to the Quebec Conference in 1943, a high-level military discussion which included Winston Churchill, British prime minister, US President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and various Chiefs of Staff. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King was host. In addition, the collection contains material related to the visit of the British King (George) and Queen in Canada in 1939, as well as other royal visits.

Notes

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Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Tim Morris in March 2018.

Arrangement

Arranged by Rare Books and Special Collections, loose photographs were separated.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1789-1-01	File - Family, Canadian Pacific Railway and trains	1887-1940		
RBSC-ARC-1789-2-01	File - Train-stories newspaper clippings	1920-1937		
RBSC-ARC-1789-2-02	File - British royal family in Canada	1939		
RBSC-ARC-1789-3-01	File - Lokomotives and trains	1925-1941		
RBSC-ARC-1789-3-02	File - A royal person and crashed trains	1941-1942		
RBSC-ARC-1789-4-01	File - The Quebec Conference	1943		