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**Inventory of the
Walter Alexander Riddell fonds**

Inventory #F0394

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0394

Title: Walter Alexander Riddell fonds

Dates: 1922-1962

Extent: 1.08 m of textual records
125 photographs : b&w

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Walter Alexander Riddell (1881-1963), diplomat and scholar, served as Canadian delegate to the International Labour Organization in Geneva (1920-1925) and as Canadian Advisory officer at the League of Nations (1925-1937). Subsequent to his League work, Riddell was counsellor to the Canadian Embassy in Washington (1937-1940), and completed his diplomatic work with a posting as high commissioner in New Zealand (1940-1946). Riddell later taught International Relations at the University of Toronto. Prior to his international service, Riddell had served as deputy minister of the Department of Labour in Ontario and had played a role in drafting the provincial Mother's Allowance Act and the Minimum Wage Act (1920). He was the author of several works on international affairs, including "World Security by Conference" (1947).

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of correspondence of Walter Alexander Riddell, diaries, notes on interviews with League of Nations officials, newspaper clippings, reports and typescripts or handwritten drafts of his speeches and publications including the works "Peace without War", "Canada, Maker of the Commonwealth" and "Documents on Canadian Foreign Policy, 1917-1939".

Custodial History: The Riddell Papers were acquired by the Rare Book Department, York University Libraries, prior to 1970 and transferred to the Archives after the two departments were merged.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000394.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1970-005. Further accruals may be expected.

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acquisition:** The Riddell Papers were acquired by the Rare Book Department, York University Libraries, prior to 1970.

Provenance Access Points: Riddell, Walter Alexander, 1881-1963.