



**YORK UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**Inventory of the  
George G. Bell fonds**

**Inventory #F0376**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0376**Title:** George G. Bell fonds**Dates:** 1964-1992**Extent:** 1.02 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Brigadier-General George Gray Bell was a Vice-President at York University, Professor of Strategic Studies and decorated Second World War veteran. He was born in Toronto on May 24, 1920 and enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1940. In 1943, he graduated from the Royal Military College and served in the Netherlands and Germany in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (RCAC). Bell remained in the army after the war serving around the world in various capacities. He earned his PhD in International Relations from McGill University in 1972. In 1973, Bell became Assistant Deputy Minister to the Minister of the Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Government of Ontario. In 1976, he was appointed Executive Vice-President and Professor of Strategic Studies at York University. At York, Bell also founded and became the first President of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies (CISS). From 1984 until its dissolution in 1987, he was a founding director of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS). He received the Order of Canada in 1989. After his retirement Bell was the Honourary President of the RCAC Association, and he remained a senior research fellow at York until 1996. Bell died in Toronto, Ontario on October 15, 2000.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of records documenting the career of George Bell as a university administrator and professor, founding director of CIIPS, and President of the CISS. Also includes minutes of meetings, correspondence, working papers, reports, and reference and research materials.

**Custodial History:** Records in accession 2001-005 were stored in Bell's home after his retirement. Former President of York University, Ian H. Macdonald, briefly had custody of the materials while determining their suitability for transfer to the Archives.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** To be determined.

**Finding Aid:** File lists are available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000376.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1993-028, 1993-029, 1994-009, 2001-005. No further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** Related records may be found in the Vice-President (University Advancement) fonds (F0083).

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Accessions 1993-028, 1993-029 and 1994-009 acquired from George G. Bell in 1993 and 1994. Accession 2001-005 acquired from Ian H. MacDonald in 2001.

**Provenance Access Points:** Bell, George G., 1920-2000  
York University (Toronto, Ont.). Vice President (University Advancement)

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