

Title:	James D. Tait Company Limited Fonds		
Creator:	James D. Tait Company Limited		
Dates of Material:	1890-1939 [non-inclusive]	Record Group Number:	RG 183
Summary of Contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Accounts payable journal, 1931-1934 1.2 Cash book, 1930-1938 1.3 Day book, 1932-1933. 2.1 Current Ledger, 1922-1933 2.2 Customer accounts, 1930-1933 3.1 Accounts, 1933-1934, 1937 3.2 Bankruptcy papers of John Stobie Limited, 1935-1936, n.d. 3.3 Company papers, 1890-1937 [non-inclusive]; includes record of stockholders, share certificates, letters probate for estate of Andrew Malcolm Stobie, company by-laws 3.4 Correspondence, 1933, 1936, 1939 3.5 Estate of Robert R. Cameron, 1904-1911; includes account book and cheque receipts 3.6 Financials, 1931-1937; includes bank book and cancelled cheques 3.7 Receipts, 1933-1938 3.8 Tax returns, 1934-1939; includes federal and provincial forms with some blank forms 3.9 Minute book, 1907-1938; includes correspondence and financials 		
Physical Description / Condition:	<p>4 oversize ledger/account books 14 cm of textual records</p> <p>The James D. Tait Company Limited Fonds consists of account and ledger books, financial statements, tax returns and receipts and estate papers of the late Robert R. Cameron.</p>		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>James D. Tait (1836-1907) came to Canada in 1855 from Scotland. He worked in the dry goods business until he established the James D. Tait Company in 1864. The business was first located on Ontario street and specialized in furs. The business expanded to include dry goods and dress-making. After the building was destroyed by fire, Tait established and expanded the business into the Prendergast building on the corner of St. Paul and William Streets. James D. Tait died in 1907 while on vacation in Muskoka.</p> <p>In 1912 upon the resignation (or removal) of Benjamin Brick and Arthur Harbour, Stanley G. Smith joins the company as a director and secretary-</p>		

	<p>treasurer. 1918/1919 vice-president E.J. Dignum dies. 1919 S.J. Inksater becomes a director of the company (His stock was purchased by the J.D. Tait Co.) By the 1930s the business, still in the same location, was under the leadership of Malcolm Stobie, President, Samuel J. Inksater, Vice-President and Stanley G. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer. The James D. Tait Company Limited ceased operations on 17 August 1933. The 1935 St. Catharines city directory records John Stobie, a former manager of the James D. Tait Company, operating a dry goods business at the same location, but with one-third the size of the original store space.</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	<p>Fonds remained in the possession of William Hull and Anne McPherson (the granddaughter of Stanley G. Smith) until 1999 when the material was donated to Brock University Archives.</p> <p>In October 2011 the Day book, 1932-1933 and Minute book, 1907-1938 was added to this fonds. It was part of a 2011 donation by Anne McPherson.</p>		
Subject Headings:	<p>610 James D. Tait Company Limited 650 Retail trade -- Ontario -- St. Catharines -- History -- Sources. 650 Stores, Retail -- Ontario -- St. Catharines -- History. 651 St. Catharines (Ont.) -- Commerce -- History. 651 St. Catharines (Ont.) -- History.</p>		
Added Entries:	<p>700 Cameron, Robert R. 700 Stobie, John. 700 Stobie, Malcolm. 700 Inksater, Samuel J. 700 Smith, Stanley G.</p>		
Related material held at other repositories:			
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