

HAZELGROVE, Albert James (1884 – 1958)

Albert Hazelgrove was a prominent Ottawa based architect who worked for over 40 years in a variety of partnerships over his long career. Mr. Hazelgrove was president of the Ontario Association of Architects in 1939 and 1940 and was vice-chairman of the Architects' Registration Board of Ontario. He was elected to the college of Fellows of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 1938 and served as president in 1948-49. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1949.

Albert James Hazelgrove was born on June 10, 1884 in London, England and was educated at the London Grammar School. He began the study of architecture at the Architectural Association School in London and continued in the office of Charles Barry and Son (1902-05), a firm in direct line of descent from Sir Charles Barry, architect of the British Houses of Parliament in 1840. He undertook further studies at London University and was employed by His Majesty's Office of Works in 1906-07. Mr. Hazelgrove came to Canada in 1907 and worked for two years in Montreal with the firm of E. and W.S. Maxwell and in 1909 moved to Ottawa where he

went into partnership with C.P. Meredith. Hazelgrove then entered into a series of partnerships with A. Kaye Mills, Lambert and Lithwick.

In addition he designed the Rockcliffe Park School and Municipal Offices (1949) as well as many fine residences in the Rockcliffe Park area. His firm was the architect for many high schools in Ottawa including Ridgemount, Laurentian, Fisher Park (in association with J.A. Ewart), Glebe, High School of Commerce, Nepean, Woodroffe, and Hillcrest. He also designed the Chancel at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Sparks Street, Ottawa (1931-32) and St. Mathias Church, Banks Street, Ottawa (1948). In addition he did plans for the Nurses Education building at the Civic hospital and the Jewish Community Centre, Ottawa. The firm also designed the Coliseum Building, Central Canada Exhibition Grounds, Ottawa (1949).

Mr. Hazelgrove's firm designed many outstanding buildings in Ottawa after 1950 including the Ottawa Citizen Building, Charles Ogilvy Limited, International Harvester Building, many Telephone Exchange buildings and the Department of Public Works building on Riverside Drive, Ottawa.