

## MADILL, Henry Harrison (1889 – 1988)

**I**nstrumental in the development of architectural education in Canada, prominent Toronto architect Lt.-Col. Henry H. Madill was involved with the University of Toronto's School of Architecture for over 60 years. Madill also carried on one of the City's most successful architectural firms and was active in many architectural associations.

Madill was born in Beaverton Ontario in 1889 and moved to the Queen City with his parents in 1895 where he graduated from architecture at the University of Toronto in 1912. Shortly after his graduation he began a partnership with James Craig which lasted over 50 years. Their firm was noted for its design of public buildings, schools and apartment buildings. In 1952 Madill's firm was given the Massey Medal for Educational Buildings. Some of Madill's more unusual commissions included the Canadian National Exhibition's Band Shell (1936), an Art Deco Toronto jewel and the Foster Memorial, Uxbridge, an eccentric folly for former Toronto mayor Thomas Foster who asked Madill to design a structure inspired by the Taj Mahal.

In 1924, Madill was appointed an associate pro-

fessor at the University of Toronto. He became the Director of the Architecture School in 1934 and stayed on as the head of the school until 1957, becoming its first dean in 1948 when the school split from the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. After years of contributing to the school's development Col. Madill became the school's Director Emeritus in 1975 and received the University's Distinguished Service Honor Award in 1978.

A veteran of two world wars, Col. Madill began his distinguished military career at Jarvis Collegiate as a captain of the Cadet Corps. During the First World war he was a commanding officer of a battalion of the Polish Army training in Niagara. After seeing active service during the second world war he received the O.B.E. in 1945.

A member of the Ontario Association of Architects since 1914, Madill was a member of its registration Board 1937-1957 and Chairman of the Board 1945-1957. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; Fellow American Institute of Architects; and founding member of the Association of Canadian Industrial Designers.

### Important work (Craig & Madill):

St. Clair Apartments, St. Clair Ave. W. at Avenue Road, Toronto	1925
The 400 Avenue Road Apartments, Avenue Rd. at Edmund Ave., Toronto	1926
The Palace Pier, Sunnyside Park, Lakeshore Boulevard W., Toronto	1926-27
Earl Haig High School, Princess Ave. at Kenneth Ave., North York	1929-1930, addition 1947
Dominion Public Building, Keele St. at Annette St., Toronto	1935-1936
Canadian National Exhibition Bandshell, Toronto	1936
Windsor Court Apartments, Ouellette Ave. at Hanna St. Windsor	1926-27
Public school, Beaverton, Ont.	1929
Thomas Foster Memorial Temple, Uxbridge, Ont.	1936