



## **Dalhousie University Archives**

### **Finding Aid - George E. Smith Company fonds (MS-4-22)**

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# George E. Smith Company fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	George E. Smith Company fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MS-4-22
<b>Date:</b>	1911-1916 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	30 cm of textual records

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The George E. Smith Company, named after its founder, was a hardware company in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Upon Smith's death on February 16, 1916, the company remained in operation.

### Custodial history

The history of this collection is unclear. Ms. S. P. Chisholm donated it to the Dalhousie Archives on May 17, 1971, although her connection to George E. Smith Company is unknown.

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## Scope and content

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The George E. Smith Company, named after its founder, was a hardware company in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Upon Smith's death on February 16, 1916, the company remained in operation. The fonds includes the correspondence (including financial transactions) with suppliers and credit reports commissioned by the company concerning their clientele. The collection illuminates the hardships for Canadian companies prior to and during World War I.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

Series were naturally formed and only minimal changes were made by the processing archivist. Foreign letters were arranged according to date. During processing, it appeared that someone previously attempted to alphabetize the Dun credit reports, but they still needed extensive reorganizing.

### Restrictions on access

All files are open.

### Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room.

### Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Business records (subject)
- Family business (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.)--Commerce (subject)
- Nova Scotia--Commerce (subject)
- Business correspondence (subject)
- Merchants (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### Series: R. G. Dun Credit Reports

Title: R. G. Dun Credit Reports

Date: 1901-1916 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The R. G. Dun Credit Reports are a window into the lives of general merchants, businessmen, and farmers in the early 1900s. These reports paint a picture of the financial hardships Canadians faced in the years leading up to World War I.

Physical description: 30 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The natural order of this series was broken whereas the Dun reports were bound together without an order. The reports are now rearranged alphabetically by the subject's last name or company name.

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### File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 1 - Adams - Await

Title: Adams - Await

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 1

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### File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 2 - Backman - Bulter

Title: Backman - Bulter

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 2

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### File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 3 - Calkin - Cuvelier

Title: Calkin - Cuvelier

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 3

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### File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 4 - Dagley - Dunsmore

Title: Dagley - Dunsmore

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 4

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 5 - Eastern Canada Fisheries - Evans**

Title: Eastern Canada Fisheries - Evans

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 5

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 6 - Fader - Fuller**

Title: Fader - Fuller

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 6

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 7 - Goodrick - Guild**

Title: Goodrick - Guild

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 7

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 8 - Hadley - Hulan**

Title: Hadley - Hulan

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 8

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 9 - Innis - Inverness**

Title: Innis - Inverness

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 9

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 10 - Jamieson - Joudrey**

Title: Jamieson - Joudrey

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 10

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 11 - Kaizer - Kirkwood**

Title: Kaizer - Kirkwood

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 11

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 12 - La Have Outfitting Co. - Lyons**

Title: La Have Outfitting Co. - Lyons

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 12

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 13 - Macaulay - Myers**

Title: Macaulay - Myers

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 13

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 14 - Mc Adam - Mc Rae**

Title: Mc Adam - Mc Rae

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 14

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 15 - Neil - Nova Scotia Lumber**

Title: Neil - Nova Scotia Lumber

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 15

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 16 - O'Brien - Oxner**

Title: O'Brien - Oxner

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 16

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 17 - Page - Pyker**

Title: Page - Pyker

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 17

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 18 - Rafuse - Rudolph**

Title: Rafuse - Rudolph

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 18

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 19 - Salmon River Lumber Co. Ltd. - Swim Bros.**

Title: Salmon River Lumber Co. Ltd. - Swim Bros.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 19

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 20 - Taylor - Tyrer**

Title: Taylor - Tyrer

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 20

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 21 - Union Fish Company Ltd. - Upham**

Title: Union Fish Company Ltd. - Upham

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 21

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 22 - Vaughn - Vogler**

Title: Vaughn - Vogler

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 22

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 23 - Wentzell - Whitten**

Title: Wentzell - Whitten

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 23

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 24 - Younge**

Title: Younge

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 24

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 25 - Zinck - Zwicker**

Title: Zinck - Zwicker

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 1, Folder 25

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**Series: Correspondence of George E. Smith Company**

Title: Correspondence of George E. Smith Company

Date: February 9, 1916-December 11, 1916 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The foreign letters are a combination of solicited and unsolicited correspondence from their suppliers. These documents are a testament to the short supply of raw materials facing Canadian manufactures during World War I and the steep price increases for these products. Some of these letters express patriotic feelings about supporting Canada in the war.

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

These files were originally categorized by date before being donated to the Dalhousie Archives. Extraneous material was decommissioned and the remaining letters are in the pre-existing order. Within each file grouped by date the letters are roughly alphabetically arranged.

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**File: February 9, 1916 - April 4, 1916**

Title: February 9, 1916 - April 4, 1916

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 1 - Ashaway Line and Twine Mfg. Co. - Dorken Bros. and Co. Mfg. Co.**

Title: Ashaway Line and Twine Mfg. Co. - Dorken Bros. and Co. Mfg. Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 1

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 2 - Dominion Linseed Oil Co. - W. Bruce Morrow**

Title: Dominion Linseed Oil Co. - W. Bruce Morrow

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 2

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 3 - Miller Lock Co. - The Yale and Towne Mfg. Co.**

Title: Miller Lock Co. - The Yale and Towne Mfg. Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 3

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**File: April 4, 1916 - May 28, 1916**

Title: April 4, 1916 - May 28, 1916

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 4 - Charles I. Allen - Dominion Cartridge Co.**

Title: Charles I. Allen - Dominion Cartridge Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 4

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 5 - Thos. Davidson Mfg. Co. - Welland Vale Mfg. Co.**

Title: Thos. Davidson Mfg. Co. - Welland Vale Mfg. Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 5

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**File: May 28, 1916 - August 1, 1916**

Title: May 28, 1916 - August 1, 1916

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 6 - W. D. Allen Mfg. Co. - A. C. Leslie and Co.**

Title: W. D. Allen Mfg. Co. - A. C. Leslie and Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 6

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 7 - A. C. Leslie and Co. - Welland Vale Mfg. Co.**

Title: A. C. Leslie and Co. - Welland Vale Mfg. Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 7

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**File: August 1, 1916 - October 10, 1916**

Title: August 1, 1916 - October 10, 1916

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 8 - American Metal Polish Co. - The Gourock Ropework Export Co.**

Title: American Metal Polish Co. - The Gourock Ropework Export Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 8

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 9 - The Gourock Ropework Export Co. - New York Net and Twine Co.**

Title: The Gourock Ropework Export Co. - New York Net and Twine Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 9

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 10 - New York Net and Twine Co. - John Yates and Co.**

Title: New York Net and Twine Co. - John Yates and Co.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 10

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**File: October 10, 1916 - December 11, 1916**

Title: October 10, 1916 - December 11, 1916

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 11 - American Paint Journal - Alexander Gibb**

Title: American Paint Journal - Alexander Gibb

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 11

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**MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 12 - Hamilton Whip Co. - Canadian Yale and Towne Ltd.**

Title: Hamilton Whip Co. - Canadian Yale and Towne Ltd.

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 12

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**Series: Advertisements and printed materials**

Title: Advertisements and printed materials

Date: 1916 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Advertisements include war-time propaganda and examples of Canadian support for the World War I.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The printed matter and advertisements were removed from the Correspondence Series files and placed here for the sole purpose of displaying the advertisements of the early 1900s.

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**File: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 13 - Advertisements and printed materials**

Title: Advertisements and printed materials

Reference code: MS-4-22, Box 2, Folder 13

Date: 1916 (date of creation)

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