

## JAMES ATHOL COLVIN, B.A., Ph.D.

James Athol Colvin was born in the city of Port Arthur. He received his elementary education there, and an Honours degree in Arts from the University of Toronto in 1949. Scholarships from the British Council and the Social Science Research Council of Canada enabled him to undertake post-graduate studies at the University of London, England, from which he emerged, in 1953, with a Doctorate in History and Politics.

Subsequently Dr. Colvin entered the Canadian Civil Service as an Archivist. In 1954 he joined the Department of External Affairs as Deputy Head of Personnel Division. Thereafter, duty with the Department's Inspection Service involved visits to countries throughout Europe and Asia and from 1958 to 1965 he served abroad at the Canadian Embassy, in Paris, France, and at Chicago, Illinois. Prior to accepting his present position as President of Fanshawe College, he was Deputy Head of the Department's United States Division.

As a student, Dr. Colvin's aptitudes carried him from the classroom to the playing field. He was prominent in sports at Port Arthur, and at Toronto earned his varsity letter as a member of two intercollegiate championship teams. He also had the experience, on one occasion, of playing for Scotland against Canada in hockey.

He served as a Fighter Pilot in the last war and spent two years as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Dr. Colvin is the author of several pamphlets on Canadian History, and while serving in the United States was in demand as a speaker on Canadian and world affairs.

His interest in encouraging a balanced program for students is indicated by the fact that he has given the first scholarship for annual competition at Fanshawe College. It is for general proficiency.

Dr. Colvin married the former Eleanor Clark, of Toronto, and has three sons, Tory, Roderick and Crispin.