

NAME:MURLEY, Sydney Herbert

PARISH:

ENTERED SERVICE:1900

DATES:b. 1886 d. 1968

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:

Position:

Post:

District:

HBCA Reference:

**An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

As a boy of 15 S.H. Murley was apprenticed to the London fur trade firm of Blatspiel, Stamp & Heacock. He was employed by them from 1900 to 1909 and then by the auction house of A. & W. Nesbitt from 1909 to 1920. He left Nesbitt's to start his own business and was for some years a partner in Monjo, Murley & Hennessey, New York and London fur commission house.

He then went into business for himself under the name of S.H. Murley & Co. Ltd. At 24 Garlick Hill and is said to have been one of the first brokers to import large shipments of S.W. African Persian Lamb.

S.H. Murley & Co. Ltd. Went into voluntary liquidation as of January 1st, 1935, at which date Murley became the General Manager of C.M. Lampson & Co. Ltd.. Lampson's was an old established London firm, which became a subsidiary of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1928. In 1935 Murley travelled to New York to assist with the organization of Lampson, Fraser & Huth, Inc., a new company formed by the amalgamation of Frederick Huth and Alfred Fraser Inc., the New York arm of Lampson's.

Murley returned to New York in 1940 as President of Lampson, Fraser & Huth Inc. and remained in this position until retirement in 1951. The operations of the firm expanded greatly during Murley's Presidency and it played a leading role in the marketing of ranch-bred fox and mink.

Early in 1952 Murley became the Chairman of Robin of International Inc., a New York import/export company.

S.H. Murley was married to Beatrice Maude Baylis (d. 4 November 1951). In 1952 he married Mrs. Irene Pye of New York (d. 1972). He died on March 21st 1968.

Sources: HBCA, R.G.2/8/1314-1316; R.G.13/13A/30,40; a.102,Box 115, 'LFH/CML, 1934-1939'; A.102,Box 117, "LFH-Sundry Correspondence with Directors"; a.102, Box 117, "LFH-Board Minutes, 1936-1943".
Also – Who's Who 1987, "Murley, Reginald".

Photographs: HBCA Photograph Collection 1987/363-E-700-Mo-Mz – 2 views in front of Fort Garry Gate, Winnipeg {1935}.
American Fur Breeder, August 1951, cover – with R.W. Fraser and Felix Kohn.

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