



**CLAUDE T. BISSELL**  
**1916-2000**

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Claude Bissell was elected a Foundation Honorary Fellow of the Academy at its establishment in 1969. At that time he had been for over a decade President of the University of Toronto, a post he was to continue to hold with great distinction until 1971. During his energetic Presidency the University of Toronto tripled in size, graduate enrolment substantially increased, the library holdings quadrupled, and the renowned John P. Robarts Library was built.

Claude Bissell was a brilliant graduate in Philosophy and English Studies of the University of Toronto and Cornell University. He was a prolific writer noted for his graceful sense of style. His many books include *University College: A Portrait* (1953), *Halfway Up Parnassus: A Personal Account of the University of Toronto 1932-71* (1974), and a two-volume biography of Vincent Massey. He served for periods as Chair of the Canada Council and as President of the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges. His distinguished services to Academic administration and policy were recognised by the award of no fewer than 20 Honorary Doctorates, election to a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada, and appointment as Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto.

Claude Bissell is survived by his wife Christina and daughter Deirdre, to whom the Academy extends its sincere sympathy.

*Graeme Clarke*

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