

Ludwik Alejski

(1921-1986)

Structural engineer



Ludwik Alejski was born in Poznan, Poland. As a student, he was conscripted into the army and fought in Poland's September 1939 campaign of World War Two. In 1940, he was arrested by the German occupiers for membership in the Polish Scouts organization and conspiracy, and held prisoner in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Germany for five years. After the liberation of the camp, he enlisted in the second Polish Corps fighting in Italy. Demobilized in England, Alejski studied at the University of London, graduating in 1954 with a B.Sc. degree in structural engineering.

Ludwik Alejski immigrated to Canada in 1958 and settled in Toronto. He joined the Caruthers and Walles Ltd., Consulting Engineers, eventually becoming its vice president. While working as a professional engineer in Toronto, Alejski designed such spectacular structures as:

- Toronto Dominion Bank Pavilion;
- Eaton Centre;
- Bell Canada Exchange Building;
- Confederation of Life office building;
- Robarts Library, University of Toronto;
- Roy Thompson Concert Hall;
- University of Toronto Faculty of Applied Sciences and Engineering;
- Encyclopaedia Britannica Building.

Ludwik Alejski was the recipient of Canadian Consulting Engineering Award for his design of Toronto Dominion Bank Pavilion in 1969 and for the design of Robarts Library in 1974.

In 1986, he was awarded the Engineering Medal of Excellence.

Photos from top left clockwise:
• Ludwik Alejski / Photo – family archives • Robarts Library, Toronto, structural design by L. Alejski (Canadian Consulting Engineering award, 1979) • Roy Thomson Concert Hall, Toronto, structural design by L. Alejski
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