

GIVES WARNING ON LEGISLATION

Dr. F. R. Taylor Sees Trend is Towards Socialism

Address Given at Law School Opening—Chief Justice and Magistrate Speak

Declaring that the trend of modern legislation was more towards socialism than that of the duties of the lawyer was to see that this tendency was kept within proper bounds, Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., gave an address on "The Influence of the Lawyer on the Community," last evening at the formal opening of the Saint John Law School.

Sir J. Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice of the New Brunswick Supreme Court and dean of the Law School, presided at the opening.

In a short address, he said that the school this year had an enrollment larger than ever before. The attitude of the students would count much towards the success of the school, he said. They would find the members of the faculty always ready to assist them.

There had been a great change since the day in which he studied law, he said. Then there had been no law schools except at the large colleges and the average student was forced to acquire his learning in the office of some lawyer. He thought the old system had had its advantages in the way of giving the young lawyers experience in the practical work of the profession and he advised his hearers to spend their spare time in the offices of lawyers or in court, listening to the arguments and conduct of cases there.

Dr. Taylor commenced his address by pointing out the two branches of law, common law, which had grown naturally as the result of the needs of community life, and statute law which was imposed on the people by the various legislative bodies.

While the former grew to a certain extent, there had been a much greater increase in the quantity of statute law with which a student must be familiar to properly serve his client. In 1877 the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick had contained 1,187 pages. Twenty-six years later the statutes had included 2,666 pages and there was now a revision being made which would add to this all the laws passed since that time.

STATUTE LAWS INCREASE

This increase of statute laws, which had about tripled since 1877, added greatly to the difficulties of getting a proper appreciation of the law, he said. One of a lawyer's duties was to see that the increase of the statute laws should be based on sound discretion and for the betterment of the community. A great deal of the recent legislation, Dr. Taylor went on, had been passed with the purpose of improving society by forbidding people to do things which they had done for years. If a lawyer, during his career at the bar or in any other capacity in which he was called to serve, could see to it that legislation was along sane and sound lines and was not "freak" legislation, he would have gone a long way towards fulfilling a useful purpose in his sphere of life.

TREND IS SOCIALISTIC

The general trend of legislation today was toward socialism, he said. Education had cost England 11 times as much this year as it had 25 years ago. This was a tendency towards socialism in taking the control of the children from the parents as far as their education was concerned. Vocational training, he said, was about parallel to the old system of apprenticeship, the difference being that the children were taught in schools instead of by some master tradesman.

Another tendency in the same direction was in the appointing of various administrative boards, such as the Workmen's Compensation Board, the Public Utilities Board, health boards and others.

COURT FUNCTIONS LESS

These bodies were given jurisdiction over affairs that had formerly been settled in the courts. A further step was in the Arbitration Act. He thought that the legislatures should not take the powers away from the courts of the land and put them in the hands of administrative boards. He believed that the administration cost of the Workmen's Compensation Board was greater than that of all the courts in the land. The lawyer should help to keep the trend towards socialistic legislation within bounds.

The lawyer owed a duty to his clients and a duty to his fellow practitioners, he declared. He should act so that his deeds would not cause the reputation of the profession to suffer. His duty to his fellow barristers should preclude his taking advantage of technical mistakes.

It was the duty of a lawyer, as an officer of the court, and in the interest of justice, which he should always seek, to assist the bench in every way possible.

JUDGE RECALLS OLD DAYS

Judge George A. Henderson made a few remarks, mostly reminiscences of older times in Saint John. He was glad to be connected with such an institution as the Saint John Law School, he said, and to have an opportunity to speak on the same occasion with Mr. Justice Hazen and Dr. Taylor. Percy Steeves moved and Whittman A. Haines seconded a vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening. Mr. Steeves suggested the students of the Law School were eligible for places on the University of New Brunswick debating team that was to meet the team of English debaters coming to the province.

MISSION CIRCLE MEETS

The Ich Dien Mission Circle of the Carleton United Church at its first meeting of the season held last night at the home of the president, Miss Marguerite Barrett, planned for the work of the coming year. There was a large attendance of members. Miss Mrs. Adams led the devotions. Mrs. G. Barrett introduced the new study book. Plans were made for holding a tea in the near future and committees were appointed to take charge.

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LOCAL G. W. V. A. IS ARRANGING FAIR

Poppy Day Also is Being Planned For—Monthly Meeting is Held.

The monthly meeting of the city branch of the G. W. V. A. was held in the association hall last evening with President J. G. Dryden in the chair. The various committee reports showed a general resumption of activity in all lines of the association's work. The sports committee reported respecting the bowling alleys which have been reopened and the association team re-entered in the Inter-Association League, of which the G. W. V. A. have won the championship in the last two seasons. The committee also proposed the formation of a "two-man" league for their alleys in the near future.

Preparations for "Poppy Day" were discussed and it was decided to hold the public sale of poppies on Saturday, Nov. 7, and the annual Memorial Decoration Day on Sunday, Nov. 8.

The invitation of Rev. J. E. Bonnell to attend the memorial service at St. Andrew's church was accepted by the branch.

The most interesting feature of the meeting, however, was the report of the committee appointed last month to arrange for the association's annual fair, Oct. 28 to Nov. 7 were the dates selected by the committee which report-

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ed St. Andrew's Rink as engaged for that period. The committee reported that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor had again this year granted his patronage to the fair and would attend in person if possible.

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