

Graduates of Dal Law School Prominent in The Canadian Scene

"To build up in this city of Halifax a university . . . No more eligible site for a great university can be found in Canada. The light, of course, should come from the East" . . . Dean Weldon.

Few people, other than a few die-hard Upper Canadians, will today dispute the fact that the 'light' has indeed come from the East. And this has been due in no small measure to the efforts, and to the traditions which he has handed down, of Dean Weldon, the head of Dalhousie's first serious (and permanent) attempt to found a law school. Graduates have gone on to bear out his words, not only as to the light coming from the East, but to the effect that "some of our students will, in their later years, be called upon to discharge public duties. We aim to help these to act with fidelity and wisdom." This tradition of public service, no matter in what pursuit of life, the law men of Dalhousie have never failed to follow. To give a comprehensive list of these people is, of course, impossible . . . but a representative few, chosen from Canada's leading citizens of recent years, will serve to justify the faith of Dean Weldon and the pride which Dalhousians have in their Law School.

Government, of course, is perhaps the biggest field in which our law graduates have found scope for their talents. R. B. Bennett, J. L. Ilesley, Angus L. Macdonald, and Norman Rogers, to name but a few, achieved fame and honor in the public service of their country. Here we have them, a Prime Minister; the financial genius of World War II and present Chief Justice of Nova Scotia; one of the most outstanding Premiers Nova Scotia has ever had and Wartime Navy Minister, and last, but not least, in the person of Norman Rogers, whose untimely death early in World War II wrote finis to a most promising career, we have a man whom the late Mackenzie King held in high regard.

On the Bench Dalhousians have been outstanding. In our own Supreme Court of Nova Scotia Dal reigns supreme . . . topped by Chief Justice Ilesley and former Dean of Law School 'Vince' Macdonald. It is not to Nova Scotia alone however that judges who trace their legal education back to Dal are confined . . . there is, for

example, Mr. Justice Keillor MacKay of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Nor has education been neglected . . . there is President Sidney Smith of the University of Toronto, and President Norman MacKenzie of the University of British Columbia . . . both graduates of Dal Law School . . . and former Dean 'Vince' Macdonald, head of Dal's legal department for sixteen years.

In the field of industry and finance Sir James Dunn and Henry Borden are far from unknown. Sir James has built Algoma Steel and subsidiaries into one of the world's most powerful financial organizations and Henry Borden is President, among other things, of Brazilian Traction.

With this impressive list, there can be no doubt that our Law School has contributed much to the welfare and progress of Canada. There is little evidence that this revered institution has in any way deviated from its traditions and aspirations . . . and it today boasts a faculty second to none, headed by the new Dean, Horace Emerson Read, himself a former graduate with a long and impressive record as one of North America's outstanding legal scholars. It is to be hoped, or, more properly, expected, that Dalhousie will continue to produce great men who will be tomorrow's leaders and wise men.

Law Notes

By CHIS LYONS

Life around the Law School has been quiet this year; like living in River Hebert—if you call that living. The students have taken in the World Series and the Fall sittings of the Criminal Court; more out of tradition than interest,

The summer has brought many changes. Besides a new Dean, we have a platoon of new professors, a new girl in first year and two new decks of cards in the common room. But, and here we have tradition again, the notices on the notice board have not changed. They are the same notices that have gone unread for the last fifty years. The board is fast taking on the appearance of a case book in the History of English Law. In a casual perusal of the

Athletics at the Dal Law School

The Dalhousie Law School abounds with athletes of ex-Varsity caliber and inter-fac fame. The pressure of studies often restricts men who would make varsity or professional teams to the playing of inter-fac games, and it is small wonder that participating as such they plunge into each fray as if it were a Stanley Cup play-off, or a McCurdy Cup final. Suffice it to say that the inter-fac rugby the Law goal line has been uncrossed for two years. Last year's hockey team won the inter-fac finals.

Here is a small part of the Law School, athletic roster:

Cy Thomas — another N.H.L. player, performed with the Leafs and is now starring for Halifax Saint Mary's.

Doug Rouse—ranked with Noel Hamilton and Don Bauld as one of the Maritime badminton leaders. A Varsity basketball and rugby star at U.N.B.

Ritchie Love—high scoring rugby winger with Acadia Axemen, and Maritime intercollegiate half-mile record holder.

Paul Lee—Dal rugby and hockey star. Won fame at nineteen by coaching the Q.E.H. football squad to a league title and then to a highly successful international match with Salem High School. Now coaching the Wanderers in the H.C.F.L.

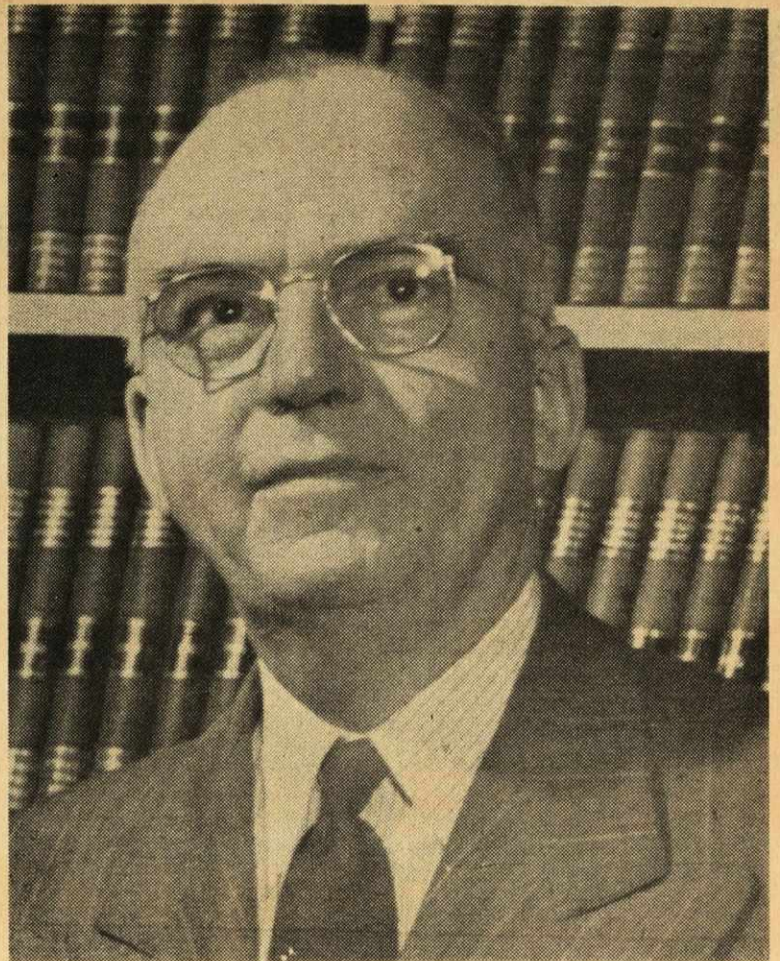
Hector Pothier — stellar rugby and basketball player with St. F. X. team before the war, now managing Law interfac rugby team.

Eric Kinsman—had six years of senior rugby with Acadia and Dal, now Vice-President of the Students' Council.

Andy MacKay — spent three seasons with the Canadian rugby team, two of them as Captain. Also had three years of Varsity Basketball.

announcements the other day, I noticed that next Monday's class in Torts has been cancelled. It was signed by Dean Weldon. And that wasn't yesterday, Jack.

The chaps have not as yet thrown themselves into earnest study. But in true legal fashion they are sitting in the common room and thinking about it. The first year students are working and worrying; in second year they're worrying but not as yet working and in third year they're worrying about bridge.



Horace E. Read, Dean of Law

THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

Richard C. Weldon, K.C., M.P., Ph.D., first Dean of Dalhousie Law School, was a profound student and thinker. He believed that the practice of law is a privilege in return for which a lawyer owes not only the duty to provide his clients with wise and ethical advocacy but also the obligation to give community leadership especially in governmental affairs. In many ways, including the House of Commons, he translated that belief into action. The Law School's reputation for high standards of legal scholarship and public service has been built by alumni who have been inspired directly by the Weldon personality and ideals or indirectly by the tradition that they have established.

Through wholehearted co-operation of the governing authorities of the University, the Nova Scotia Bench and Bar, and the fulltime members of the Faculty, the history of the Law School has been one of steady advance, notably in adaptation of the teaching program to meet the changing needs of the profession and the community. This, too, is part of our tradition.

Despite the difficulties of the war and immediately post-war years, Dean Vincent C. MacDonald, K.C., LL.D., and his associates, with complete understanding and devotion to sound principles of legal education, not only maintained teaching standards at high levels but made and implemented plans, for example, for a larger fulltime Faculty and development of post-graduate program in Law.

We who are now at the Law School are inheritors of a great tradition and beneficiaries of men who have upheld it. Our obligation is plain.

Horace E. Read

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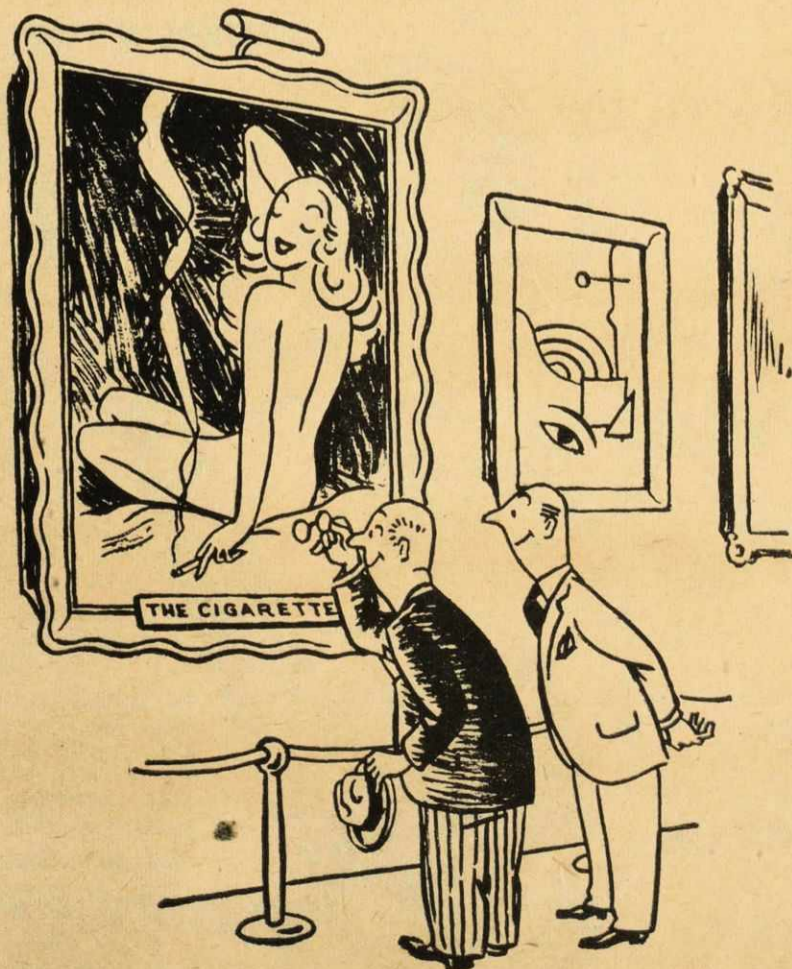
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