

DALHOUSIE LAW LIBRARY

A familiar scene in the Reading Room of the Dalhousie Law Library, volumes is one of the largest and best equipped legal libraries in Canada.

The Library containing 32,000

### Law Library Has Long History

The Dalhousie Law School possesses one of the finest libraries in Canada. The 32,000 volumes comprises all of the important Canadian, American and English law reports, many rare volumes and collections of untold value, and current legal periodicals and texts.

In the first three years of its history, 8,000 books were donated library. N largely by Halifax lawyers and and judges who worked zealously to his efforts.

make the new Law School a success. One of the most zealous was Mr. Balmer, the first librarian. There is a legend that Mr. Bulmer would visit his lawyer friends of the day in long, flowing cloaks; he would surreptitiously 'borrow' as many of their books as he and his cloak could manage, and spirit them away to the Law School library. No self-respecting lawyer would claim them back or condemn his efforts.

The library has expanded mainly through gifts. Most prominent of the donors are Harvey Read, who, since 1950, has contributed numerous American reports, Alexander Ross, Viscount Bennett, Sir James Dunn and Senator Gordon Fogo, while the province of Nova Scotia Collection of Public Law and the MacMillan Collection have likewise substantially inreased the number of volumes.

To The Dalhousie Law School, long recognized as being in the forefront of institutions of its kind in Canada, we offer our congratulations on the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of its Founding and best wishes for a future to equal its illustrious past.

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#### Moot Court ...

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ious Bussian Oath. The necessary apology promptly followed." Oct. 20, 1939.

"The Chief Justice informed the sheriff that the triumvirate wanted air. Mr. Gingham then opened the window and gave him the air." Oct. 27, 1939.

"The court consisted of McNutt J. and McKeen J. (MacQuarrie C. J. being absent on circuit somewhere in the city)." Oct. 20, 1920.

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As the Chief Justice will generally choose his facts on unclear, or undecided issues of law, his judgement usually contains new law. In this respect the student judges have unconsciously followed the course set by Dean Weldon.

The following quote from a Nov. 1946 Gazette admirably expresses the fearless attitude which many benches possess.

"The Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie is the authoritative tribunal which discusses and decides matters of law that have passed under the gazes of such inferior judicial bodies as the Nova Scotia Supreme Court & the House of Lords. The decisions of their Lordships on the bench of the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie are of course final, and many have been the words of wisdom and loud and long has been the oratory expounded by the learned law lords."

Certain of the outstanding benches have been recognized by Gazette reporters, one of which was that of "C. J. Fogo Mr. Justice MacKinnon, and Mr. Justice Read. From a legal viewpoint, this session was one of the most successful that has been held in recent years."

#### COUNSEL

Court starts off traditionally with counsel congratulating the Judges before him on their appointments to the honored position as Justices of the Moot Court. This takes on many forms—Fulton to Campbell, etc.

"Last Tuesday, there came before Lord Justices W. S. K. Jones, C. L. (Continued on page Eight)

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