

This year it has been our good fortune to get our first taste of University (or Matriculation) under Dean W. A. Riddell.

The Dean comes to us from extensive work with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada at Prince Rupert but this isn't the first time he has taught at Regina College . . . However I'm getting ahead of my story.

William A. Riddell was born in Hamiota, Manitoba, in 1905 and remained there until he had completed high school. He took his undergraduate work in the University of Manitoba, receiving his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. His graduate studies were done at Saskatoon where he received his Masters, and at the Leland-Stanford University, California which gave him his Doctorate. He did more post-graduate work at the University of Toronto.

In 1931 he came to the College which was still a residential high school doing Junior College work, but in 1934 it became part of the University. At that time part of the Conservatory was on the main floor and the practising went on constantly during classes. Then too the Library was very small in contrast to the fine collection of books that it is today. Besides these differences the Dean finds the greatest change in the attitude of the students . . . he finds them more mature and the College more aware of its importance and opportunities.

The Dean has great plans for future growth, which he hopes to have in effect in the near future. The Lab Tech course is an example of what has already been done and there is room for development in most courses. He is also very impressed by the amount of additional research being carried on by the various members of the staff.

We wish you a pleasant administration and good luck in all your plans for the College. We are sure that it will thrive under your leadership.