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MEMORIAL TO A GREAT ETHNOLOGIST AND EXPLORER

On the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Diamond Jenness, the former Chief of the Division of Anthropology, National Museums of Canada, who died on November 29, 1969, the following excerpts from a recent issue of Arctic, Journal of the Arctic Institute of North America, of which he was an Honorary Associate, are printed as a tribute to "Canada's most distinguished anthropologist":

...He was one of that rapidly-vanishing, virtually extinct kind — the all-round anthropologist, who, working seriously, turned out first-class publications in all four major branches of the discipline: ethnology, linguistics, archaeology, and physical anthropology. One must also add a fifth: applied anthropology, a fitting designation for the series of monographs on Eskimo administration in Alaska, Canada, and Greenland, which he wrote after his

retirement and which were published by the Arctic Institute between 1962 and 1968.

Diamond Jenness was born in Wellington, New Zealand, in February 1886, and attended Victoria University College, one of the four branches of the University of New Zealand, where he graduated with first-class honours in classics in 1908. Later he studied at Balliol College, Oxford, under one of the outstanding ethnologists of the time, Professor R.R. Marett. He received both a B.A. in Lit. Hum. and a diploma in Anthropology at Oxford, in 1911. In 1911-12 he was designated Oxford Scholar in Papua and was sent by the University to make anthropological studies among the Northern d'Entrecasteaux, a primitive tribe dwelling on the islands of the d'Entrecasteaux Archipelago off the east coast of New Guinea. The results of this first field work were published by Oxford University.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

His New Guinea work completed, Jenness had just recuperated from yellow fever in New Zealand when he received a cablegram from Edward Sapir, Chief of the Division of Anthropology, National Museum of Canada, Ottawa: "Will you join Stefansson Arctic expedition and study Eskimos for three years? Reply collect." In the spring of 1913, in response to this unexpected invitation, Jenness found himself headed for Victoria, British Columbia, to join Stefansson and the 12 other scientific members of the Canadian Arctic Expedition. The expedition was planned to operate as two more or less distinct units. A northern party, under Stefansson's direction, was to carry out geographical explorations in the Arctic Archipelago and Beaufort Sea while a southern party, under the direction of Dr. R.M. Anderson, was to conduct biological, geological and anthropological investigations on the Arctic mainland and adjacent islands. Jenness was a member of the southern party, and his

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