

**Acknowledgements**

The production and publication of an eight page addition to the University newspaper appears, to the reader, a deceptively simple project. But with some knowledge of the work behind this edition, I would like to take time to thank those who have made its publication possible.

Credit must be given to both the writers of the articles and to many Law students who did the research needed before the writing could be done. The tenor of the paper has been that of factual accuracy. That the research done bore fruit is evident in the lengthy article on the history of the Moot Courts. This carefully collated material, the work of many, has given us an opportunity to add something to the written history of the Law School.

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We hope that this supplement in some small way contributes to the success of the 75th Weekend celebrations. If through its content our Alumni can feel that some of the tradition and pride that has grown with the Law School is still living, then those of us who are still students of the Law at Dalhousie can feel that our work has been amply rewarded.

And if the University in general can gain from reading this paper, some idea of the part that our institution has played in the development and history of our country over the last 75 years, then our work will be doubly rewarded.

DAVID HILTON,  
Editor, Law Supplement.

**FIRST WOMAN GRADUATE**



**Miss Frances Fish**

A graduate of the class of 1918, Miss Francis Fish was the first woman to graduate from the Dalhousie Law School. In her way, she led to the success that female graduates from Dalhousie have played at the Bar.

Admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia, again setting a precedent, and now a member of the New Brunswick Bar, Miss Fish obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago before ending her academic career.

Now conducting a successful practice in Newcastle, N. B., Miss Fish, is also Deputy Magistrate and Judge of Probate for the County of Northumberland.

**A Message from the Dean**

For seventy-five years graduates of Dalhousie Law School have continued to earn a reputation throughout Canada for high standards of professional competence and ethical behaviour and for public service in the community. The school is committed to advancement of learning through teaching on the highest possible level of efficacy and integrity. Through the devoted and self-sacrificing services of both full-time and part-time members of the faculty and the benefactions of a few of our graduates, much has been accomplished gradually to enhance the quality of instruction and otherwise to maintain the position of this law school as one of the best in Canada. This year for the first time there are eight full-time members on the faculty, all with distinguished records of accomplishment. The library has been built to a total of 32,000 volumes. Thirty-three large fellowships for post-graduate study in law at other universities have been awarded to Dalhousie students since 1950, and there has been an increasing demand for their services across Canada by large law firms, industrial and commercial institutions and government departments.

The stage has now been reached, however, when it has become obvious that Dalhousie Law School cannot continue to hold a place of leadership and fulfill its responsibility to the country if it is to be limited to gradual improvement. Immediate steps must be taken to reorganize and augment the library, to increase salaries, to provide additional scholarships and to enlarge the law school building. Large financial expenditures must be made if we are to be able to provide lawyers with an education that will assist them to play an effective and enlightened part in the period of rapid development of law that must occur in the wake of the accelerated economic growth and social change now occurring in Canada.

HORACE E. READ,  
Dean

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