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DEAN WELDON'S INFLUENCE ON LEGAL EDUCATION

Few men are privileged to leave a lasting impression upon their time and upon the life of the country in which they live. To an even smaller number is it possible to leave a mark upon more than one aspect of the national life. The late Dr. Weldon made a real impression on the political life of this country as well as in the field of education. It is true that he did not achieve political leadership. The rigidity of his honor and his passion for that which is just and upright made it difficult for him to adjust himself to the hurly-burly of political compromise. Political leadership was not open to him. On the other hand his participation in the politics of the Dominion added very substantially to those factors that tend to refine and dignify our political life. I cannot give direct testimony to Dr. Weldon's political career. On the other hand I have a very vivid recollection of more than one political meeting at which he took part during my school days. His joinder in the campaign raised the level of the debate from petty politics to true statesmanship.

It is in the field of legal education that the late Dean Weldon made his greatest and most lasting impression upon our life. In 1883 he began the work of establishing in Halifax and at Dalhousie a University School of Law. We are so accustomed to the conception of a University School of Law that we do not realize that it is a very new thing. In the early eighties it was an untried idea in so far as the British Empire was concerned. It is true that there was legal instruction in the older Universities but the idea that the University should take the burden of training men for the public profession of the law was further from acceptance in England than in Canada. Even in the United States the University School of Law had not established itself in the confidence of the public. The new Harvard School was a lusty infant flourishing under the nurture and care of that great master Dean Langdell but it had not yet reached maturity. Accordingly Dr. Weldon's task was one that called for creative effort as well as for the other qualities that the building and maintenance of an educational institution usually require.

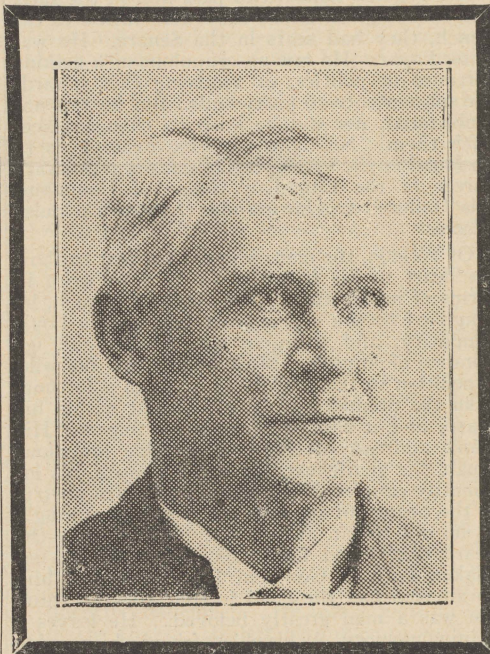
The Dalhousie Law School of today is Dr. Weldon's chief monument. Its form and its general lines of policy were created by him. Its methods and its traditions are the children of his brain and of his character. The foundations of its present day curriculum and of its methods were all laid by him and under his regime. Changing circumstances and times have required many changes in detail. It is noteworthy that no alteration has been found necessary in any of the basic principles embodied in the law school as formed by him in the last century. We should also remember that Dr. Weldon's model is the basis of all existing movements in legal education in Canada today.

Dr. Weldon's influence was felt not only in form and method but also in those intangible factors that express themselves in tradition. He was not only a man of lofty political ideals and of enduring patriotism but he inspired those qualities in his students.

He succeeded in instilling the ideal of public service in his students and in embodying the love and zeal for patriotic duties in the traditions of the school. The politics of Canada and of its provinces during the last forty years have been largely moulded by men whose patriotism and political zeal were inspired by the "old dean". A glance over the lists of Cabinet Ministers and Members of the Dominion

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IN MEMORIAM



DR. R. C. WELDON

EX-DEAN of the Dalhousie Law School, whose death occurred at his home in Dartmouth, Thursday afternoon, Nov. 26th.

RESOLUTION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

This Society desires to record its appreciation of the life and character of the late Dean Weldon. Doctor Weldon was for thirty years Dean of the Law School, and nearly every member of this Society as well as distinguished barristers in every Province of Canada, came under his helpful influence. It is a tribute to his inspiring sway over his students that so many of them now adorn the Bench.

Our especial desire is that our records shall contain a tribute to his ideals of scholarship and integrity, and show how these ideals have affected the standard of our profession. The older members of this Society mourn the loss of a personal friend—the young members pay tribute to a character that was an inspiration in public, professional and family life.

Dean Weldon was an inspiration to all his students. He had a spirit of enthusiasm in his presentation of his subject which he had the wonderful faculty of imparting to the dullest of us. I shall never forget the hours spent in his classes. Some day his old students should perpetuate his memory in the Law School he did so much for by associating his name with an endowed Professorship.

W. CROWE,
Judge of the County Court,
Sydney, N. S.

The Dean had the respect and admiration of all his students and although for some of us many years have passed since we attended his lectures we still have a keen remembrance of his teaching and of the charm of his manner and his wonderful personality and influence over us.

Lawyers in many and distant parts of Canada will hear of his death with deep regret.

T. R. ROBERTSON,
President Nova Scotia Barristers Society.

JUDGE RUSSELL'S TRIBUTE

I am asked to contribute to the next issue of the ALUMNI NEWS, which is to be "a memorial issue to the late Dean Weldon." It would be quite impossible to compress within the necessary limits a tribute worthy of the occasion and the subject. I had thought that possibly I might find what was required among the leaves of some unpublished and unfinished memoirs but the references to Dr. Weldon are too full and detailed for the columns of the NEWS. Perhaps the best thing I can do is to reduce to such form as is possible the memories that crowded upon my mind when suddenly called upon to make some remarks,—happily unreported, as I was utterly unprepared for the task,—at the memorial meeting of the Bench and Bar on the day of the funeral.

Those memories were and are simply overwhelming; beginning with our first meeting on the playground of the "Boys' Academy" at Sackville in the late summer of 1864 when a friendship was formed that continued without a break or a strain throughout the sixty odd years that have since elapsed. During that period we met in our college classes insofar as they were common to both of us, in the Euhortian, on the hand-ball court or the cricket-field and in our long walks together, when the disparity between our statures prompted a bright little girl of the neighborhood, blessed with an observing eye, and an inquiring mind, to ask her mother why the big man had eaten all the little man's crusts. We spent vacations together at the idyllic home of the family in a cottage situated between the hills of Picadilly and Pisgah overlooking the lovely valley through which ran a tributary of the noble Kennebeckasis. By the banks of the stream we communed for hours and watched the leaves that floated down till they disappeared at the bend of the brook, recalling to both of us the simile of Milton:

"Thick as autumnal leaves that strow the brooks

In Vallambrosa."

After his graduation at Sackville, he opened a school at the little village of Norton on the banks of the Kennebeckasis where it was my fortune to visit him and write an account for the St. John Telegraph of his methods of teaching and his closing-day exercises, for which service, following my earlier report to a Halifax paper of the similar exercises at Mount Allison, he dubbed me a "peripatetic puffer," but had to acknowledge later that my description brought him scholars from distant parts of the province.

When he had earned and saved enough to make it scantily possible he took the course at Yale College for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the youngest candidate with one exception that had ever taken this high degree. There too I visited him and he has assured me more than once that our meeting was consequent upon a telegram to him at Yale, signed and dated at Buffalo but containing otherwise only the words: "Meet me at New York," the marvel being that he had not been in the great city longer than half an hour before I met him at the station of the New York and New Haven Railway searching for his umbrella. From New York we journeyed together to his home in Penobscus, sustained on the way by a supply of hard biscuits and a bologna sausage.

His Yale degree qualified him for a professorship at Sackville, where he taught Mathematics and Pollicita! Economy. After a few years he crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel when he gave his mathematical knowledge a practical turn by his induction into the mysteries of Navigation. His destination was the Univ-

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EDITORIAL

RICHARD CHAPMAN WELDON

That shrunken, bloodless, marble mask on the coffin pillow is not my friend. He is not here. Only a few weeks ago, he sat beside me in this very room, and we talked together for the last time. He was the same but not the same. Memory had failed, but there were flashes of the old time brilliancy of speech, and wellings up of the old time courtesy and affection. That was the last of many talks which we had together by the space of thirty years. Thirty years intercourse with a man in joy and sorrow, in storm and sunshine affords ample opportunity for judging him. Affection is not blind, nor need a friend's appraisal be untrue.

In him vigor of body was but the index to strength of mind and greatness of heart. His strong frame found the athlete's pleasure in vigorous exertion in the varied labor of the farm, in toiling at the oar against wind and wave, in breasting the rollers on our long beaches of sand, in tireless excursions on foot along the highway, it might be by the Dartmouth Lakes, or round Point Pleasant, or up the Neckar and the Philosophensteg. He was a natural man, loving the free wind and the open sky. Towards the end, he had to be gently restrained from his customary walk, lest he should drop by the road-side.

His great mental powers declared themselves early. At a time when most men are still in their pupil age, he had completed a distinguished career in Canada, Germany and the United States and had taken his place in the cathedra of the university teacher. His work in and for the Law School, it is almost impertinent to mention. He made the school. His monument is not in bronze or marble; but in the hearts of living men all over Canada, who were his pupils and who learned from him far more than Law. At his lips they learned love of truth, and honor, and patriotism and all things high. And they, learned to revere their teacher. They went forth from his class-room to be leaders in their communities from one end of the Dominion to the other.

Such vigor of temperament could not content itself with the academic life and cloistered separation from the stir of affairs. He was a man of action and he found himself in the arena of politics. For nine years only did he represent his constituency in the Dominion House but there he made his mark at once. His magnificent presence, his eager, flowing tide of speech, his transparent honesty, his high purpose brought him to the front literally, from the rear benches. He uttered nothing base. He made one of a small group of high-minded men like McNeill and Denison, who united firm loyalty to their leader with firm determination to fight corruption whether without their party or within. He freed Canada, the land he loved, from the shameful brand of being a safe asylum for foreign cheats and embezzlers. So distinguished was his career in Parliament that in 1896 he had the premierships almost within his grasp. The delight of battle with his peers never left him. He tried more than once to re-enter the political arena so glaring, and yet

so clouded with the dust of conflict. He could not understand any man without that ambition. The urge to return never left him. But, as he said himself more than once in confidence to a friend, he "left a wounded name". No man ever suffered more from the selfishness and ingratitude of party.

It is not unfitting that Weldon should be what the world calls a failure. He was never rich. He saw nonentities pass him in the race. They were given titles, they were raised to the bench, they had seats in the Senate. He was passed over. He saw unscrupulous men making fortunes in politics, or receiving rich rewards for subservience to party ends. But he was not embittered, nor did he wish to change places with them. No more inspiring example is to be found of the scholar in politics than Weldon's career in the Canadian House of Commons. His "failure" was far grander than such popular success.

Of Weldon, the man, who did not fear to show his heart to his friend, it is hard to write in terms of moderation. The manliest of men, he remained to the end a great boy with a boy's simplicity, and engaging enthusiasms and ignorance of himself. Most boyish was his wild expedition to the Rockies in quest of a fortune. Like the premierships, it was almost within his grasp, and it slipped through his fingers. His frank address, his high spirits, his infectious laugh, his gentleness, his sweet temper, his instinctive courtesy, his loyalty, his love of poetry, of the beauty of the external world, "knowing", as he did, "that Nature never did betray the heart that loved her", his reverence, his unshaken faith in God and Right endeared him to all who had the good fortune to know him. He was a man greatly beloved. He leaves a shining memory. As his oldest friend whispered to another in the room of the dead, "Nothing is here for tears."

DEAN WELDON'S INFLUENCE

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Parliament and Provincial Legislatures of Canada will indicate the extent of his influence. The law reports of most of our Canadian jurisdictions are filled with judgments of his old students. The bars of each of our Provinces, of Newfoundland and of many of the more remote parts are led by men who have sat at his feet.

In addition to his influence upon the character and ideals of his students, Dr. Weldon was a truly great teacher. He had it is true the most interesting and fascinating of all University subjects to teach yet even among teachers of law few have excelled him in their success in quickening intellectual interest among their students or in the lucidity and conviction of their lectures. Dr. Weldon was an exponent of the lecture method of instruction and it was under him that the lecture method was seen at its best. I had the privilege of sitting under him in Constitutional History. He had the rare capacity to quicken the dry bones of legal antiquities and to link the facts with the pageantry of the past.

As an administrator the "old dean" was not of the card catalogue age. He believed in welding his group of law school students into an intimate corporate unit. He established that tradition of strong faculty spirit and esprit de corps which has always been characteristic of the law school. Withal he was a federalist. As a master of federalism he saw the possibility of coincidence of a strong faculty and a strong university loyalty. He succeeded in building in the school a spirit of strong and vigorous loyalty to the University unsurpassed by any other part of the alma mater.

J. E. READ,
Dean of the Faculty of Law.

JUDGE RUSSELL'S TRIBUTE

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ersity of Heidelberg where he studied International Law under the renowned Blunschli, but did not remain long enough to take the Heidelberg degree. His health failed about this time and caused him the loss of a year if not more in his intellectual progress, after which he resumed his work at Sackville, continuing at that institution until he was called to the task of organizing the Faculty of Law in the University of Dalhousie. During all these years of which I have spoken and all the thirty odd years in which we were engaged together in the establishment of the Law School and the teaching of its classes, we were close and constant friends. He had a genius for friendship. No man ever was or ever could be better beloved.

To his services as a member of the House of Commons, it was my privilege to bear testimony in the appreciation published in the newspapers on his retirement and in my remarks at the banquet and presentation tendered to him by his many friends. These and the many other tributes to his memory, including especially of the late Dr. Allison's address on Dean Weldon's retirement and the notable and beautiful address delivered by Rev. Dr. Bond at the residence of the late Dean should be collected and printed for the University Library.

To myself he was for most of the years of my life—for all the years of my life after our first acquaintance at Sackville, 'dimidium animae meae'. I can find no language that better expresses the relations he bore to myself than the immortal words of "the Ever-living Poet." I can fancy myself using those magical words of the twenty-ninth sonnet and thus addressing my departed friend, should I ever find myself in the unhappy mood of the inspired sonneteer:

"Wishing me like to one more rich in hope
Featured like him, like him with friends possessed
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state
Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;
For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings."

A GREAT TEACHER

Last week the Maritime Provinces witnessed the passing of a great teacher, Dr. R. C. Weldon, of Dartmouth. Much has been said in the newspapers and at various meetings held in his memory concerning the sudden demise of this able man, but to those of us who attended the Law School at Dalhousie College when he was Dean he is symbolic of that school. Two men and two alone will stand out as the founders of the Dalhousie Law School, Weldon and Russell. One of them has now gone to his reward, the other we still have with us. These teachers, learned in the law, stayed by the Law School through thick and thin, during its early days of hardship and poverty, they lived to see it become one of the leading law schools of Canada whose graduates are scattered from one end of Canada to the other and who have occupied the highest positions available to Canadian citizens. Dean Weldon is mourned not only here in his native Maritime Provinces, but throughout the length and breadth of Canada wherever his graduates are. He worked for an ideal and while he followed that ideal for many years for a beggarly pittance, he trained men in the law who went out into the world and earned more money than the dear old Dean ever thought of. When the great captains of finance who studied under him are long since forgotten, Weldon's name will still be remembered as a great teacher. "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man."

JOHN ROPER.

PRESIDENT MacKENZIE'S TRIBUTE

Dalhousie has been conspicuous for the number of men of eminence whom she has been able and fortunate enough to attract to her teaching staff, notwithstanding her relatively small proportions in the academic world. There is no doubt that much of the reputation which Dalhousie acquired in her days of small beginnings was due to the high quality and distinction of her teachers. Of this group of notable men the late Dean Weldon was one of the most outstanding; perhaps, indeed, the greatest of them, if all the factors which constitute greatness are considered. He probably exerted a more profound influence on a greater number of students than any of his colleagues on the staff of Dalhousie. His direct impress will be found on every graduate of the Law School who passed through his hands during his deanship of over thirty years. But his influence was in evidence not only in the class room and in the university councils. Though for only a short time in active political life he directly took a prominent part in initiating sound legislation; but, what is more important, he had a definite, if indirect, influence on his contemporaries in political life. His speeches, his presence and example were bound inherently to elevate the tone of political conduct. So many of the leaders of the bench and the bar of Canada were trained by Dean Weldon in his lofty conceptions of the broad principles and ethics of the law, that he is in no small measure responsible for the high standards and character of the legal profession, and for the steady progress in legal education and in a proper understanding of the constitution. And then he was beloved by all who came in contact with him, and had all the influence upon them which love for a man of the finest character inevitably produces. It is quite impossible to analyse or calculate to a nicety the influence of a great leader upon his generation; but how great was Dean Weldon's influence may be measured from the fact that it is still very evident in the generation following his own.

Weldon's was a striking and inspiring personality. Nature had cast him in her noblest mould. In his palmy days his large, well-proportioned, erect figure, handsome leonine head and flashing eye commanded immediate attention. One instinctively felt here was a great man. His intellect matched his exterior. Few men of his day were mentally so well trained and so widely read as he. It was not only that he had been educated in Canadian, American and German universities; he was a profound student and thinker. And he was not only a student of history and economics and of constitutional and international law, but of life and philosophy in their broadest aspects. As a consequence he was a conversationalist almost in a class by himself among his friends and contemporaries. But he did not monopolize the conversation, for his sympathies were too wide and his kindness too great for him to be egotistical and selfish. His heart was big, and each student who went forth from the Law School recalled him as the friend as much as the teacher and inspiring chieftain. He was not only a clear and brilliant lecturer in the class, he was also a fine platform speaker with a mastery of pure English diction. But perhaps his most outstanding characteristic was his pure mindedness and his lofty idealism. Possessing no guile in himself, he suspected none in others. And seldom did he discover it; but when he did, it was with a heavy heart that he was forced to believe it.

No wonder, then, that this man impressed his fellows, and influenced every one who came in contact with him. Able as were his associates on the Faculty, including his colleague and close friend for thirty years, Benjamin Russell, recently retired Justice of the Supreme Court, the Law School was Dean Weldon's creation. Is it too much to say that Dean Weldon was the Law School, and that the Law School will always stand as his monument and his incarnate spirit.

R. H. MURRAY

I was a little boy when Dean Weldon came to Halifax and took over the direction of the Dalhousie Law School. Our home was then Studley which now is the educational home of men who will become leaders in our Dominion. I have never been in the old place since leaving it some years ago, but I remember, by day and night, the fields, the woods, the garden, the pond, the old stone-walls, the apple tree, the lilac bushes, and the dear old house of our happy boyhood days. My father helped to entertain some of the younger men of the day, our drawing-room being on the right hand side of the house facing the lawn. I can recall such men as President Forrest, Scott of St. John Telegraph, Dean Weldon and others who have now passed away.

I remember the beautiful Summer evening when young Weldon, handsome, full of enthusiasm and vigor in hope, made me feel how happy I would be if I could become such a great and good man. I attended the Law School when the students were given inspiring, and even eloquent lectures by the Dean throughout their terms on the otherwise dull subject of Law. We never took a liberty with the Dean, not only because we loved him, but because he was so far above the ordinary man in every way. It was a great loss to Dalhousie when the Dean had to retire. In later years he was a near neighbor of mine in Dartmouth. I felt for some years past that he never quite recovered from his experiences in the political field—the treachery, baseness, hypocrisy and filth of our elections, as well as Party manipulations, which the Dean could never countenance and frequently condemned. He was a man far ahead of the times. He left his influence with many hundreds of students throughout Canada today, and some of these men now have its destinies in their hands. Dean Weldon was a great man in every way, and as a Law lecturer, was unexcelled. Is not now a fitting time to do our best to establish the Weldon Chair for the Law School? His name should never be forgotten by Dalhousians.

R. H. MURRAY.

(From Halifax Herald, Nov. 28th, 1925.)

SIR ROBERT BORDEN

OTTAWA, Nov. 27.—In Dr. Weldon a notable personality has passed away. I have a very happy memory of my association with him which began more than forty years ago. He was then in his prime, a commanding figure, gifted with remarkable eloquence and endowed with high ideals. As Dean of Dalhousie Law School he performed an excellent work and in his brief parliamentary career he gave evidence of qualities which would have made him a conspicuous figure in our national life.

C. H. CAHAN, K.C., M.P.

MONTREAL, Nov. 27.—Doctor Weldon's life work cannot be fully measured by a review of his splendid career at Mount Allison College, Dalhousie Law School and in the House of Commons. He had an abiding and beneficent influence upon the minds and hearts of the scores of his students who, inspired by his teachings and guided by his example, have shown devotion to the public service in the practice and administration of the law at the bar, on the bench and in the legislatures and governments of our country. His and their contribution to the growth of our constitutional history and the development of our constitutional law will form an enduring monument to his memory.

MR. JUSTICE MORRISON

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 27.—I deeply regret the death of Dr. Weldon, my old master in the Law, the mentor, guide and friend of the young

man who in his day had the good fortune of beginning his career for the bar under his tutelage and who when we were confronted by the dismal expense of reports, text books and useless statutes taught us to look beneath the shapeless mass of words for the few simple precious principles in which the reason of the law consists. Whatever success we may have attained in after life is attributable to the sound instruction and affectionate advice received from him and his able coadjutors in the pioneer days of the old Morris Street Law School of Dalhousie.

MR. JUSTICE C. P. FULLERTON

WINNIPEG, Nov. 27.—Have just learned of the death of R. C. Weldon, who for many years was the Dean of Dalhousie Law School. I had the privilege of taking his lectures during my Law course and admired him both as a lecturer and as a man. His passing will be deeply regretted by all Old Dalhousians.

MR. JUSTICE MELLISH

DALHOUSIE LAW SCHOOL owes its life and success very largely to the late Dean Weldon. Genuine enthusiasm and faith were, in the early days, essential elements of growth, which perhaps he alone at that time could adequately impart.

His contact with the students was magnetic. Adverse criticism was unthoughtof; he was of a part with themselves at their best and they knew it.

The Dean's eloquent lectures always brought the "Majesty" of the law before his hearers, in the great subjects which he taught, such as International Law, Conflict of Laws and Constitutional History. The very "greatness" of his teaching particularly in dealing with such a subject as the growth and expansion of the British Constitution excited a pride and enthusiasm in which for the time at least Subtlety and Art were overshadowed and forgotten.

The Dean was beloved by his students—why? It is the old answer—the students were beloved by the Dean.

Once, in lecturing to our class on the English Constitution he began a sentence with a majestic metaphor which unfortunately he was unable to sustain. He smilingly admitted defeat and began again on a lower note. Such an episode in the case of many a lecturer would have been at least a source of amusement, but in this case we were sorry not only for the Dean but for ourselves—we felt that we had missed something worth while.

Dean Weldon's sympathetic attitude to his students did not present itself as something acquired or sustained by effort but rather as a part of himself—an open book—from its very nature it was reciprocated and we old students feel that the world is better for his having lived in it.

Honourable Mr. Justice Mellish,
Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

DALHOUSIE MEDICAL SCHOOL IS GIVEN THE HIGHEST RATING

President Mackenzie of Dalhousie University has received from Dr. N. P. Colwell, Secretary of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, notification that at the last meeting of the Council, a resolution was passed giving "Class A" rating to the Medical School of the University. This information has given a great deal of pleasure to those associated with the University. Dr. Colwell has kept in close touch with the rapid progress of the Medical School since the University took it over from the old Halifax Medical College in 1911. He has visited the school several times, the last time being the past summer.

It should be added that the State Boards of New York and of Pennsylvania give complete recognition to graduates of the Dalhousie Medical School.

MEDICAL NOTES

H. Sinclair Tait, M.D., C.M. '14, has recently opened an office at 119 Weir St., Taunton, Mass. He has been elected a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a Foundation Member of the History of Science Society of Washington, D.C., a Fellow of the Mass. Medical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Health, London, England.

Dr. W. J. McNally, M.D., C.M. '22, former Cooper Research Scholar in Experimental Medicine at McGill University has received a diploma in Laryngology and Otolology, issued by the Royal College of Surgeons, London, England. This is the first time this Diploma has been awarded to a Canadian.

WEDDINGS

The marriage of Miss Jean M. Munroe, Arts, '14-20, of Stellarton, N.S., to Mr. A. Brewster of Chicago, took place in October. They will reside in Chicago.

The marriage of Miss Abbie A. Hemphill, of MacKenzie Corner, N.B., Music, '14-18 to Mr. Donald Archibald Morrison of Halifax, took place on September 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison will reside in Halifax.

The marriage of Elizabeth B. Henry, B.A. '19, of River John, N.S., to Mr. Charles Harrington of Montreal, took place on September 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington will reside in Montreal.

At East LaHave on Tuesday, October 27th, Miss Verna Marie Conrod was united in marriage to Robert J. Zwicker, Arts, '10-13. Mr. Zwicker is provincial manager of the Continental Life Assurance Co., Halifax.

The marriage of Miss Helena L. Miller, of Windsor, N.S. to Professor Horace E. Read, LL.B. '24, of Amherst, N.S., took place on December 23rd. Professor and Mrs. Read will reside in Halifax, where the groom is a member of the staff of the Dalhousie Law School.

NECROLOGY

Rev. Anderson Rogers, B.A. '78, of Hopewell, N.S., passed away at his home on October 3rd at the age of 75 years. Rev. Dr. Rogers had a long, successful and varied pastorate.

The death occurred at the Payzant Memorial Hospital, Windsor, N.S., on October 3rd, of Alfred Francis Haliburton, of Halifax, N.S. Science '01-03, as the result of an auto accident. Mr. Haliburton was in his 37th year. Surviving him are his wife and three children.

Dr. Francis G. Zwicker, Port Williams, N.S., Arts, '96-97, Medicine, '97-00, passed away at the Payzant Memorial Hospital, Windsor, N.S., from injuries received in an auto accident on September 25th. He is survived by his wife and two children.

The death of Judge Duncan Finlayson, B.A., '93, LL.B., '95, of Sydney, N.S., took place suddenly in October at Halifax while he was visiting there. He was 58 years of age and is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

Judge Joseph W. Margeson LL.B., '08, Judge of the County Court of Lunenburg, Queen's and Shelburne, passed away suddenly at Halifax in October. He was 45 years of age and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The death occurred at his residence Braco, Lunenburg, N.S., of Kenneth K. Duff, at the age of 73 years. He is survived by three sisters.

Dr. J. A. C. Rodgeron, Hunter River, P.E.I., passed away on October 19th, at the age of 60 years.

Archibald MacKenzie, '74-75, died at his home in River John on December 7th at the age of 77 years. The surviving members of the family are his widow, five sons and three daughters, one of his sons being T. George MacKenzie, mining engineer of Mexico, who was kidnapped and held for ransom two years ago by Pancho Villa.

APPOINTMENTS

Official announcement is made of appointments by the Government of four judicial

vacancies in the Province of Nova Scotia. They are as follows:

W. F. Carroll, LL.B., '04 Sydney, appointed Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, LL.B., '88, Yarmouth, appointed County Court Judge of the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens & Shelburne.

Walter Crowe, K.C., LL.B., '86, Sydney, appointed County Court Judge of the Counties of Cape Breton, Victoria and Richmond.

L. H. Martell, K.C., Law '10-11, Windsor, appointed County Court Judge of the Counties of Kings, Hants and Colchester.

All appointments were fully approved on October 28th.

Miss Jean Forrest, B.A. '01, M.A., '02 has been appointed to the Dalhousie Board of Governors in place of Dr. Eliza Ritchie, B.L., '87, who has resigned..

GIFTS TO DALHOUSIE

A very valuable and generous gift has been made to the Library of Dalhousie University by W. A. Black, Esq., M.P., a member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Black has presented a complete set of the volumes of London "Punch", from the beginning in 1841 and has had them bound in the traditional binding so well known to generations of "Punch" readers. This gift is much appreciated by the University.

Judge W. J. Leahy, LL.B., '98, formerly of, Halifax, but now of Kerrobert, Saskatchewan recently sent a gift to the Dalhousie Law School, and as a result of the Judge's generosity, Dean Read has been in communication with the Law Faculty of Laval University with a view of securing a member of the Quebec Bar to give a short course of lectures on the legal institutions of the Province of Quebec. Plans have not as yet been completed, but it is thought that the course will be given sometime in March. Judge Leahy's gift has made this scheme possible and will assist in covering expenses incidental to the course.

LAW NOTES

Leonard W. Fraser, B.A., '23, LL.B., '25 has been appointed Private Secretary to Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Premier of the Province.

On October 22nd, Raymond Gushue LL.B., '25, of St. John's, Nfld., was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia on motion of T. R. Robertson, K.C. Mr. Gushue who has been on the staff of Hon. H. B. Morine of St. John's, left for that city to practice his profession.

On motion of T. R. Robertson, K.C., before his Lordship Chief Justice Harris in the Supreme Court, W. E. Moseley, B.A. '23, LL.B., '25 was admitted to practice at the Bar of Nova Scotia on Tuesday, November 24th.

In the Supreme Court on November 12th, Parker T. Hickey, B.A., '24, LL.B. '25 of Halifax, was admitted to practice at the bar by Mr. Justice McKenzie on motion of T. R. Robertson, K.C. Mr. Hickey served his apprenticeship in the office of Mr. G. Fred Pearson and will practice his profession in Halifax.

On motion of T. R. Robertson, K.C., before Mr. Justice Carroll, Douglas Freeman Adams, B.A. '21, LL.B., '25, was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia on November 14th. Mr. Adams will practice in Lunenburg.

Johnston Chew, B.A. '23, LL.B. '25, has left Digby where he has practiced his profession since graduating and moved to Glace Bay to become partner in the law firm of John C. Douglas.

Among the barristers who were admitted to the Bar of New Brunswick in November were: Rossier H. Barry, LL.B. '25, Dalhousie, son of Chief Justice Barry of the King's Bench Division. Arthur L. Slipp, LL.B., '08, (Dal.) son of the County Court Judge, A. R. Slipp, and Henry C. Friel LL.B., '25, (Dal.) son of James E. Friel, K.C.

Vernon L. Pearson, LL.B., '25, was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia on December 10th,

on motion of Mr. Robertson, K.C. He will practice his profession in Bridgetown.

Prof. Norman McL. Rogers, Law '17-18, Professor of Economics at Acadia University was the lecturer at Fort Massey Church on Sunday evening December 13th. His subject was "The Happy Warrior" and the young professor's first appearance on the lecture platform in Halifax attracted much interest.

Kenneth B. Palmer, of Sackville, N.B., son of Dr. J. M. Palmer, Principal of Mount Allison Academy, was chosen Rhodes Scholar for New Brunswick on December 14th. Mr. Palmer studied law for a year at Osgoode Hall and is at present taking his second year in law at Dalhousie.

PERSONALS

Rev. Ian F. Mackinnon, B.A., '21, M.A., '22, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Mackinnon has sailed for Scotland, proposing to take a special course of study at Edinburgh University.

Rev. William O. Mulligan, Arts '13-14 was inducted in the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Sydney Mines, on October 3rd. He was formerly pastor of St. James Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Lewis Chipman, Law '82-83 and Mrs. Chipman will spend the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Dr. Douglas MacIntosh, Prof. of Chemistry at Dalhousie, B.Sc., '96, B.A. '02., and Mrs. MacIntosh recently spent the week end with Dr. MacIntosh's sister at New Glasgow.

Prof. Horace Read, LL.B., '24, of Dalhousie Law School spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Amherst with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Read.

At Grace Hospital, Halifax, November 10th, 1925, to Professor and Mrs. H. A. Kent, a daughter.

At Grace Hospital, November 12th, to Professor and Mrs. Hugh P. Bell, a son.

Allan C. Hill, B.Sc., '25, left for Montreal in October to enter the Forests' Products Laboratories as a research chemist.

Rev. A. M. Hill, B.A., '96, Ph.D., formerly of Yarmouth has received a call to the Continuing Presbyterian Church at Verdun, Que.

Rev. G. R. Kyle, Arts '14-15, late of Oxford, N.S., preached his initial sermon in St. John's United Church at Windsor on Sunday October 11th.

Rev. D. C. Ross, B.A., '00, was recently appointed pastor of the United Church of Woodside and Imperoyal. Mr. Ross goes to Imperoyal from a successful pastorate of twelve years at Stewiacke, N.S. He is a native of Pictou County.

Rev. A. H. Denoon, B.A. '97, was inducted in the pastoral charge of Trinity United Church, New Glasgow on October 30th. Previous to this he was pastor of the Avenue Road Church, Toronto.

Dr. Royden S. Gass, Arts, '19-20, Med., '20-25, who has been an interne at the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow for the past year has resigned the position and gone to Newfoundland where he has secured a position in connection with a large paper mill there as medical practitioner.

Nellie Irene Colwell, Arts '19-20 received her Diploma of Nursing from the training School of the Victoria General Hospital in November.

Judge Patterson, B.A. '82, M.A. '87, LL.B., '89 of New Glasgow injured his foot some weeks ago in a hunting accident and as a result had to have his foot amputated.

J. A. Knight, K.C., Commissioner of Forests and Game and Inspector-in-Chief under the Nova Scotia Temperance Act recently resigned from these positions.

Dr. Evan Kennedy, Arts, '72-73 of New Glasgow, was injured by the Sydney Express on December 3rd and is seriously ill at the Aberdeen Hospital. Dr. Kennedy is one of the oldest practicing physicians in that town and is widely known throughout the Province.