

For the "Layette."

Dalhousie University has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. W. H. Chase, who was one of the Board of Governors. His life and career ought to be an example to the young men of this Province. It is often said that the community suffers a loss in the death of a famous citizen. This is peculiarly true of the death of Mr. Chase. One of the commonest topics of conversation, remarked by visitors and newcomers to this Province, is the great time of prosperity which the Province once enjoyed, when lumbering, shipbuilding, and the carrying trade, were at their height. And in these conversations there is always an undertone of suggestion that opportunities for prosperity to the community, or for a career to the individual, no longer exist. I am not aware that the late Mr. Chase ever spoke on this thesis, but his whole life was a most vigorous denial of it. Not only did he do things on a great scale himself, and become master of a large fortune, he nourished a new industry, opened up new channels of trade, and encouraged scores and hundreds of his fellow citizens to believe in the resources of this Province, and in themselves.

This was a great achievement, but Mr. Chase did more. He lived quietly and simply in the community in which he had acquired his wealth, interesting himself in every good cause which came under his notice. Though he had much to think of and to be occupied with in his own affairs, he seemed always never to think of himself but to be interested in the occupations and projects of other men - particularly if these projects were public enterprises. The manner in which he gave his great present to the people of this Province, namely, the Archives Building, which stands on the grounds of Dalhousie University, was characteristic. He gave it anonymously, and asked that his name be not associated with the building. Yet the Nova Scotia Archives Building is a monument such as

few millionaires leave behind them.

Mr. Chase will always be remembered as a good citizen, and as an example of the qualities of citizenship.

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