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HALIFAX HOTEL 1 P. M.

CHAIRMAN: 2nd Vice-President,
ALLAN M. BUTLER, C. A.

SPEAKER: VINCENT D. MACDONALD,
LL.B.

SUBJECT: ‘The St. Lawrence Waterway.’

VINCENT C. MacDONALD

Our speaker for today is a Halifax boy who although still quite young already has had a very brilliant career. He received his early education at Halifax Academy after which he studied law at Dalhousie where he obtained his Bachelor of Laws' degree.

After graduating, Mr. MacDonald became associated with the legal firm of MacLean, Burchell and Ralston. For a short time he

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was the law clerk of the House of Assembly and in company with the late Mr. Justice Jenks he made the revision of the Statutes of Nova Scotia in 1923. He then entered partnership with County Court Judge O'Hearn.

Our speaker afterwards removed to Ontario where he became a member of the firm of MacGuire, MacDonald and Boles. While there he became legal advisor to the Duncan Commission on Maritime Rights and later Secretary to the Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of the Dominion.

During his stay in Upper Canada Mr. MacDonald was associated as junior counsel with Hon. Martin Wesley Rowell on a reference to the Supreme Court of Canada as to the jurisdiction of the Provinces and the Federal Parliament with respect to the controlling of navigation and the development of the St. Lawrence Waterway. While in Toronto he was also on the staff of Osgoode Hall, the law school of Toronto University. He was also appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Dominion Law Reports, Canada's foremost legal publication, which position he still occupies.

Before going to Toronto Mr. MacDonald was a part-time lecturer at the Law School here and his work was of such a fine order that Dalhousie secured him this fall to succeed our fellowmember Angus L. MacDonald

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when the latter decided to take up the active practice of his profession.

"Vince" as he is known to his many friends is very popular among the students. He is a married man, his wife formerly being Miss Emily O'Connor, daughter of W. F. O'Connor, K. C., and has one son. It is interesting to note that his brother Wallace MacDonald has been a movie star for years at Hollywood.

In religion he is a Roman Catholic; in politics a Liberal. Before migrating to Upper Canada he was a star volleyball player, being a member of the Dalhousie Professors' team which at that time were champions of the City.

ALLAN M. BUTLER, C.A.

Today we have the pleasure of seeing our second Vice-President in the Chair. It is something new seeing him in the capacity of chairman but he has addressed the Club on three occasions—once on "Civic Finances", later on "City Taxation" and finally on "Railway Taxation." If he makes half as good a chairman as he was a speaker the chair will be filled most acceptably today.

Mr. Butler is the auditor of our fair city and is one of its most invaluable assets. A few months ago he tendered his resignation to accept a position with one of our leading firms but fortunately he was at the last moment prevailed upon to stay with the city and continue his good work on behalf of us all.

Our chairman was born in Halifax his father having been associated with the Mark Fisher Sons and Company firm for a long time. Before accepting his present position he was accountant of the Imperial Oil Company, Limited. It was while he was on their staff that he secured his Chartered Accountant's degree.

Mr. Butler is married, his wife formerly being Miss Dolly Hawkins, daughter of the

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late Mayor A. C. Hawkins. In religion he is an Anglican, being a member of the parish of St. George's.

Curling and golf are his favorite recreations.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CLUB.

At last week's meeting of the Commercial Club the sum of One Hundred Dollars was voted to the Halifax Community Chest and a sum of Fifty Dollars to the Lord Cornwallis Memorial.

HONOR LATE HON. J. F. MAHONEY.

On Monday of this week Hon. G. S. Harrington, premier of the Province laid a wreath of the grave of the late Hon. J. F. Mahoney in Holy Cross Cemetery. Among other former colleagues and associates of the late minister who were present at the ceremony to do honor to his memory were Hon. O. P. Goucher, Hon. J. A. Walker, Hon. J. Fred Fraser, Hon. G. H. Murphy, Dr. A. McD. Morton, M.P.P., and Harvey Crowell and J. B. Hayes representing the Canadian Legion.

MAJOR ROPER IN OTTAWA.

Club member Major John S. Roper, 1st Vice-President of the Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League is in Ottawa this week. On Tuesday he took part in the Armistice Day service on Parliament Hill.

SPOKE AT NORTH SYDNEY.

Commercialite Angus L. MacDonald was the special speaker at the memorial service at North Sydney on Monday in honor of the townsmen who paid the supreme Sacrifice in the Great War.

On Tuesday he was the special Armistice Day speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club here.

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