



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N.S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 15, 1950.

Honorable Mr. Justice Vincent MacDonald,
238 Jubilee Road,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Vincent:

I am attaching herewith an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Tuesday, July 11.

I cannot readily express in words the high regard that I have always felt for you. This is due in part to my own incapacity, and in part to the inadequacy of words to convey the warm quality of friendly feelings.

I want you to know most assuredly that I appreciate the splendid service that you have given to the University as Dean of the Law School, and the cordial manner in which you have cooperated with me in the administration of the University.

I trust that you will have a long, happy, and fruitful life as judge in this province.

Yours sincerely,

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Excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of Governors, July 11, 1950.

It was proposed by the President and duly seconded that the Board of Governors place on record its appreciation of the long and outstanding service rendered the University by the Honorable Mr. Justice Vincent MacDonald as Dean of the Law School.

Dean MacDonald was well and favorably known throughout his profession from coast to coast. His writings in legal publications indicated a keenness of mind, a mastery of lucid English, and a thoroughness of scholarship; his experience in the fields of Government and Labour gave him an unusual understanding of practical affairs; and his grasp of constitutional issues made him an admirable advisor in such an important matter as the drafting of the conditions on which Newfoundland became a part of the Canadian commonwealth. He was eminently successful as a teacher; and the proof of this is the fine type of graduates that the Law School produced while he was in charge.

His appointment to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia adds special distinction to the Dalhousie Law School, as there is no other instance in Canadian history of the selection of a Supreme Court Judge from academic life.

The Board further acknowledges his generosity in completing the Law term without honorarium, since February 10, when he was appointed to the Bench. This service represented a considerable saving in the salary account of the University.

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The President reiterated to the Board the statements that he had made in substance in Dean MacDonald's presence at the last meeting of the Senate that he had attended as Dean, and at the luncheon on Convocation Day, at which he was the guest of honor, regarding his genuine appreciation of Dean MacDonald as an administrator, colleague, and friend.