



Dean George F. Curtis

A Tribute by R.H. Tupper, Q.C.

AVE ATQUE VALE: Hail and Farewell to one who for a generation has nurtured legal education in British Columbia, who has fostered a school of law in his adopted city, who has represented Canada in international affairs.

He has reached that middle age when men of his nature sometimes must consider whether to draw back to spring further. Certainly whatever course he may follow George F. Curtis should pursue a path which will lead to the employment of his ability and the exercise of his charm.

It would indeed be a formidable undertaking to spell out here Dean Curtis' academic attainments, or the honours he has received because of them. Yet they deserve to be recorded Exhibit "A" hereto, as proof of what a devoted scholar can do in the pursuit and capture of Our Lady of the Law. This was no recluse that we honour, he went abroad with men of learning like himself and won their esteem.

In wishing Dean Curtis well we join his wife and children whose affection made his private life a happy one.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESUME

Dean and Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia since September 1, 1945.

Degrees Held:

LL.B. (with Great Distinction), Saskatchewan
B.A. (First Class Honours), Oxford
B.C.L. (First Class Honours), Oxford
LL.D. (Hon.), Dalhousie
LL.D. (Hon.), Saskatchewan
D.C.L. (Hon.), New Brunswick

Academic Awards and Distinctions (Fellowships, Scholarships, Professional or Scholarly Appointments, etc.):

Queen's Counsel (B.C.)
Order of the Coif
Commonwealth Visiting Fellow (Australia)
Governor-General's Gold Medal
Wetmore Scholarship in Law
Rhodes Scholar, Saskatchewan

Academic and Professional Experience:

Private Practice (with P. H. Gordon, K.C.) & Gov't. Service, Regina, 1931-34
Associate Professor of Law, Dalhousie Law School, 1934-39
Russell Professor of Law, Dalhousie Law School, 1939-44
Private Practice (with Donald McInnes, K.C.), Halifax, 1944
Viscount Bennett Professor of Law, Dalhousie Law School, 1944-45
Dean, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, 1945 to date
Visiting Professor, Harvard, 1955-56
Visiting Professor, Australian National University, July-August 1965

Service in the Armed Forces:

Dalhousie—King's C.O.T.C., 1940-45 (Res) 2 l/c and Adjutant
2nd Battalion, Halifax Rifles, 1942-45 (Res) Company Commanding Officer

Membership in Professional and Learned Societies:

Bars of Provinces of Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and British Columbia
Canadian Bar Association
The Council of the Canadian Bar Association, 1944-62; 1964-66
Canadian Branch, International Law Association (Vice-Pres. 1957-58)
Association of Canadian Law Teachers (President and one of Founders, 1951-52)
Chairman of International Law Committee—Canadian Bar Association, 1955-62
Director, Foundation for Legal Research in Canada, 1960 to date
Chairman (and Founder), Committee of Law Deans of Canada, 1965-66

Public Service:

Chairman, Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship & Fellowship Committee, 1959 to date
Member, Minister of Justice Committee on Combines Legislation, 1950-52
Royal Commissioner (Federal) on a security matter, 1957-58
Member, Advisory Committee Aid to French-Speaking Africa, 1961 (Department External Affairs)
Member, Legal Advisory Committee, Glasco Commission, 1960-61
Member, Electoral Boundaries Commission (Federal), 1965-66
Special Advisor (Legal) Department of External Affairs, 1952-56
Delegate, Government of Canada, U.N. Conference on the Law of the Sea, Geneva 1958
Delegate, Government of Canada, U.N. Conference on the Law of the Sea, Geneva, 1960
Delegate, Government of Canada, Commonwealth Education Conference, London & Oxford, 1959
Chairman, First (Scholarship) Committee, Commonwealth Education Conference London and Oxford, 1959
Delegate, Government of Canada Commonwealth Education Conference, New Delhi, 1952
Delegate, Government of Canada, Commonwealth Education Conference, Ottawa, 1964
Delegate, Gov't. of Canada, Commonwealth Education Conference, Canberra, 1971
Member, Board of Directors, National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges, 1957-59, 1961-64
Chairman, Constitution Committee, Canadian Universities Foundation and National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges, 1963-64
Governor, Crofton House School, 1960 to date
Governor, Koerner Foundation, 1955 to date

Member, Canadian Institute of International Affairs, 1931 to date
(Chairman, Halifax Branch, 1938-39)
(Chairman, Vancouver Branch, 1949-50)
Member, Board of Directors, Regina Y.M.C.A., 1932-34
Member, Board of Directors, Halifax Y.M.C.A., 1936-45
Member, Board of Governors, Metropolitan Y.M.C.A., Vancouver, 1946 to 1969
Member (and one of Founders) Alma Branch of the Y.M.C.A., 1948-62
President, Canadian Club of Halifax, 1939-40
Member, Board, Tibetan Refugee Society, 1962-65
Member, Taxpayers' Committee, University Endowment Lands, 1947-51
Chairman, Church Committee establishing Parish of St. Anselms, 1951

Curtis, George Frederick—Publications

- "Vicarious Liability for Tortious Acts"*, *The Canadian Bar Review*, Vol. XIV, No. 9, Nov. 1936, pp. 726-737.
- "Dominion-Provincial Relations—The Stresses and Strains of Confederation"*, *Problems in Canadian Unity, 1937* (Ed. Violet Anderson)
- "The Theory of the Floating Charge"*, *The University of Toronto Law Journal*, Vol. IV, No. 1, Lent Term, 1941-42, pp. 131-150.
- Foreword to *Legal Notes*—April, 1949, published by a select Committee of Students of the Law Faculty of the University of British Columbia.
- "The Law and The Citizen"*, C.B.C. Broadcast, January, 1939.
- "Some Observations on Professional Standards"*, Paper delivered to Section on Legal Education of the Canadian Bar Association—1954.
- "Symposium on Legal Education in Canada"*, *The Journal of the Society of Public Teachers of Law*, Vol. III, 1955-56; Butterworth & Co. Ltd., London, pp. 74-75.
- "The Lawyers' Part in Law Reform"*, Paper given to Committee Session 1 of the Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference, London 1955. Published by The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society Ltd., London, 1956, pp. 127-134.
- Foreword to *"Cases and Material on Income Tax"*, Ed. J. G. McDonald, Butterworth & Co. (Canada) Ltd., 1957.
- "Trends of Legal Education Within The Commonwealth"*, Paper submitted to the Second Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference, Sept. 1960. Published by The Carswell Co. Ltd., 1962, pp. 167-172.
- "The Old Fields and The New Corn"*, Lecture given at the Annual Order of Coif Banquet, July 22, 1964, Seattle, Wash. Pub. *Washington Law Review*, Vol. 40, No. 1, April 1965.
- "Methods of Law Reform—The Need for Expanded Research Facilities"*, Paper at the Third Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference, Sydney, Australia 1965, Pub. The Carswell Company Ltd., 1966 (Ed. R. A. Woodman, LL.M.) 1966, p. 377-384.
- "Negotiated Federalism"*, Paper given at the annual meeting of the Association of Australasian Law Teachers at Sydney, N.S.W., August 23, 1965, on the general topic —"Problems of Federalism".
- "Isolation, Intention, and Income"*, *Legal Essays in Honour of Arthur Moxon*, eds. J. A. Corry, F. C. Cronkite & E. F. Whitmore, U. of Toronto Press, 1953, pp. 239-264.