

## New Treasurer— Ray Herbert

Ray Herbert has arrived at the office of Treasurer by a different route than his colleagues. His background has been the Faculty of Law at U.B.C., almost from its start.

Ray was born in Calgary, Alberta. Although "warlike" is the last adjective which could be chosen to describe him, he joined the 14th Calgary Regiment (Cavalry) at the tender age of seventeen and then joined the R.C.A.F. as soon as he was able; shipped over to England, and flew many missions in Halifaxes.

At the end of the War he came to Vancouver with a D.F.C. and little else; took the compacted B.A.-LL.B course (with many other distinguished veterans, now mostly on the bench) and graduated in 1949. He articulated to "Tommy" Dohm, but was quickly picked up by U.B.C. In addition to his law school duties he was pressed into service with the Officer Training Program which he administered with great success for sixteen years, retiring finally with the rank of Lt. Col. in 1968, and a scholarly familiarity with all local officers' messes.

His classes were marked by warmth, common sense, and the infamous "gorilla" joke, plus a talent for explaining the role of the Chancellor in freehand cartoons on the blackboard. Indeed, any piece of paper set near Ray ends up covered with caricatures and airplanes.

Ray's specialty has been labour law. He has contributed to the literature in this field, has chaired many round tables, made many speeches, and started the editing of the Western Labour Arbitration cases. In addition he is always in demand as an arbitrator, a field in which he has never been accused of hasty judgments.

His chief failing is an inability to refuse some new task. This has left him little time for leisure, but over the years he has managed to own a boat (which sank at its mooring), a small airline, which was supposed to fly fresh fish from Vancouver Island, (but never quite got off the ground — or water —) and several cars, which have perished in a variety of ways.

Ray's one lucky venture was his choice of Lois. They were married during his student days and from that time forward their home has been open house for students, faculty, colleagues and all other waifs and strays who could be accommodated for the evening meal.

Ray has been on a leave of absence from U.B.C. during the last year and it would appear that most of it has been spent at the Law Society offices. The Bar is fortunate to have at its head someone who is dedicated to the legal profession and willing to give so much of his time and effort to its administration.

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