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THE PROFESSIONAL MONOPOLY STILL EXISTS!

"IN a spirit of co-operation and not of competition the University earnestly desires to make its contribution to the progress of a profession whose role is of the very essence of our concept of an ordered and decent society, possible only within the framework of democracy." "It is a mere statement of fact to declare that the University of Toronto has now the strongest staff for teaching and research ever assembled in any Canadian law school." "The Law School of the University . . . is offering theoretical courses and 'clinical' training that cannot be denied full recognition. It is to be expected that such recognition will be forthcoming in Ontario." These statements were uttered by President Smith of the University of Toronto early in 1951.¹ In January 1952, he had to report that "nothing has happened during the year . . . that would indicate a solution of the problem. The case of the University for recognition must not be lost by mere default in pressing our claims."²

John Q. Public, in Ontario, knows little or nothing about the situation and of the claims of the School of Law at the University of Toronto for recognition on an equal basis with the "private" law school, Osgoode Hall. That is forgivable. What is not forgivable is the lethargic attitude of the majority of the legal profession in Ontario. Most Toronto lawyers have a nodding acquaintance with the situation but the lawyers out of Toronto know little of the situation. To this the present writer can attest by personal experience in

¹Report of President Sidney Smith of the University of Toronto 1949-50; 1950-51.

²*Ibid.*, 1950-51.