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## "THE PEN IS MIGHTIER . . ."

Many and varied are the cries, and of endless hues are the color lines which today infest the Canadian political scene. As Law students, and more particularly as readers of this periodical, what is the importance to us of this turbid and confused arena?

The three functions that together weave the fabric of government; the Legislature, the Executive and the Judiciary are of necessity co-relative functions. As Law students we have chosen to practise our profession within one of these fields and having done so we find ourselves, in varying degrees, enmeshed in the other two.

If the other Faculties of the University had attended the address given by Ontario's Premier a few weeks ago in University College in the same proportions as did undergraduates of the School of Law, then an Auditorium five or six times as large would not have held the crowd. A few weeks later, when Mr. Tim Buck, who may be taken as representative of the opposed political pole, spoke in the physics building a similar attendance by the rest of Varsity would have again required a Hall four or five times as large be leased.

In our humble and undoubtedly prejudiced opinion this attendance was an excellent indication not only as regards our participation in affairs of general interest

but an excellent omen for future Canadian Political Life. You get the Government you deserve and Democracy is only the Voice of the People as long as the "Demos" continue to raise their voice. The trained Jurist, who, acting in accord with the finest traditions of his profession renders his judgments on the basis of considered fact and not on the sudden surge of irrational emotionalism is an invaluable member of government at any level, whether his influence be exerted by direct participation or indirectly on society as a whole through the media of some quasi-judicial office.

The odd speech at a bar association dinner will bring no concrete or sweeping reforms. Nor will the still lone voice of a parliamentary draughtsman be heard over the shrieking crescendo of modern living. Recent world conflicts taught us that the way of the sword is not learned in a day and much less can you conquer its mighty brother, the pen without at least the same energy and vigilance. Choose a single feature of our present mode of life, study it, constructively criticize it and put it on paper; for our part we shall be proud to spread it through that greatest organ of our freedom, a Free Press, be it judicial, political, or quasi-legal if it contributes constructively in any way to a new and better Canada.

*E. R. L.*

## CAMBRIDGE HONOURS DEAN KENNEDY

On October 29, 1947, President Smith announced that Dean W. P. M. Kennedy of the Faculty of the School of Law had been awarded the first invitation under a fellowship which from time to time will bring to Cambridge University, England "a distinguished and outstanding scholar from the Dominions".

This honour is a unique tribute to Dean Kennedy at the conclusion of a long and brilliant career, as well as a recognition of the place which the School of Law of this University holds among the universities of the world.

Dean Kennedy at various times has acted as legal adviser to the Irish, British and Canadian Governments and in 1928 was a member of the Committee on the Canadian Law of Nationality whose work proved the basis for the new Canadian Citizenship Act. He has been invited under the fellowship to spend with the Masters and Fellows of St. John's College, Cambridge, a year in residence with opportunity for studies and research.

The students in law wish at this time through the pages of their publication to congratulate Dean Kennedy on this high award.



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