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With the announcement by the Chancellor, Sir Max Aitken, at the 1967 Encaenia of the generous gift by the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation for the construction of a new law building on the campus, the Faculty moved into a new era.

The opening of the new law building marked the culmination of a series of earlier steps taken for the progressive development of the Faculty. Until 1959 the Faculty was located in Saint John where it had been established in 1892 with the support of judges and leading members of the profession. The Faculty, then associated with King's College of Windsor, Nova Scotia, was known as the King's College Law School. But with the relocation of King's College in Halifax in 1923, the school became a faculty of the University of New Brunswick.

In 1953 Lord Beaverbrook provided a new home for the Faculty in Beaverbrook House as well as a new library. Shortly before the University had strengthened the faculty by appointing two full-time professors. Further steps were taken in 1956 with the appointment of a full-time Dean and by further strengthening the faculty.

Then in 1959 the Faculty was moved from Saint John to Somerville House in Fredericton with a view to integrating the Faculty with the life of the university. Shortly afterwards, a number of valuable scholarships were established to assure the Faculty of a nucleus of first rate students. The Lord Beaverbrook Scholarships in Law, which now fulfill this function, have a maximum value of \$2,500 a year.

The Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation donated \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new Law building on the U.N.B. campus in 1967, and two years later the present law school was named Ludlow Hall in honour of New Brunswick's first Chief Justice.

It is a basic purpose of the Faculty, not only to train students to a high level of competence in legal principles and rules and in the techniques of practice, but to create in them an awareness of the law as a liberal profession, and to convey an understanding of the role of law as a vital instrument in a just and efficient ordering of society.

It is also the policy of the University to stimulate legal research. The Faculty has been especially active in the field of continuing legal education. In particular, it has co-operated with the New Brunswick section of the Canadian Bar Association by producing an annual series of papers for their meetings. These are later published in various legal periodicals. To stimulate research among the students and members of the Bar, the University of New Brunswick **Law Journal** is published by the students under faculty guidance.