

### ARTHUR N. CARTER, K.C.

Arthur N. Carter, K.C., LL.D., President of the Canadian Bar Association, comes from two well-known New Brunswick families. On his paternal side he is a descendant of John Carter who came to what is now this Province from Yorkshire, England, in 1774. His father, Edward S. Carter, was for many years an outstanding newspaper editor, author and publisher, and his uncle, William S. Carter, was Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick and President of the Senate of the University of New Brunswick, while his brother, George E. Carter, holds a high position of responsibility with the Canadian Pacific Railway in Montreal. On his mother's side the family of Fenety is all well known in our provincial history. George E. Fenety, his grandfather, was a Mayor of Fredericton who did much to beautify that city, was King's Printer and author of such books as "The Life of the Hon. Joseph Howe."

Arthur Carter was born in Saint John in 1891. He was educated in the public schools of Saint John and Fredericton and graduated from Saint John High School in 1909. He then attended the University of New Brunswick, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913. The same year he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for New Brunswick, a distinction which later was conferred upon both his sons, a unique event in the history of the famous scholarships. The First Great War interrupted his studies at Oxford University and he served with the British Army from 1914 to 1918, attaining the rank of Captain in the King Edward Horse, 8th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, and also winning the Military Cross. Resuming his life at Oxford he received the degree of Master of Arts from that University in 1919 and Bachelor of Civil Law in 1920.

Returning to Saint John, Dr. Carter was admitted to the Bar of this Province. He practised with the firm of Weldon & McLean and then became associated with the late Chief Justice and former Premier John B. M. Baxter in the firm of Baxter, Lewin and Carter. After Dr. Baxter's elevation to the Bench, Arthur Carter continued in the firm with Mr. J. D. Pollard Lewin, K.C., until a few years ago when he left that firm for a practice of his own. Recently his son, Erskine Carter, returning from studies at Oxford University, joined his father in the practice of the Law. Arthur Carter has built up a large practice in his native city, principally in corporation work and is counsel for a number of large and important companies such as the New Brunswick Telephone Company. In his practice he shows his extensive reading of the law reports, his grasp of the legal principles underlying the cases, and the soundness of his application of these principles to the case at bar. He is also gifted with a remarkable memory which enables him to retain many details of what he has read.

For a number of years Dr. Arthur Carter has been prominent in the activities of the Canadian Bar Association. He was a prominent member of the Section on the Preservation of Civil Liberties and presented the report of that Section at the Winnipeg meeting in 1946 when the manner of the prosecution of Canadian communists was dividing legal opinion in Canada. He served as Vice-President of the Association for New Brunswick, and then as Dominion Vice-President. Last autumn he was honoured by the Canadian Bar Association in his election as President of that great body of lawyers and judges, the

only resident New Brunswick lawyer to attain that position, although another native of this Province, the late Viscount Bennett, held the high office in the year 1929-1930. Arthur Carter has also of course been active in the local legal organizations and has been President of the Saint John Law Society and of the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick. As a continuing member of the Council of the provincial society he remains active in its work of supervising and promoting the interests of the legal profession in this Province.

Dr. Carter has had a long and prominent connection with the University of New Brunswick and with the Law School. He was first a lecturer with the predecessor King's College Law School, and has continued as a lecturer through the full period of the life of the U. N. B. Law School in Saint John. Thus he is known to most of the practicing lawyers of New Brunswick as an expert in Constitutional Law. He has been a valued member of our Faculty serving on the curriculum committee, the examining committee, etc. For several years he represented the Alumni Society on the Senate of the University of New Brunswick, and in February of this year the University recognized his services as a lawyer, a lecturer and an alumnus as well as his position as President of the Canadian Bar Association by conferring upon him an honorary degree of LL.D. at the special Encaenia held in Saint John.

Dr. Carter has been active in many organizations relating to the welfare and culture of this community quite apart from legal and university circles. The Free Public Library and the New Brunswick Museum both owe a great deal to his wide knowledge, his meticulous attention to detail, his administrative ability and his invariable attendance at Board meetings. His interest in Church matters is evidenced by his position of warden of St. Paul's Church and the excellent historical sketch of that Church which he prepared a few years ago. He has been President of St. George's Society of Saint John, a member of the Executive of the Red Cross Society, a member of the advisory committee of the Y. W. C. A., and of the advisory committee on rehabilitation under the D. V. A.

Arthur Norwood Carter in 1921 married Edith Ireland, a member of a well-known Ontario family, and Mrs. Carter has been an active and helpful partner with her husband in all his legal and community activities as well as a gracious hostess in her own right. They have two sons, Erskine and Norwood, both of whom are following in their father's profession, the elder, Erskine, now lecturing at our Law School on Contracts and Sales, while the younger, Norwood, is studying Law at Oxford University.

The faculty and students of the U. N. B. Law School at Saint John are proud of the fact that one of their faculty members is now President of the Canadian Bar Association, and while fully appreciating this honour which has come to Saint John, are also mindful of the fact that such an office seeks its man and that the great talents, abilities and manly qualities of Dr. Arthur N. Carter place him in an equal position with the other outstanding Canadian lawyers who have presided over and directed the activities of this Association in the past.