



### CHIEF JUSTICE C. D. RICHARDS

The Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilsley announced the appointment on June 3rd, 1948, of Mr. Justice Charles Dow Richards of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick to the position of Chief Justice of New Brunswick. By virtue of being the Chief Justice of New Brunswick he will also be the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal and the Chancery Division.

Chief Justice Richards was born at Southampton, York County, in 1879. He attended the Provincial Normal School at Fredericton, and he received his teacher's license when he was seventeen.

He taught school a few years and then entered the University of New Brunswick, during which time he was articled with the law firm of Phinney and Crocket. After graduating from there with honors in Philosophy and Economics in 1904, he returned to the teaching profession, as Principal of the Woodstock Grammar School.

While at Woodstock he read law with the late D. MacLeod Vince, K.C. He was admitted to the Bar in 1911 and a year later took up residence in Fredericton as a partner of the late Hon. O. S. Crocket. A keen scholar the new Chief Justice lectured on contracts and real property at the University of New Brunswick from 1915 to 1933.

Always keenly interested in politics he appeared on a public platform in his student days speaking in support of the Conservative Party. In 1920, a well established lawyer in Fredericton, he was elected to the New Brunswick Legislature as a Conservative member for York County, and became Premier and Attorney General in 1931.

In 1933 he resigned to become a Judge of the King's Bench Division of the Supreme Court. As a jurist, he has won a wide reputation for impartiality, his ability to analyze complex legal problems, and the soundness of his decisions.

Chief Justice Richards has long taken an active interest in the development of the University of New Brunswick and has for years been a member of the Senate of that institution. U. N. B. gave him the degree of LL.D. in recognition of his services.