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THE EDITORSHIP

The Canadian Bar Association has been singularly fortunate in the calibre of the men who have filled the very important post of Editor of the Canadian Bar Review, and has been equally fortunate in that changes in the editorial chair have been infrequent. The late Dr. Morse, who was its first Editor, held that position for twelve years, and his successor, Dr. C. A. Wright, for eleven. Dr. Wright resigned in 1945 and was succeeded by Mr. George V. V. Nicholls, Q.C.

Some time ago Mr. Nicholls intimated that he would like to be relieved of his responsibilities as Editor but was prevailed upon to remain in office. In March of this year, having accepted a teaching post at Dalhousie, he formally submitted his resignation to the Chairman of the Canadian Bar Review Committee.

It need hardly be stated that Mr. Nicholls' resignation was accepted with the greatest reluctance and only because it was quite impossible to persuade him to continue in the editorship. In his departure the Bar Review is suffering a serious loss. The service he has rendered to the Bar Review cannot be adequately summarized here. It can be said with truth that those who seek his monument (and that word, of course, is used only in the figurative sense) have only to read the issues published during his eleven years of office. With his keen and discriminating scholarship he combined great industry, an absorbing interest in his work, and a meticulous attention to detail. Under his editorship the Review achieved a unique position in the English speaking world as a scholarly legal publication. The Association owes a deep

debt of gratitude to Mr. Nicholls and I am sure that every one of its members, while regretting the termination of his association with the Review, will wish him success in his new field of endeavour.

While Mr. Nicholls gave good notice to the Bar Review Committee of his resignation, it immediately posed the difficult problem of providing for the continual publication of the Review. In the solution of this problem I cannot pay too high a tribute to Mr. W. F. Macklaier, Q.C., the Chairman of the Canadian Bar Review Committee, who worked indefatigably at the task. He was assisted, of course, by the members of his Committee, by Mr. Justice Challies, and the members of the Editorial Advisory Board, by members of the Executive and other members of the Association, but the heavy burden of the work rested upon Mr. Macklaier's shoulders.

Professor John G. Castel of the Faculty of Law of McGill University has been appointed Editor of the Review as from August 1st. Mr. Castel enjoys the advantage of being bilingual. He is a licencié en droit of the University of Paris. A Fullbright Scholar, he studied at the University of Michigan where he completed the full law course leading to the degree of LL.B. He then worked in the Department of Economic Affairs of the United Nations as Legal Research Assistant, and later spent some months with the New York firm of attorneys presently known as Dewey, Ballantine & Company. He also did some graduate work at the Harvard Law School on a fellowship. He joined McGill University three years ago and is now Associate Professor and Secretary of the Faculty of Law, where he lectures on conflict of laws, contracts and torts. Recently he was appointed Secretary-Rapporteur of the International Law Association Committee on the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments. Mr. Castel has had much experience in legal writing and among other things has contributed to leading American, Canadian and French legal periodicals, and is Faculty Adviser for and has had much to do with the success of the McGill Law Journal. His academic background, training, and qualifications indicate that he will carry on the high traditions that have been maintained by Mr. Nicholls and his predecessors in the editorship of the Bar Review. To George Nicholls we say "Farewell, thanks and good fortune". To John Castel we say "Hail and welcome".

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