

THE LATE E. R. CAMERON, K.C.

Through the courtesy of the Senate of the University of Toronto we are enabled to publish the following Resolution adopted by the Senate on March 13th, 1931, on motion of Professor W. P. M. Kennedy, seconded by M. H. Ludwig, Esq., K.C.

BY THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Senate of the University of Toronto express its regret at the death of Dr. E. R. Cameron, for many years one of its members.

Edward Robert Cameron, K.C., M.A., LL.D., was born at London, Ontario, on March 18th, 1857. He was educated at Woodstock Collegiate, and entered the University of Toronto in 1876, where he at once displayed brilliant promise in Classics, Modern Languages, and Natural Science. In his third year he was awarded the scholarship in Natural Science, and in 1879 he graduated with First Class Honours and was awarded the Gold Medal in Natural Science. In 1882 he proceeded to the degree of Master of Arts, and in the same year he was called to the Bar, taking silk in 1902. From 1898 to 1930 he was Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, being raised to the rank of Deputy-Minister in 1903. In 1902 he was appointed a member of the commission for the revision of the Statutes of Canada; and in 1924 he was Vice-President of a body appointed for a similar purpose.

During his long tenure of office as Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada and Deputy-Minister, Edward Robert Cameron gained the unqualified respect of several generations of lawyers and of judges for his industry, care, efficiency, tact and courtesy; and his memory will long survive with that of many graduates of this University who have given fine public service to the nation. Dr. Cameron was not, however, satisfied to be a mere legal administrator. He carried into manhood those qualities of inquiry and scholarship which characterized him as a student. Believing as he did that law should not live by bread alone, he was not unmindful of those calls which the perpetual quest of the common law makes on those who, in seriousness of purpose, take her magnificent vows. It would be possible in this connection to make a long list of Dr. Cameron's contributions to legal learning. It will suffice, however, merely to recall his monumental work in the Reports of the Supreme Court of Canada, which he edited in many volumes with invaluable annotations and notes; his suggestive discussion of the legislative jurisdiction over companies; and his admirable volumes on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and the British North America Acts, which he lived to bring down to 1930—all of which will remain of permanent value to the profession.

As a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, Dr. Cameron brought to its deliberations a loyalty informed with constructive criticism and analytical insight. His devotion to this University was remarkable, and only unavoidable circumstances prevented him from being present at the

meetings of its Senate, of its Alumni, and at its Convocations. As a member of the Board of Legal Studies, he was assiduous in the discharge of his duties; bringing to them not merely professional interest but zeal and enthusiasm, worthy of all praise, for the advancement of legal learning and research in this University.

In his death, the profession loses a sound common lawyer and a recognized legal scholar; the nation, a public administrator of unsullied character; the University of Toronto, a distinguished graduate; this Senate, a valuable and diligent member.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Cameron with an expression of the sincere sympathy of the Senate.

(Sgd.) ROBT. A. FALCONER,

President.

(Sgd.) A. B. FENNELL,

Registrar.
