

## IN MEMORIAM

### Norman Archibald MacRae MacKenzie

**D**R. N. A. M. MAC KENZIE, Honorary Editor of this *Yearbook* and the dean of Canadian international lawyers, died on January 26, 1986, at the age of ninety-two. During his long life he played many roles: as soldier during World War I; as international civil servant with the International Labour Organization in Geneva from 1925 to 1927; as professor of law at the University of Toronto from 1927 to 1940; as president of the University of New Brunswick from 1940 to 1944 and of the University of British Columbia from 1944 to 1962; and finally as a member of the Senate of Canada from 1966 to 1969. Throughout it all, however, his interest in international law and affairs always remained deep. It can truly be said that his contribution to the development of international legal studies in Canada is unrivalled.

Dr. MacKenzie's tremendous influence in promoting Canadian scholarship in this field of study may be illustrated by recalling the part he played in the founding of *The Canadian Yearbook of International Law*. The publication of a scholarly journal had been considered by the executive committee of the Canadian Branch of the International Law Association in the 1950's, but it was found that the project was not financially feasible. Soon after I became president of the Branch in 1961, I discussed the matter with Dr. MacKenzie. His enthusiasm for the project was such that he immediately agreed to underwrite it to the extent of \$1,000 from his "president's discretionary fund" at the University of British Columbia and to support an application for an award of \$3,500 to the Koerner Foundation, of which he was chairman of the board. The award was duly received. Later, his advocacy undoubtedly was a leading factor in the Canada Council's generous support of the *Yearbook*. Thus, it was largely his vision, encouragement, and influ-

ence that enabled this *Yearbook* to come into existence in 1962 and to survive since then.

The international law community in Canada recognized the excellence of Norman MacKenzie's service in the cause of international law and organization when it awarded him the John E. Read Medal in 1975. Today it mourns the loss of this distinguished colleague and honours his memory.

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