

MESSAGE FROM U. N. B. PRESIDENT

It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity of sending a brief message to the Journal of the University of New Brunswick Law School.

In an address which I had the honour of giving before the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick last spring, I made the point that we need a better attitude on the part of the general public to the Law, a better understanding of what the Law means in modern society. Part of the responsibility for creating this attitude and this understanding rests with the profession itself. May I quote an extract from the address to which I have referred:

"Nothing can be more important to the life of a Province like this, than a legal profession of sound learning and unchallengeable probity. I suppose that the large majority of lawyers are not those resplendent creatures who in association with large corporations gain incomes which run into six figures. I'm not thinking much about them, I'm thinking about the students who go out from our Law School in Saint John to take up professional work in the small cities, towns and villages of New Brunswick. What important people they are going to be in the life of the communities where they settle! How important it is that they be well trained for the job they have to do, because the majority of them will not have the opportunity to do further work at Harvard or elsewhere. How influential for good they can be, if they have, in addition to their technical knowledge, some philosophical conception of the nature of Law, of the purpose and function of Law in organized, democratic society; and if they have, or gain, some sympathetic insight into the nature of the problems which confront ordinary folk, and are able to demonstrate that the Law is not inhuman and monstrous, but protective and, as it were, life-giving.

What I am suggesting is the need for keeping the profession humanized, or of humanizing it more, where it needs it. In other words, I am suggesting the need, in this profession as in all professions, of approaching even routine tasks with saving imagination, with some perception of the long-range significance of what one is doing. It is in this way, and this way only, that a man can give himself a broad base on which to stand, and can support with dignity as well as efficiency, his membership in a great profession."

On behalf of the University of New Brunswick as a whole, I extend greetings to the students of the Law School, and best wishes for success in the profession which they have adopted.

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