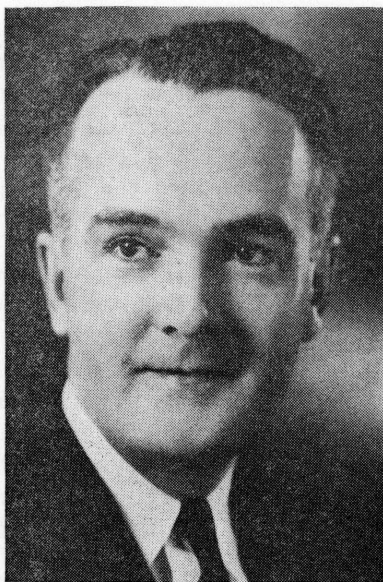


## THE NEW DEAN



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It has been remarked that the Dean of a Medical School represents the keystone of the medical training arch since by binding together the teaching in the pre-clinical, the clinical and the post-graduate years the whole is made one and the result is a well rounded training in medicine. If this be true then the Dalhousie Medical School arch of training should be well and truly keyed by the recent appointment of Chester Byrant Stewart as Dean of the Medical School.

The new Dean is no stranger to Dalhousie, being a graduate in medicine, class of 1938 and having joined

the faculty of medicine as professor of Epidemiology in 1946. Since that time he has established a name for himself not only on the faculty but also among the medical practitioners of this and other Provinces and in the United States.

It has been said that the Maritime Provinces are famous for their export of brains, however, this is one situation in which the saying is not true. Dr. Stewart is a product of Prince Edward Island having been born there in 1910 and as his name implies comes of sturdy Scots lineage. At an early age he developed, among other Scots traits, the habit of col-

lecting gold medals—at Prince of Wales College he won the gold medal for scholarship and was awarded the University Gold Medal on his graduation from Dalhousie in 1938. Previous to this he had been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1936.

An alert inquiring mind with medical training and the many new problems in aviation with the start of the war were soon brought together and Dr. Stewart became a member of the National Research Council Association Committee on Medical Research, working under the direction of Sir Frederick Banting, later becoming a member of the first Committee on Aviation Medical Research. During the war he served with the R.C.A.F. with the rank of Wing Commander and was O. C. of Medical research units dealing with the medical problems of high altitude flying. In this field alone Dr. Stewart made noteworthy contributions, especially in the field of decompression sickness.

Following the war, Dr. Stewart stopped long enough in the U. S. A. to obtain his M.P.H. at the University of Johns Hopkins, then came back to Dalhousie as Professor of Epidemiology. The many improvements in the Preventive Medicine course were largely due to his efforts.

With his well known zeal for work and looking into problems Dr. Stewart in 1949 took on the work of the Health Survey in the Province of Nova Scotia and produced one of the most acceptable reports in the Dominion. Again when the sickness survey was carried out the Province again looked to Dr. Stewart and in

fact, he was responsible for the sickness survey in the Maritime Provinces, again producing an excellent report against which others are compared.

In 1951 Dr. Stewart obtained a leave of absence and in 1952 returned from Johns Hopkins University with his Doctorate in Public Health, one of the few such earned degrees in Canada.

The new Dean has also been associated with other activities, almost too numerous to mention—in all of his activities he took part with his customary zeal for work and accuracy in thinking. It is not too much to hope that the new Dean will soon produce a “new look” in medical affairs at the University.

The new Dean is married and has two daughters, his wife being the former Kathleen French, of Regina. At least once a year Dr. Stewart abandons his wife and family and retires to the wilds of Guysboro County ostensibly in search of trout. According to report (his own) he always obtains his limit, presumably having carried out considerable research work on this fascinating subject.

All who know Dr. Stewart appreciate his keen inquiring mind and have no doubts regarding his ability to guide Dalhousie Medical School in the difficult years ahead. Dalhousie and Dr. Stewart are to be congratulated on the new appointment.

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