

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

OF THE MONTREAL Y.M.C.A.



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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

June 30, 1962.

As my last act as Principal of Sir George Williams University and Schools, I want to express to my colleagues my sincere appreciation and thanks for their work and co-operation over the years. When I was installed as Principal I tried to indicate my belief that an institution like ours depends on the active effort of all its leaders. In this I was sincere and I still believe that it is true.

The type of friendship which develops from the mutual efforts of like-minded people has a special nature and is of particular value. I hope you will accept this as a very inadequate but sincere expression of thanks for such a friendship.

I am also deeply appreciative of the friendly and moving tributes which have been given to me in the past few weeks. I am especially grateful for the thoughtful and very substantial gifts which have made possible the establishment of scholarships in my name. This is particularly pleasing for several reasons, among which are the fact that it is intimately related to Sir George Williams, where I have spent most of my working life, that it will go to help other people, and also that all the members of my family seem to be so pleased by it. My wife joins me in sincerely thanking all who made it possible.

Finally, may I ask that the new Principal may have the same degree of helpful support which has been so generously given to me. The time ahead will not be easy. It is my faith, however, that magnificent things are possible to those who work together for great causes.

May you and yours be greatly blessed in the days which lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Henry F. Hall
Principal

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Dr. Hall Retires From Sir George Williams

It will be hard to think of Sir George Williams University without thinking of Dr. Henry F. Hall as its principal. For never was there a more natural choice, nor has the office of principal come more inevitably to any man.

This is all the more remarkable in that he has always been, in the true sense, a man least influenced by personal ambition. The office sought the man, never the man the office. Indeed it is reported that when the principalship was offered to him, he raised some question about his suitability for it.

It is not often in this world that humility of this kind will be found among those who are so clearly designated by their qualities and services for the final honor that becomes theirs. But this has given the principalship of Dr. Hall its honored and trusted quality.

The qualities of teacher and administrator are not often found in the one person. When Dr. Hall was appointed principal, he was the Dean, who was instructing more than 500 students in the Natural Science class, one of the fundamental courses for the under-

graduates. But he took up his duties for administering all Sir George Williams' many departments and activities with the same benignant calm that had always marked him.

Composure amidst the pressure of details and the perplexities of decision is a rare achievement. Yet it has given to Dr. Hall as principal that sense of fairness and detachment, that becomes, in the end, the most dependable humanity.

All the service that Dr. Hall has given to Sir George Williams University has been not only a personal contribution, but the unwavering devotion to an ideal. "Education to me," he said in his inaugural address as principal, "is coexistent with life. It is, in fact, a way of life . . . My influence (small as it is) will be, I hope, in the direction of the maintenance of a concept of life which places God in its centre and service to God and to men as its dominant purpose."

The influence has been deep and far-reaching, because the hope has been realized by the dedication.

Dr. Hall To Retire

AT the time of his installation as Principal of Sir George Williams University, Dr. Henry Hall with characteristic modesty, minimized the importance of individual contributions to the development of such institutions. "Institutions . . . are not determined or controlled by one person." As the end of his active association with the University approaches—he has announced his retirement to take effect at the end of June—no assessment of the role it has come to play in the life of Montreal could minimize his own inspiring part.

It has been a long and fruitful association, going back to the establishment of the College in 1926, the foundation on which the University was built, when to Dr. Hall's duties as lecturer were added those of counselor to the few hundred students registered. The spirit of innovation in which that post was created has continued. Dean of the College since 1936, Dr. Hall became Vice-principal eight years ago, Principal upon the retirement of the late Dr. K. E. Norris.

It is unique in the role it plays in higher education in Montreal, and it is not superficial praise to attribute its success in conspicuous degree to the guidance of its retiring principal.

An occasion for regret as it is, Dr. Hall's retirement comes with a certain appropriateness at the close of an era. The University is under compelling necessity to expand. What more gratifying testimony to accomplishment under which to lay down the burdens of office!

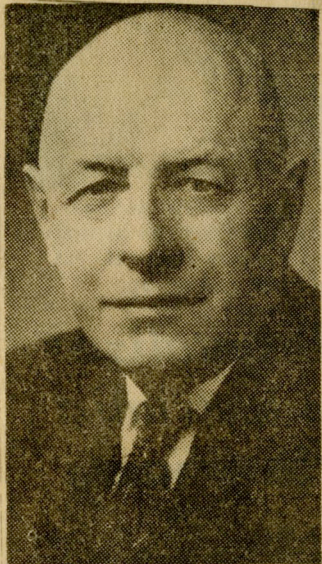
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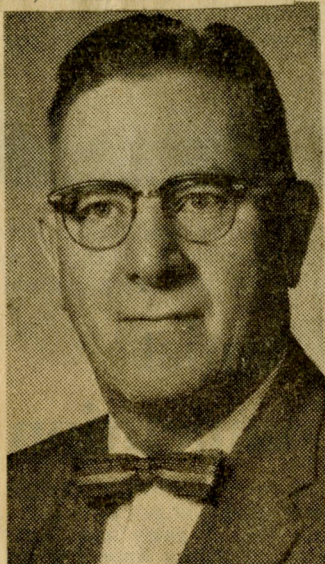
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R. C. Rae Appointed SGWU Principal

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DR. HENRY HALL
To retire June 30



ROBERT C. RAE
assumes post in July

By WOUTER DE WET

Robert C. Rae, dean and vice-principal of Sir George Williams University, has been appointed principal of the university, following the retirement of Dr. Henry F. Hall.

At a meeting of the corporation of the university last night it was announced that Dr. Hall will relinquish his duties at the end of the current academic year. Dean Rae will formally assume his new post in July.

Dr. Hall, who has been on the staff of Sir George Williams for 36 years, will continue to be associated with the university in a number of special education assignments.

Mr. Rae was appointed dean of Sir George Williams in 1956. Earlier this year he also assumed the post of vice-principal. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts at Trinity College, and a Bachelor of Social Work at the School of Social Work. He is also a Scholar in Theology (Trinity College).

Before his appointment at Sir George Williams University, Dean Rae was secretary of adult program of the National Council of YMCAs of Canada.

Dean Rae comes to the post of principal at a particularly challenging period when the university is on the threshold of expansion both in its physical facilities, its student enrolment and its academic content.

Dr. Hall, who retires after six years as principal, attended McGill and Eastern Universities, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also received a Licentiate of Religious Education from the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, following which he attended Harvard University for graduate work.

Dr. Hall was appointed student counsellor of the University in 1926, Dean in 1935 and principal in 1956. During his 36 years at Sir George he has seen the student enrolment grow from 800 to 8,000.

Dr. Hall is a modest man who attributes very little of this phenomenal growth to his own efforts. But a colleague who has known him for many years declared that during his 36 years at Sir George Dr. Hall "has been one of the driving forces and a constant inspiration to us

all. His contributions are in fact, immeasurable."

Dr. Hall's initial appointment as a student counsellor was a bold pioneering step in Canadian education which has since been followed by many other institutions. It has also, to a large extent, determined the progressive and sympathetic approach that Sir George Williams displays towards its students.

Dr. Hall himself has defined the role of the university as follows: "In accordance with its origin, its background and its basis of support, it has as its aim the development of persons . . . In our humble way, we want to play our particular part, for we believe that we do have a special role in the life of this city and country."

Dr. Hall has also been active in community affairs outside the university. He has been president of the University Counselling and Placement Association; president of the St. George's School of Montreal; president of the Montreal chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. He is a member of the board of governors of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and also holds several national YMCA posts.

Dr. Hall was awarded the degree Doctor of Laws by McMaster University in 1956 and the degree Doctor of Divinity by the Montreal Diocesan Theological College in 1960.

Dr. Hall Will Retire

Henry F. Hall, B.A., L.R.E., LL.D., D.D., principal and vice-chancellor of Sir George Williams University, who has been associated with that institution for more than 35 years, will retire from the post next June 30.

The announcement of Dr. Hall's retirement was confirmed yesterday by the Cor-

knowledge and understanding to his first task at Sir George. In 1926 he was named student counsellor — the first time such an appointment had been made on a full-time basis by any Canadian college.

"At that time many educators considered such an appointment as a 'frill'," Dr. Hall commented. "However, the late Dr. Owen Stredder, who was then principal, believed the position to be primary . . . fundamental to the functions of a progressive college." Thirty-six years ago this was a bold decision, particularly since the new counsellor was one of only three staff members.

Born in Cowansville, Dr. Hall received his early education there. During the First World War he served overseas with the 42nd Battalion of the Royal Highlanders of Canada.

He attended McGill University and took his postgraduate studies at Harvard University. He was also granted a licentiate of religious education by the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and the degree of Doctor of Laws by McMaster University.

Dr. Hall recalled the first course he conducted at Sir George — in biology "at the high school level" — during the 1926-27 term.

Enrolment In Course Three to 750

Five years later he developed the college's Natural Science course — one in which he continues to lecture — and in that first class, enrolment stood at three. Today, attendance has soared to around 750.

Dr. Hall was named dean in 1935, and principal in 1956, succeeding the late Dr. Kenneth E. Norris. He was appointed vice-chancellor two years ago.

The principal, who is still affectionately addressed as 'Dean Hall' by many of the 6,000 graduates, has in recent years been a strong advocate of a more extensive Grade 12 system whereby high school students could have another year for maturity while taking the equivalent of a first-year uni-

versity course. This, he feels would, in part, cut down the high failure rate in the first year by easing the re-adjustment from high school to university studies.

Typical of his modesty and his character, Dr. Hall, on the occasion of his installation as principal, declared:

" . . . I recognize that I happen to be only the focal point



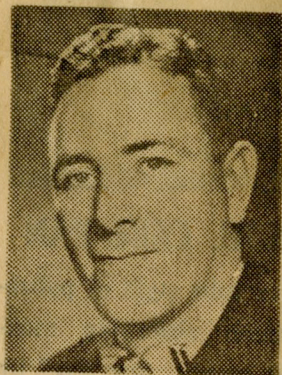
DR. HENRY HALL

poration of the university and accepted with "deep regret" by its members. He will be succeeded by Dean Robert C. Rae.

Dr. Hall, who leaves the top administrative position on the eve of the university's recently-announced \$10,000,000 expansion program, recalled the early days of the 'college' and its schools up to today when it is widely recognized as one of the outstanding institutions of its kind in North America.

"To measure the role that Dr. Hall has played in this tremendous growth would be a difficult thing," declared one of his close associates. "It will suffice to say that he has been one of the driving forces and a constant inspiration to us all. His contributions are, in face, immeasurable."

The retiring principal, who marks his 65th birthday this year, brought a wealth of



DEAN RAE

of this ceremony. This event is, of course, not primarily for me. I am on this occasion but a symbol.

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There is no question the principal, over his long association with the college-then-university, has more than added his contributions to this role.

Probably the one particular event in his educational career that will remain longest in his fond memories of the university is yet to come. Dr. Hall has been asked to deliver the 1962 Spring Convocation address on June 1.

SGWU to Honor Former Principals

By ALVIN JOHNSON

Sir George William University's new 10-storey building will be known as the Henry F. Hall Building while the present structure at Drummond street will be called the Kenneth E. Norris Building.

The announcement came yesterday at the official ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the multi-storey building at the northern side of Burnside between Bishop and Mackay streets.

In making the announcement, university chancellor Dr. B. W. Roberts paid tribute to the "distinguished" contributions of Dr. Hall and the late Dr. Norris, both former principals of the university.

The building, which is expected to cost about \$24,000,000, is scheduled for completion in 1966. Its facilities have been hailed by university authorities as enabling the university to improve the quantity and quality of its services.

Present plans call for an expected enrolment of 5,000 day students and 10,000 evening students by 1970. The scope of the academic program will also be expanded with the introduction of a five-year degree course in engineering and graduate studies.

Cost of the building will be met from many sources. The provincial government will contribute \$15,850,000, the Canada Council has granted \$700,000, other government contributions amount to \$350,000, and \$7,000,000 will be collected in a public campaign now under way.

Yesterday's ground-breaking was performed by Guy Lechasseur, deputy for Verchères on behalf of Youth Minister Paul Gérin Lajoie. Also in attendance was the city's representative pro-mayor Fernand Alie.

In naming the building after Dr. Hall, Dr. Roberts said that Dr. Hall had given "distinguished and extended service" to the university and that it was during his tenure as principal that plans for the building had been formulated.

Dr. Hall is now principal-emeritus and governor-emeritus of the university and his association with SGWU extends over 40 years. A graduate of McGill and Harvard he was appointed Student Counsellor in 1926 and principal in 1956. He served in this position until his retirement in 1926.

Dr. Norris also a graduate of McGill was appointed principal in 1936 until his retirement in 1956. During this period described as "critical and important in the development of the university" plans were laid for the Drummond street building which will now bear his name.

The building will be entirely air-conditioned and vertical transportation will be provided by a set of escalators, two passenger elevators and one service elevator.

Its location at Burnside is seen as providing accessibility for students, particularly those in the evening division, as well as making for easy integration of new facilities with those now existing.

Building Named For Hall

Sir George Williams University's new 10-storey structure on Burnside St., to be completed in 1966, will be known as the Henry F. Hall Building, it was announced yesterday at the official ground-breaking ceremony.

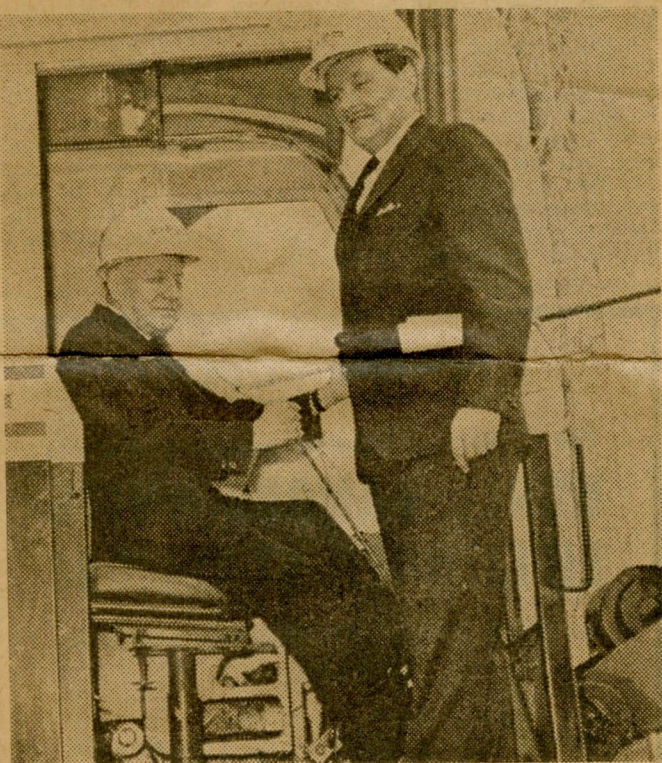
The \$23,000,000 building, an extension of the university's facilities on Drummond St., is being named in honor of Dr. Hall, governor and principal emeritus, who has served the institution for close to 40 years.

It was also announced by Chancellor B. W. Roberts that the five-storey Drummond St. building will be named in memory of the late Dr. K. E. Norris, who served as principal of the university and schools from 1936 until 1956.

Addressing a large gathering at the Bishop-Burnside-Mackay Sts. sod-turning site, Dr. Roberts said both men being honored "have given unstintingly of their time and talents" to the university.

He paid tribute to "the distinguished and extensive contribution" of Dr. Hall, who joined the university in 1926, first as student counsellor, then as dean, principal and vice-chancellor, and now as principal emeritus who "continues to give full-time service to the university."

Of Dr. Norris, the chancellor said he gave "splendid leadership particularly during the time when the present building was brought into existence."



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MILESTONE FOR SGWU: Dr. Henry F. Hall, governor and principal emeritus, handles the controls of a giant steam-shovel to mark the official start yesterday of the construction of Sir George Williams University's new building on Burnside St., between Bishop and Mackay Sts. Looking on is Guy Lechasseur, MPP, representing Quebec Youth Minister Paul Gerin-Lajoie. The 10-storey building, to be completed by 1966, is to be named The Henry F. Hall Building.

SGWU's 'Dean' Hall... A 'True Friend' Of Students

Dr. Henry F. Hall, principal emeritus of Sir George Williams University, this summer is completing a book tracing the almost 100-year history of the educational program of the YMCA and Sir George.

The book notes that in 1926 the then-Sir George Williams College appointed a full-time student counsellor to the staff of the institution.

"In the light of later developments," it continues, "it is of great interest that in this small and struggling college the leadership should have considered that the third member of the administrative staff should be a counsellor whose work would be entirely devoted to students..."

Although Dr. Hall does not mention the fact, he was the one named to the job — the first such appointment in any Canadian college.

Today, he is completing 40 years of devoted service to that university — during which time his name has become synonymous with Sir George. He will retire at the end of this month.

To the thousands of graduates who have had the privilege of knowing and learning from him, he is still "Dean" Hall, a position he held from 1935 until he was named principal and vice-chancellor in 1962. Among fellow faculty members he is known affectionately as "Harry."

And his name will live for many years to come in the university's new Henry F. Hall Building at Burnside and Bishop Sts., which will open its doors officially next Oct. 14 — a fitting tribute to a man who has given so much of himself to the university and the community in general.

Dr. Hall, who was named governor emeritus of the university two years ago, also

By Bob Hayes

has been awarded honorary degrees by McMaster University, McGill University, and the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

An excerpt from one of the many sermons he has delivered to graduates at the annual Baccalaureate Service probably best sums up Dr. Hall's philosophy of education:

"If I could teach young people just one thing for their guidance, it would be that their lives are built by the practices which they follow day by day; and that these lives that they build have a significance far beyond the range of our ordinary concepts... Not stored knowledge, but living attitudes, abilities, systems of habits are the true goal of education."

Dr. Hall has been a true friend to countless students — a man whose office door was always open to those with problems. This was particularly true during the earlier days of the college when "Dean" Hall was the one who calmed the nervous high school graduate and helped him chart his college career.

"Dr. Hall is one in a million," one veteran faculty member told The Gazette. This was putting it simply, but echoing the sentiments of many.

Within the student body, he probably is best remembered for his lectures in natural science. He instructed in the course continuously from 1932 until the 1965-66 term when some 1,300 students were enrolled.

As an example of his understanding of students, he would announce at the beginning of each term that his opening lecture would be given at the close of the course. He realized that no one paid any attention on the first day of classes.

Outside the campus, he has been president of the University Counselling and Place-

ment Association, and of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Montreal Section. He also has served on the governing boards of several social agencies and was president of the Montreal Council of Social Agencies from 1963 to 1966.

Dr. Hall is vice-president of the Corporation of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and a member of the executive committee of the National Council of YMCAs of Canada. He also has served as vice-president of the Montreal branches of the UN Association of Canada and the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth.

He was the Canadian YMCA's first "fellowship secretary" — and to secretaries across the country Dr. Hall "in his quiet, humble and kindly way is a man who practices the tenets of the Y in his everyday life to a degree which may strive but few achieve."

Dr. Hall, who marked his 69th birthday last month, plans to "keep busy" — reading, writing and gardening.

"I'll quit while I'm ahead," he added with modesty. To those who have been fortunate to know him, Dr. Hall will always be ahead.



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On the eve of his retirement, Dr. Henry F. Hall pauses in front of Sir George Williams University's new building on Burnside St. — named in his honor.