

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, March 21, 1975.

Burnett M. Hall

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Mr. Treasurer ~~

May I present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Emmett Matthew Hall, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He is a distinguished Canadian whose dedication to the highest principles of justice was first publicly acclaimed over forty years ago when it was expressed with clarity and courage during his practice at the Bar of Saskatchewan in the legal defence of those accused of rioting to contest the hardships of unemployment. The humanitarian ideals his advocacy proclaimed were constantly supported by his judgment while he was Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, and later a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and were exemplified by the wisdom and fairness of his assessment of the rights of the Nishga Indians to their ancestral lands about the Nass River in British Columbia.

As Chairman of the Royal Commission on Health Care his constructive imagination was engaged to propose a means of ensuring that all Canadians regardless of poverty could receive the benefits of medical science, and as a Royal Commissioner on Education his recommendations again reflected his deep concern for the advancement of those whose limited natural abilities placed them at a disadvantage.

I request you, Sir, to confer upon The Honourable Emmett Matthew Hall the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.