

*Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 6th, 1983.*

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*Mr. Treasurer ~ ~ ~*

*It is my most pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable William Grenville Davis and to request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.*

*Called to the Bar of this Province in 1955 he entered upon his political career in 1959. His abilities were soon recognized and in 1962 he was appointed Minister of Education. In that portfolio he applied his incisive mind to the energetic and purposeful pursuit of reforms.*

*His varied and complementary attributes were recognized by his peers and in 1971 he became Premier of this Province. In that high office his balanced judgment and sensitive awareness of important issues and his deep compassion for people have enabled him to continue to give strong leadership in difficult and trying times.*

*A dedicated Canadian federalist, he can rightfully be proud of the role he played in negotiating this country's new constitutional accord. His statesmanlike approach and quiet persuasion did much to promote the spirit of compromise that made the agreement possible.*

*His career exemplifies the highest ideals of professional and public service and I request, Mr. Treasurer, that you exercise the authority vested in you by Convocation and admit The Honourable William Grenville Davis to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*

*William Davis*