

## WILLIAM WALKER SWANSON (1879-1950)

WILLIAM WALKER SWANSON, M.A., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus and second Head of the Department of Economics in the University of Saskatchewan, died at his home in Saskatoon on July 21, 1950.

The late Dr. Swanson was born in Ontario. He was a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, and completed his postgraduate work at the University of Chicago. In 1916 he became Head of the Department of Economics at the University of Saskatchewan, which post he held till his retirement in 1945.

During a period of twenty-nine years Dr. Swanson pursued his work with zest and colourful vigour. His gifts were in the rhetorical tradition and he wrote and spoke with equal facility. His desk, piled high with letters, periodicals, and pamphlets, was witness to his wide range of interests and to his extensive contacts.

His services were utilized by the provincial and the federal Governments, notably in 1929 as chairman of a provincial Royal Commission on Immigration, and in 1930 when he accompanied the Prime Minister, the Hon. R. B. Bennett, to London, England, as one of the economic advisers on matters of trading relations.

In his last years he suffered a long and powerful affliction which he bore with defiant fortitude. To the very end he maintained an active interest in literature, economics, and international affairs. He is survived by his widow and three daughters. [G. W. S.]

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