



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To Members of the Faculty:

I regret to announce the death of the Right Honorable Clarence Decatur Howe, distinguished Canadian statesman, a leading M.I.T. alumnus and a member of the Corporation, in Montreal on December 31st.

Mr. Howe was born in Waltham, Mass., on January 15, 1886, and was graduated from M.I.T. in 1907. After brief service on the staff of the Department of Civil Engineering, he joined the faculty of Dalhousie University as a Professor of Civil Engineering. In 1916 he formed his own company of consulting engineers and during the next four decades played an important role in the economic development of modern Canada.

Upon his election to the House of Commons in 1935 as a member of the Liberal Party, Mr. Howe turned his energies to serving his adopted country as statesman and political leader. At various times in his long career he occupied the posts of Minister of Railways and Canals, Minister of Marine, Minister of Transport, Minister of Munitions and Supply, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, Minister of Defense Production and Minister of Trade and Commerce.

After the Conservatives came to power in Canada in 1957, Mr. Howe retired from politics and was chosen as Chancellor of Dalhousie University. He held honorary degrees from a dozen universities and was a member of various engineering societies. He became an Alumni Term Member of the M.I.T. Corporation in 1953 and was elected a Life Member in 1958.

Mr. Howe is survived by his wife, the former Miss Alice Martha Worcester of Waltham; two sons and three daughters. Funeral services will be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, on Wednesday, January 4th.

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