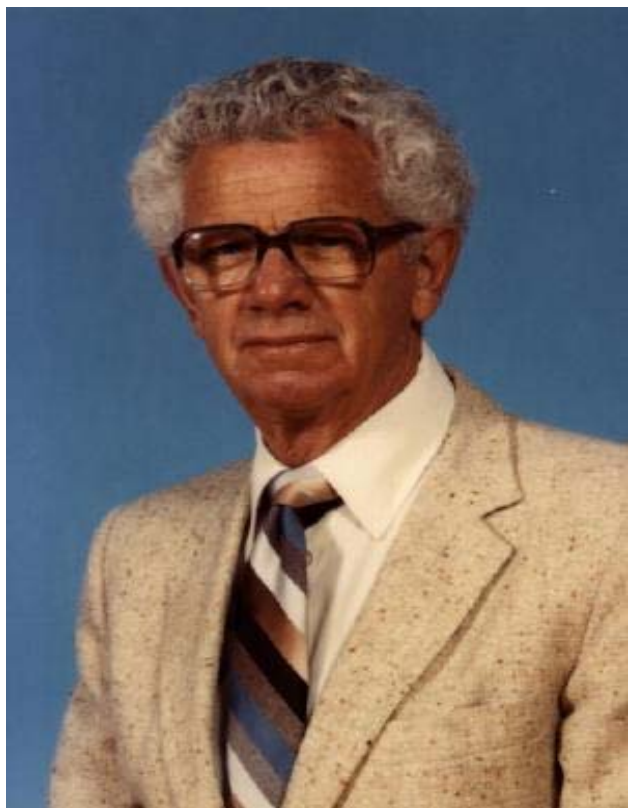


Dr. Hugh A. Noble

1915 - 1995



Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, he was the youngest of five boys. He received his early education in Sydney, later attending Rothesay Collegiate School in St. John, New Brunswick. Dr. Noble attended Springfield College for his professional training being active in track and field and was Captain of the internationally known Springfield College Gymnastic Team. Following graduation Dr. Noble spent three years as Director of Physical Education at Westmount YMCA in Montreal. An additional three years saw Dr. Noble serving on the Westmount Board of School Commissioners. Two of Dr. Noble's brothers, Otto and James graduated from Acadia University in 1926.

Beginning in 1944, Dr. Noble began a forty year journey as Supervisor of Physical Education and Recreation promoting and developing physical education, recreation, and sports as they related to education. Dr. Noble was the catalyst behind the movement to have school gyms included in the then "new" rural and regional schools during the late 1940's

and early 1950's. Dr. Noble was instrumental in the establishment of the three summer "Block Program in Physical Education" which would allow already qualified teachers to teach physical education, therefore, making physical educators an integral part of all teaching staffs. In 1964 a Diploma program in Physical Education was established at the Nova Scotia Teacher's College to be followed in turn by Dalhousie, Saint Francis Xavier, and Acadia Universities.

Dr. Noble served as the Executive Secretary to the Athletic Committee of the Nova Scotia's Headmaster's Association which later became the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation. This Federation now awards the Hugh A. Noble Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Noble was also made an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The Nova Scotia Teachers' Association for Physical and Health Education Annual Awards Banquet is named in his honour. He was Nova Scotia's first Chef de Mission at the 1967 Canada Games in Montreal and Vice-President for the 1969 games. Dr. Noble was recognized by Acadia (1977) and Dalhousie (1979) Universities with two honorary doctorates.

Hugh A. Noble was an elegant, articulate, charismatic leader and gentleman for physical education and sport in Nova Scotia for over four decades. Many teachers, administrators, and leaders looked to him as their role model. Dr. Noble was well named as the "father of physical education in Nova Scotia—and a part of history died when he passed away in February of 1995.