

GILBERT EDWARD JACKSON, 1890–1959

GILBERT EDWARD JACKSON O.B.E. was educated at Denstone School and St. John's College, Cambridge. He joined the staff of the Department of Political Economy in Toronto University in 1911 and remained there, except for his service in the army from 1914 to 1918, until 1935, when he joined the Bank of England as an adviser. He returned to Canada in 1939 and practised as an economic consultant until his death on June 16, 1959, at the age of sixty-nine.

While at the University he served as secretary of the Ontario Committee of Unemployment (1915) and was chairman of the Employment Service Council of Ontario (1922–3). He was active in the early life of several Canadian institutions: Hart House Debates (Speaker, 1924–6); *Canadian Forum* (Editor, 1920–3); Canadian Political Science Association (Member of Council, 1929–30). He also took part in the programme of the annual meetings of the C.P.S.A. in 1930, 1931 and 1932.

His writings consisted of three short books, *An Economist's Confession of Faith*, 1935, *If Thine Enemy Hunger*, 1941, *Facts in the Case*, 1944, and a number of memoranda, some vigorously polemic and some supported by careful statistics, dealing with immediate problems. In 1940 he was Acting Director of the School of Commerce at McGill University, and advised on its reorganization.

Jackson's greatest contributions flowed from his energy and enterprise, his keen interest in the young, and his generous spirit. In the end, he will be remembered for his work as supervisor of studies in Commerce and Finance at the University of Toronto, where his hard work and ready sympathy won him a host of staunch friends and admirers; and for the patience and generosity he displayed so often both in the University and in his professional practice, which were much appreciated by his colleagues and his large acquaintanceship.

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