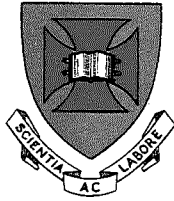


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DOCTOR OF LAWS "HONORIS CAUSA"

SIR ARTHUR WILLIAM FADDEN

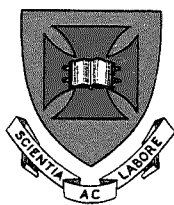
MR. CHANCELLOR,

TONIGHT WE HONOUR TWO MEN, BOTH NATIVE SONS OF THIS STATE WHO HAVE SERVED THIS NATION WITH HIGH DISTINCTION. BOTH HAVE ATTAINED THE GREAT OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

FIRST SIR, I SPEAK OF SIR ARTHUR WILLIAM FADDEN. SIR ARTHUR FADDEN'S FIRST EXPERIENCE OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF GOVERNMENT CAME IN 1911 WHEN HE BECAME ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK OF MACKAY, AND THEN IN 1916 THAT CITY'S TOWN CLERK. SOON AFTER HIS FIRST ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT CAN CHALLENGE AND TEST THOSE IN RESPONSIBLE OFFICE THERE CAME THE CALAMITOUS CYCLONE AND TIDAL WAVE WHICH NEARLY DESTROYED MACKAY IN 1918. PERHAPS THIS CRISIS SO EARLY IN HIS CAREER PREPARED HIM FOR THE MANY OTHERS WHICH HE HAD TO MEET AND OVERCOME OVER ANOTHER FORTY YEARS.

IN 1919 HE BEGAN PRIVATE PRACTICE AS AN ACCOUNTANT, QUICKLY DEVELOPING WHAT WAS SAID TO BE THE LARGEST PRACTICE IN NORTH QUEENSLAND, BUT POLITICAL LIFE HAD ALREADY DISPLAYED ITS CHARMS TO HIM. AFTER A DECADE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN HE RESUMED HIS PUBLIC CAREER, NOW ON THE ELECTED SIDE OF GOVERNMENT. IN 1930 HE WAS ELECTED AN ALDERMAN OF THE TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, AND IN JUNE 1932 MEMBER FOR KENNEDY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. IT WAS PROPHETIC THAT IN HIS MAIDEN SPEECH ON 24 AUGUST, 1932 IN THE ADDRESS IN REPLY HE ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE NEEDS OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY, DISPLAYING IN HIS REMARKS THE ROBUST GOOD SENSE AND ZEAL FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND AND THE PRIMARY

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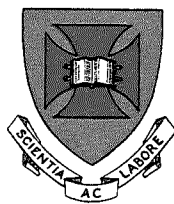
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PRODUCERS OF AUSTRALIA THAT SUSTAINED HIS CAREER EVER AFTER. AFTER A TERM IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HE BECAME THE SUCCESSOR TO SIR LITTLETON GROOM IN THE FEDERAL DIVISION OF DARLING DOWNS.

THERE SIR ARTHUR BEGAN THE MAJOR PERIOD OF HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN THE WIDEST SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT, AND THIS WAS TO LAST UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1958. IN MARCH 1940 HE JOINED THE MINISTRY AS MINISTER ASSISTING THE TREASURER. A FEW MONTHS LATER HE HELD TWO PORTFOLIOS, AIR AND CIVIL AVIATION AND WAS ACTING FEDERAL LEADER OF HIS PARTY, AND WITHIN A VERY SHORT SPACE OF TIME HE BECAME TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF MR. MENZIES, AS HE THEN WAS, SIR ARTHUR BECAME PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS TREASURER, BARELY FIVE YEARS AFTER HIS ENTRY INTO FEDERAL POLITICS. IT WAS A PERIOD OF UNSTABLE PARTY ALLEGIANCES, AND HE PASSED INTO OPPOSITION. FOR THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS SIR ARTHUR LED THE COUNTRY PARTY FOR TWO YEARS AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE HOUSE. AS THE JOINT ENGINEER WITH SIR ROBERT MENZIES OF THE LIBERAL AND COUNTRY PARTY VICTORY OF 1949, SIR ARTHUR RETURNED TO OFFICE AND TO THE TREASURY WHERE HE FACED THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT RAPID GROWTH OF THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY. HE HAD BEEN MADE A PRIVY COUNCILLOR IN 1942. IN 1951 HE WAS HONOURED AS KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE AND WAS AWARDED THE GRAND CROSS OF THAT ORDER IN 1958. SIR ARTHUR'S SERVICES TO HIS NATIVE STATE AND TO HIS COUNTRY SPAN MANY YEARS AND MUCH OF THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF BOTH. HAPPILY HIS MEMOIRS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN; THEY PROVIDE BOTH AN IMPORTANT AND A MOVING DOCUMENT OF HIS TIMES AND THEY AFFORD US AN INSIGHT INTO THE PERSONAL WARMTH AND GOOD HUMOUR WHICH MADE HIM ONE OF THE MOST POLULAR AND ADMIREED MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

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*MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU ARTHUR WILLIAM FADDEN,
PRIVY COUNCILLOR, KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED
ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE, FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, FELLOW OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF
ACCOUNTANTS, FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS
'HONORIS CAUSA'.*

The Chancellor says:

*ARTHUR WILLIAM FADDEN BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME
AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT
YOU TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS
'HONORIS CAUSA' IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND.*