

## DREVER, Colin (1887 – 1975)

**C**olin Drever was the senior partner in a long line of Kingston based architectural firms, in which he actively participated from 1920 until his retirement in 1967. During his partnership with Harry Smith they designed 105 school projects, 79 hospitals and considerable industrial and commercial work in Kingston and in the localities as far east as Cornwall, north to Pembroke and west to Cobourg.

Mr. Drever was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on December 28, 1886, the son of Peter and Eliza Drever. He was educated in Scotland and came to Kingston in March, 1911. He served overseas in the First World War. Upon his return he opened his own architectural firm about 1920. Around 1945 he formed a partnership with another Kingston architect, Harry Smith to form the firm of Drever & Smith, which lasted until Mr. Drever's retirement on January 1, 1967. The architectural firm is one of the oldest in Canada and has been run under a number of different partnerships beginning with John Power in the mid-nineteenth century and continuing today as Smith, Mill and Ross.

Some of the Kingston buildings Drever designed include the Federal Building; Rideau School, Mac-

Donnel Street (1925); Kingston Technical High School (1931-33); Sisters of Providence Mother House and chapel (1931-32); additions to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Brock Street (1929-30) and the Victory Wing of the Kingston General Hospital (1945-46). His designs for buildings at Queen's University, Kingston include the Student's Union Building, Crane Hall (now the gymnasium, 1929-30), the Bio-Chemistry Building (1937) and Miller Hall (1930), which were executed in Queenston limestone as were all the buildings on the campus.

With Harry Smith he completed designs for many factories including Black and Decker, Phillips Cables, Johnson Shoes, all of Brockville. The firm also designed many school buildings including Winston Churchill Public School, Kingston (1947-48) and the High School, Ganonoque, Ontario (1948-49). They also designed the Hotel Dieu, Cornwall, Ontario (1950-51). In addition Drever and Smith designed highly technical buildings at Canadian Forces Base, Barriefield. They also completed the restoration of the Kingston City Hall after the successful restoration of the County Court House at an earlier date.