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After introductory comments on how the Judicial Committee functioned as the final court for the British Empire for over a century, including statistical material and discussion of the judicial membership and counsel involved in Indian appeals, this article discusses a range of highly unusual cases from India, Canada and New Zealand. The aim is to give something of the flavour of the Judicial Committee's work and its impact on local courts. The final section of the paper suggests conclusions that can be drawn from that survey.

"Launch of Journals by Sir Ivor Richardson"

"Launch of the Journals by Sir Ivor Richardson" (1995) 1 *New Zealand Journal of Taxation and Policy* 196.

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On the 5th February 1995 the two journals published by the Research Centre for Business Law in conjunction with Brooker's Ltd - the *New Zealand Journal of Taxation and Policy* and the *New Zealand Business Law Quarterly* - were launched at a ceremony held at the University of Auckland. This article reproduces Sir Ivor Richardson's speech on the occasion. He remarks on the lack of articles on tax policy published in New Zealand to that date, and the gap that the *Journal of Taxation and Policy* is poised to fill. The *Business Law Quarterly* intends to promote interdisciplinary research and business. Both journals can therefore make important contributions to improving the understanding of business and tax law in New Zealand.

"Deciding the Case: Recollections"

"Deciding the Case: Recollections" in Ruru (ed) *In Good Faith: Symposium Proceedings Marking the 20th Anniversary of the Lands Case* (New Zealand Law Foundation and University of Otago, 2008) 13.

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In this paper Sir Ivor discusses his recollections of deciding *New Zealand Maori Council v. Attorney-General* (the Lands Case). He stresses that in reaching its decision in this case the Court did not go beyond applying standard statutory interpretation and well-settled principles of judicial review. The difficulty in the case was the need to gain sufficient understanding of the complexities surrounding the Treaty of Waitangi which formed a part of the statutory background. Sir Ivor makes several points arising from the case: the difference between society in 1840 and the time of the Lands case, the basis of the Crown's claim to British Sovereignty over the South Island, the meaning to be given to the terms partner and partnership, and the requirement for consultation.

"Opening of New Law Building, University of Canterbury"

"Opening of New Law Building, University of Canterbury" [1993] *NZLJ* 289.

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This article reproduces Sir Ivor Richardson's speech at the opening of the new Law Building at Canterbury University on 2nd July 1993. In it, Sir Ivor discusses his own experience at Canterbury Law School and the changes in both legal education and the legal profession since that time. Finally, he examines what kind of a legal system we want in the future and the legal education required for lawyers in the 21st Century. He suggests that legal education must equip lawyers to resolve controversies that require evaluation of economic and social goals, and balancing of individual and minority group rights, efficacy concerns and fairness. Further, it should ensure that the legal system reflects the values and goals of society.

"Review of Guy Lennard: Sir William Martin"

"Review of Guy Lennard: Sir William Martin (*Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd, Wellington, 1962*)" (1963) 1 *NZULR* 168.

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This article reviews the book Sir William Martin, a biography of the first Chief Justice of New Zealand. It notes the limitations of the book which stem from the lack of available sources from that time period. The review also includes some of the interesting attributes of Sir William Martin, such as his interaction with Maori and his participation in public affairs. The review concludes that the book is very readable and contributes to a relatively unknown period of New Zealand's legal history.

"Review of T. F. Paul: Land and Income Tax Handbook"

"Review of TF Paul Land and Income Tax Handbook (2nd ed, Butterworth & Co (NZ) Ltd, Wellington, 1967)" (1968) 3 NZULR 252.

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This is a short review of the 2nd edition of T. F. Paul's Land and Income Tax Handbook. It says that while the handbook does not discuss the difficulties in this area of the law it is a readable elementary account of the subject for non-lawyers such as secretarial and accounting students.

"Review of Anthony P. Molloy: Molloy on Estate Planning"

"Review of Anthony P. Molloy: Molloy on Estate Planning (Butterworths, Wellington, 1970)" (1971) 4 NZULR 426.

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This article reviews Molloy on Estate Planning. It describes the book as a short, readable outline of the income tax and estate duty considerations in the use of family partnerships, family companies, family trusts and life insurance for planning purposes. However, the problem with the book being brief is that it is hard to also be comprehensive. After assessing the content of each chapter, the article concludes that, despite the criticisms made, the book is a useful introduction to the estate planning field.

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Alumni include Sir Robin Cooke (1926-2006), one of the leading judges of the British Commonwealth. As Baron Cooke of Thorndon, he sat on over 100 appeals to the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, one of very few Commonwealth judges ever appointed to do so.

Since 1996 the **Law School** has occupied the Old Government Building in central Wellington. Designed by William Clayton and opened in 1876 to house New Zealand's then civil service, the building is a particularly fine example of Italianate neo-Renaissance style. Unusually among large colonial official buildings of the time it is constructed of wood, apart from chimneys and vaults.

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