

Mr. Graydon officially retired on March 31, 1981, but he was recently the guest at a retirement dinner hosted by the Eastern Ontario Land Registrars at the banquet room of the Inn on the Bay, Picton. The room was filled to capacity with land registrars and wives, county dignitaries, including Judge John O'Flynn and many of his relatives and personal friends.

In a special tribute to Mr. Graydon, Harvey Hale, chairman, Land Registrars' Association of Eastern Ontario, made mention of Mr. Graydon's many years of dedicated service to the registry system and the county of Prince Edward.

During the good old days, a registrar of deeds paid himself and staff out of the fees as per the statute schedule. The County provided the office space, heat, light, all books and supplies. The numbers of employees was set by the Inspector of Legal Offices of the Attorney General's department.

Staff strength for the Prince Edward office during the 30's was one registrar of deeds and one person working three hours per day.

During World War II Mr. Graydon served five years overseas as an infantry reinforcement and administration officer. While on the continent with the headquarters staff, he saw duty in

France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

As registrar, his span of years touched the era of Ontario Land Surveyors Fraser Aylesworth, of Madoc, and Fred Donnevan, of Oshawa. Surveyors in the County were rare birds and, as a consequence, descriptions using old occupational limits held for many years.

After World War Two Hugh Donald, inspector of legal offices, and assistant inspector Harry Moore, came to the office each spring to see first hand how things were going. During that period the inspector and assistant inspector, plus a number of secretaries, looked after the administration of sheriffs, county court clerks, bailiffs, justices of the peace and registrars of deeds for the whole of the province.

The post-war period produced some welcome improvements in the system; the most important of these included microfilm, photocopy, looseleaf abstract binders, municipal subdivision control by-law, and reference plans.

Mr. Graydon was secretary of the Registrar of Deeds Association of Ontario from 1946 to 1963. During this period superannuation for registrars was finally obtained in 1955. The association had a lega