

Henry Bertram Mayo
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Henry Bertram Mayo was born in the outport of Fortune, Newfoundland in 1911. He took his Teacher's Training at the Normal School of Memorial University in 1929 which was followed by two years at Memorial College from 1932-34. He then went to Dalhousie University from 1934-35. From there he won a Rhodes Scholarship and went to New College, Oxford when he received a B.A. in 1938, M.A. in 1942 and a D. Phi. in 1948. From 1939-41 he studied at the University of Alberta.

Henry began his career as a school teacher in Newfoundland in 1929. He then worked for the Fisheries Research Board in Newfoundland and for the Newfoundland government. He served for four years as a Flight Lieutenant in the RCAF. After the war, he returned to teach at the University of Alberta where he rose in the ranks from Assistant to Full Professor and Chair of the Department. He was Visiting Professor at McGill, Duke, and Visiting Professor and Chair at the University of Southern Carolina. He subsequently was senior professor and department chair at the University of Western Ontario. In 1968 he became Professor, Professor Emeritus at Carleton University in the Department of Political Science.

He was a member of committees for the NRC, the Canada Council, and a Founding Member of the Canadian Council on Urban and Regional Research. Known in Ottawa for his 1977 *Report of the Ottawa-Carleton Review Commission*, he was the first President of the Canadian Political Science Association, consultant-advisor to the Alberta Royal Commission on Metropolitan Development, as well as a member of the Regional Organization Committee of the Ontario Council of Health.

He published a number of textbooks with the by Oxford University Press. Among them were: *Democracy and Marxism*, 1955, *Introduction to Marxist Theory*, 1960, *Introduction to Democratic Theory*, 1960, and *Politics and Politicians*, 1960. He also penned a number of chapters and articles on topics including "the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation", "Marxism", "Majority Rule and the Constitution", "Foreign Policy", and "Moral Principles and Politics". He was also an author of a number of encyclopedia entries and book reviews as well as articles for local government magazines.

He received an honorary degree from Memorial University in 1976.

He lived in Manotick with his wife Jean whom he married in 1938. They had three sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In his retirement, he sailed around Atlantic Canada and the Great Lakes and down to Florida.

He passed away in 2009 at the age of 97. At a memorial gathering at Strathmere House in North Gower, his many colleagues and friends from Carleton University celebrated his fine career, his strong contribution to teaching and research, his civic engagement, his sense of humor, his friendship and bonhomie.