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"Sir Robert Stout: A Biography" 

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W.H. DUNN, Independent

This biography discusses the life and career of Sir Robert Stout and his influence on New Zealand's political, social and legal history. Sir Robert Stout arrived in New Zealand from Scotland at the age of 19 in 1864 and died in 1930. This book traces his early political career to his tenure of the positions of Attorney General, Premier and Minister of Education. Sir Robert Stout retired from politics in 1898. During the latter part of his career he was Chancellor of the University of New Zealand and held the position of Chief Justice from 1899 until 1926.

"Sir Robert Stout"

"Sir Robert Stout" in RB Cooke (ed) *The Centennial Book of the New Zealand Law Society – Portrait of a Profession* (Reed, 1969).

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This article gives a brief overview of Sir Robert Stout's distinguished career. Sir Robert Stout immigrated to New Zealand at the age of 19 and was premier before he was 40. The positions he held throughout his career included Minister of Education, Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, Attorney-General and Chief Justice. The article focuses on his role as Chief Justice and concludes that his 26 year tenure of this office enhanced the public respect for this office.

"W. S. Reid"

"WS Reid" in RB Cooke (ed) *The Centennial Book of the New Zealand Law Society – Portrait of a Profession* (Reed, 1969).

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This article gives a brief account of the professional life of Walter Scott Reid, who was appointed New Zealand's second Solicitor General in 1875. It contains a description of his duties as Solicitor General and records both criticism and praise of him noted in sources from the time.

"A Tribute to Judge Patrick Mahony"

"A Tribute to Judge Patrick Mahony" (2004) *Butterworths Family Law Journal* 235.

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This article records a speech given by Sir Ivor Richardson in Wellington in 2004, at a dinner held to farewell His Honour Judge Patrick Mahony upon his retirement from his position as Principal Family Court Judge. Sir Ivor highlights some of the features of Judge Mahony's career and recounts his own experience of his work and contribution to the judiciary.

"A Tribute to Dr. George Barton"

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This address was given by Sir Ivor Richardson on the occasion of the special sitting of the High Court in Wellington on Wednesday 6 July 2011 to honour Dr. George Barton QC.

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mathematics. Maclaurin went on to lead the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as President in its formative years. Early professors included Sir John Salmond (1862-1924), still one of the Common Law's leading scholars. His texts on jurisprudence and torts have gone through many editions and remain in print.

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