BOOKS, AUTHORS AND PERSONALITIES OF THE HOUR BROADCAST.

CALGARY, January 20th, a link between the famous old West of Canada and
the striving for a better and peaceful world was established Saturday last
with the appointment of a VICE-JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL with the rank of BRIGADIER,
a CALGARIAN who has been named JUDGE and ASSOCIATE PROSECUTOR on an International
military tribunal to try war criminals in the Far East, we spotlight for you that
BRIGADIER, HENRY GRATIAN NOLAN, C. B. E. M. C. K.C. of CALGARY.

Son of the late P.J. Nolan "Paddy" Nolan K.C., colorful criminal advocate
of Calgary's early days and Mary Elizabeth Lee, one of the first pupils to attend
the first Calgary School, who were married in the Foothills' settlement in 1892,
Brigadier Nolan was born on May 5th, 1895.

He attended Calgary Separate Schools from 1901 to 1911 and the University of
Alberta at Edmonton from 1911 to 1914, graduating in Arts and being awarded the
Rhodes Scholarship for the Province of Alberta.

BRIGADIER NOLAN enlisted in the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps in
London in 1915 and the following year 1916, was transferred from the Imperial
Army to the 49th (Edmonton) Battalion C.E.F., being gazetted as a Lieutenant.
He served continuously with the 49th as Intelligence Officer, adjutant and
company commander from October 1916 until he was wounded at Cambrai in October
1918. Mentioned in despatches in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross for
gallantry in 1918 and promoted to the rank of captain that same year.
Demobilized in May 1919, BRIGADIER NOLAN returned to Oxford to complete his studies, receiving his B.A. in 1921 and his M.A. in 1922. He was called to the English Bar from Grays Inn the same year and also to the Alberta Bar. He subsequently practised law in Calgary with his present firm of Hannah, Nolan, Chambers, Migh and Saucier, headed for many years by "R.B." now Viscount Bennett.

One of the OUTSTANDING barristers in Western Canada in civilian life, BRIGADIER NOLAN was appointed Kings Counsel in 1934. Appointed Ass’t. Judge Advocate General of Military District No. 15 at Calgary on June 21st, 1940 he was promoted to the rank of major in January 1941. In August of the same year he was appointed Deputy Judge Advocate General at National Defense Headquarters, Ottawa, with the rank of Lieut-Colonel. He was promoted to the rank of colonel in March 1942 and on February 10th, 1944, VICE-JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, with the rank of BRIGADIER.

In November 1945, he was named to a SPECIAL BOARD established to review sentences of one to five years imposed on troops for military or civilian offenses. In the King's New Year Honors List, 1946, BRIGADIER NOLAN was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Back in 1928 BRIGADIER NOLAN married Doris McCarter of Calgary, sister of Brigadier George A. McCarter C.B.E. They have two daughters, Shelagh and Moira. BRIGADIER AND MRS NOLAN and their family reside at Ottawa.

The late P.J. "Paddy" Nolan K.V. father of the BRIGADIER NOLAN was born on St. Patrick’s Day 1864 and admitted to the Irish Bar in 1865. He came to the West in the 80’s and was, for a short time, editor of the Calgary Herald. One of the most skillful advocates in the North West Territories, it is reported that he was appointed special prosecutor for the Stockmen's Association because convictions could not be obtained against rustlers he defended. One of the most famous cases concerned the defense of a Wyoming Cowboy, Ernest Cashel, on a charge of murdering an old-timer of the Red Deer District.
Cashel was convicted and sentenced to be hanged and his counsel made a special trip to Ottawa to appear before the Minister of Justice and plead for a new trial. On the night before the hanging Cashel's brothers, armed with six-shooters overpowered three policemen and spirited the murderer away. A man-hunt that lasted for weeks followed until Cashel, looking like an emaciated hermit rather than a debonair cowboy, was captured. Sentence of death was passed for a second time and he was subsequently hanged.

NOLAN continued to build up an enviable reputation as a barrister and Viscount Bennett once referred to him as the greatest jury lawyer he had ever met. NOLAN was appointed a King's Counsel in 1907 and the same year was appointed to the Board of Senators of the University of Alberta. He died in February 1913, and of him the Calgary Herald wrote "His remarkable skill as a barrister, his marvelous and never failing wit, his pungency of criticism and the warmth of his praise have been known these many years. Stories of him are told around the World, each one testifying to the breadth of his Irish kindness and the marvelous flow of his Irish humor.

BRIGADIER NOLAN'S mother, the former Mary Elizabeth Lee, was a citizen of Calgary for a half century before leaving to reside in Victoria some ten years ago. Mrs. Nolan was born in Toronto and came to the West when a child in 1884. She was in Calgary when the Police departed to quell disturbances in the Second Riel Rebellion in the Spring of 1885. She often recalled word being received that the Blackfeet were on the war to Calgary and all the women and children in the settlement were lodged in the police barracks as a precautionary measure.

The late Father Lacombe journeyed from Calgary to Gleichen, met and persuaded the Blackfeet to forget their warlike plans and the threat to the little community to Calgary was averted.
Regent to the Colonel MacLeod Chapter of the Imperial Daughters of the Empire from 1907 to 1917, Mrs. Nolan was later honored with a life membership. At the outbreak of World War One she was instrumental in the formation of a branch of the Red Cross Society in Calgary and was a leading figure in war work in the Foothills City.

To-day in the twilight of life she resides on Canada's beautiful west coast, looking with pride to the achievements of her son and strangely enough, history as it always seems to do, is running in parallel. Sixty-one years ago Mrs. Nolan with other Calgary women of that day waited in fear and want of a war threat of savages. TO-DAY another threat of savages has been stilled and this BRILLIANT son of hers will play an important part in Allied efforts to make certain that threat will never again strike fear in the hearts of women and children no matter where they may be, we spotlight with pride this illustrious son of hers, BRIGADIER HENRY GRATTON NOLAN O.B.E. M.C. K.C. of Calgary.