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## George William Auxier

(1907-1951)

George William Auxier was an Edmonton lawyer and president of the Western Canada Petroleum Association.

He was born in Stettler, Alberta and received his early education in Castor, Alberta. He later graduated from the University of Alberta in 1929 with a law degree and was admitted to the Alberta bar in the same year.

Auxier was extremely familiar with the Income Tax Act, which led to his appointment as executive vice-president of the Western Canada Petroleum Association in 1950. Auxier's previous experience included acting as counsel to the Ives commission on taxation of annuities and family corporations during 1944 and 1945 and acting as counsel to the royal commission on coal in 1946. Auxier was also elected as a bencher of the Law Society of Alberta, and was appointed to King's Counsel in 1947.



During his career, he managed to lecture at the University of Alberta from 1942 until 1947.

In 1948, while chairman of the taxation committee of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, Auxier made an exhaustive study of the effect on business and industry of income tax regulations. His recommendations to the federal government brought about several much needed reforms.

In 1951, immediately prior to his death, Auxier was appointed as president of the Western Canada Petroleum Association. He continued to work as a member of the law firm of Hawe, Auxier, Bryar and Foote until his sudden death early in 1951.

George Auxier died at just 44 years old. He was remembered as a brilliant and industrious member of the Alberta bar.

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