

ANDREW BRUCE, N. U. PROFESSOR OF LAW, DEAD

Dakota Supreme Court's Ex-Chief Justice.

Andrew Alexander Bruce, professor of law at Northwestern university

since 1922, former chief justice of the North Dakota Supreme court, died of a heart attack in the Passavant hospital yesterday after a week's illness. He was 68 years old.



He was stricken with a bronchial illness on Nov. 29 in his winter home at the De-witt hotel, 274 East Pearson street, and was taken to the hospital last Monday.

ANDREW A. BRUCE At his bedside when he died were his wife, the former Elizabeth Bacon Pickett of River Forest; his son, Edward McMaster Bruce of Oak Park, and his daughter, Mrs. Glenn Bruce McConathy, formerly of Baton Rouge, La.

Father a British General.

Prof. Bruce was born in Nunda Drug, India, on April 15, 1866, the son of Gen. Edward Archibald Bruce of the British army. He came to America when he was 15 years old. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1890 and took his law degree there two years later, after which he became secretary to the Wisconsin Supreme court justices.

He came to Chicago in 1893 as attorney for the state board of factory inspectors, and practiced law here for five years. In 1898 he returned to Wisconsin as assistant professor of law, becoming a professor four years later. Later he became dean of the college of laws of the University of North Dakota. In 1911 he became an associate Supreme court justice in that state. Within five years he had become chief justice, a post he held for three years, until 1919. In that year he accepted a law professorship at the University of Minnesota, which he held until coming here.

Backer of Child Labor Laws.

Throughout his professional career Judge Bruce was identified with altruistic movements. He helped Miss Jane Addams to organize Hull house. He helped enact and enforce the child labor and "sweat shop" laws of Illinois and Wisconsin.

He was president of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, and vice president of the national committee on uniform state laws. He served on the police survey committee here, and was an active member of the Robert Burns club. He was the author of several books on law and was a frequent contributor of legal articles to magazines and newspapers.

"Minute Man" in World War.

During the world war Prof. Bruce was a "minute man" for the Liberty loan drive. He also was a member of the committee appointed by the American Bar association to investigate and report on court martial procedure in the army in 1919.

Although a Republican and critic of the National Recovery act, the legality of which he challenged in public speeches, Prof. Bruce was at the time of his death chairman of the Illinois adjustment board of the NRA. He was named to the compliance board in October, 1933, and appointed chairman last February by President Roosevelt.