

A Great Opportunity

Editorial

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A ceremony of more than ordinary interest and importance took place in the Southern Public Library on Sunday when Mr. Randol Fawkes presented the Director of Education with the first copy of his new book on the constitutional history of the colony.

In an appreciation of Mr. Fawkes' book, the Hon. Eugene Dupuch recalled that the late Hon. Harcourt Malcolm was regarded as one of the greatest Bahamians of his day because he wrote a book entitled "A History of The Bahamas House of Assembly".

At that time, Mr. Dupuch said there were few men in the colony with the education, experience and skill in expression to produce such a work and because it was the only publication of its kind in the world, Mr. Malcolm was regarded as an outstanding man.

Mr. Malcolm, of course, made other major contributions to the colony but his history of the House of Assembly was a contribution of an enduring quality. It has lived after him.

Now Mr. Fawkes' book goes further than the Malcolm history and so Mr. Fawkes, in our time, makes a major contribution to the literature of the colony and it is particularly valuable because books on The Bahamas that may serve also as a text for use in schools have been few and far between.

It has been well said that one may or may not agree with Mr. Fawkes but he is a man who cannot be ignored.

