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Arthur W. Koebel, partner-in-charge of H & S Boston Office (standing), with (l. to r.) Norman E. Jones, Norman H. S. Vincent, and Edward S. Culver.

MERGER WITH ROBERT DOUGLAS & COMPANY

Our practice in Boston and surrounding areas has been enhanced by merger, as of May 31, 1964, with Robert Douglas & Company. Welcomed to Haskins & Sells are Norman H. S. Vincent, senior partner of his firm, who has joined us as a consultant, Norman E. Jones and Edward S. Culver, who have become H&S partners, and a professional and office staff of seventeen men and women.

The history of Robert Douglas & Company goes back more than fifty years. Mr. Douglas, a Missourian, had gone to Boston shortly after the turn of the century as a systems specialist—a good deal of his work in those years was done for the shoemaking industry. In 1911 he established an accounting practice, having become one of the first CPAs in Massachusetts, and in 1918 he formed a partnership with Raymond D. Willard. Mr. Douglas died in 1924, the same year as Mr. Sells; Mr. Willard retired in 1953 and died in 1959.

Since its founding, the firm has carried on a general accounting practice.

In 1926 a sub-office was opened in Lawrence, 25 miles north of Boston, and today the practice there is managed by Harold G. Bowen, who has been appointed a principal in H&S.

Two of the partners have personal ties with Canada. Mr. Vincent was born in Quebec, and although his family moved to the States while he was young, he returned to join the Canadian Expeditionary Forces to France during the first world war. Mr. Culver, a native of Ohio, served his accounting apprenticeship and became a chartered accountant in Edmonton, Alberta, and practiced in Grand Prairie, some 250 miles northwest of there, before returning to the United States in 1936.

From the inception of the firm, all partners and many of its staff have made significant contributions to the development of the accounting profession, and have participated actively in their own communities. Mr. Douglas, a pioneer in standard cost accounting, was an organizer of the National Asso-

ciation of Accountants and first president of the Boston chapter. Mr. Vincent, who joined the firm in 1916 and became a partner in 1922, has been a national vice-president of NAA.

All of the partners have served the Massachusetts Society of CPAs on committees and two, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Jones, have been its president. At present, Mr. Jones is chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and Mr. Vincent is chairman of the Practice Review Committee. Mr. Vincent has served four years on AICPA Council, and Mr. Jones is a recently elected Council member.

In 1940, the firm was represented on a committee of Massachusetts CPAs which, at the request of Mayor Maurice Tobin, studied and reported on the operations of several departments of the City of Boston.

A valued member of the Douglas staff, Miss Mary Hall, was national president of the 600-member American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants in 1962-1963.