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Following graduation, **Howard S. Coles (B.Arch. '78)** moved to Vancouver to practice architecture with Hawthorne Mansfield Towers, a firm specializing in cultural and institutional projects throughout British Columbia. In 1979 he decided to return to Prince Edward Island to join the firm founded by his father, engineer **Laurie Coles**. By 1986 his brothers **Richard, Douglas** and **Alec** had also obtained their engineering degrees and were working with Coles Associates. They were followed by **Nazmi Lawen** and **Keith Garratt**.

The combination of these key players provided the expertise necessary to deliver the traditional services in architecture and structural, mechanical, electrical, civil, and transportation engineering. The application of the combined talents produced such works as the Cavendish Visitor Information Centre, Tignish Elementary School, Administration Offices for Parks Canada at Dalvay, Community and Western Hospitals, the PEI Cancer Centre, the Charlottetown Police Station and major repairs to Saint Dunstan's Basilica and Farmers Bank, both designated National Historic Sites. Howard is currently working on the design stage of renovations and additions to Summerside City Hall.

For the past 15 years Coles Associates has also been actively providing professional architectural and engineering services to national and international clients. Since the 1980s it has developed a specialty niche within the international marketplace for the delivery of services relating to food processing, energy management and management consulting. Through the mechanical department, the firm provides expertise in energy related services, including district heating and conservation design and facility retrofit. Coles Associates has successfully delivered these services in 12 countries, over five continents and in six different languages. In 2000, a Boston, Massachusetts branch office was opened and the firm now provides professional services to the New England market through Coles + Garratt Associates and Coles USA.

Another growing component of business in partnership with Uni-tas LLC is investigative forensic engineering, including aged building audits, structural failures, personal injury, fire investigation, and flooding. CALTECH Information

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Although the firm with its staff contingent of 27 and international flavour has grown considerably from the early vision of its founder it remains guided by his values. The practice continues as an Island based, family operated business. Howard's career provides an example of the diverse and dynamic paths chosen by our graduates.

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