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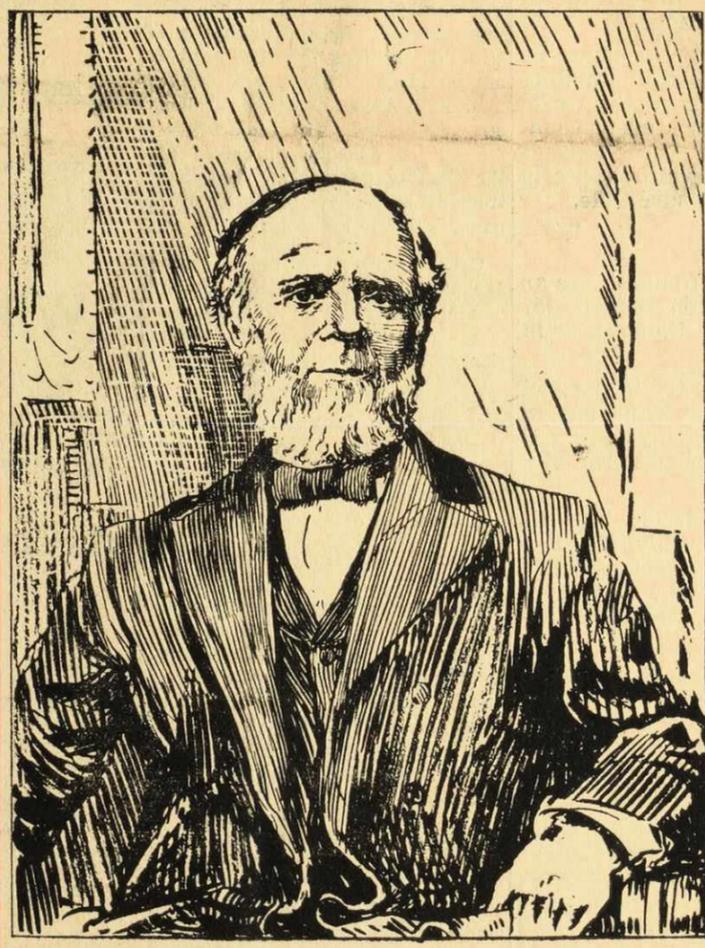


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George Munro First in Long Line of Dal Benefactors

On July 9th, 1891, the Students of Dalhousie presented a petition to the Board of Governors asking that a day be set aside as a permanent memorial to George Munro, one of Dalhousie's earliest and most generous benefactors. At a particularly crucial period in Dalhousie's history George Munro was a tower of strength to the University. But for his generosity, and the interest he generated throughout the province in Dalhousie, the University might have been compelled to close its doors. Apart from smaller gifts, George Munro endowed four University chairs in all the then existing faculties, which still bear his name, after almost three quarters of a century. A distinguished Nova Scotian as well as a generous patron of Dalhousie, this province can well remember annually the man who did more for this University than any other man in its history.

The alacrity with which the Board of Governors responded to the request of the students of the University is adequate testimony of the respect in which he was still held. His contemporaries in the University may have been forgotten by that time, but his memory was still alive in the grateful minds of the University. The Governors set aside the third Wednesday of January of each year as "The George Munro Memorial Day," which was celebrated as such for forty years, after which the name was shortened to "Munro Day," the name which it now bears. In 1928, when the name was changed, President Stanley MacKenzie reviewed the history of Dalhousie's benefactors before a gathering which included men who themselves had played no small part in the shaping of the destinies of the University. Present on that occasion was the then Right Honourable (later Viscount) R. B. Bennett,

one of Dalhousie's great benefactors, who himself paid tribute to the memory of the man whose name the day bears. Since that date the memory of all our benefactors has been associated with Munro Day and no Dalhousie student who takes advantage of the occasion should forget the men who made this University what it is, and the fact that but for their generosity, Maritime education would have suffered severely. In 1938, according to the official records the Senate again considered the holiday, and decided that it should be held on the second Tuesday in March of each year. On Tuesday Dalhousie students will have the traditional holiday before exams; more than that, they will celebrate the fact that the University has been able to depend for almost a century upon the magnanimity of men like George Munro.