

# George Munro Dalhousie Benefactor

At a time when the college was almost ready to close its doors for lack of funds, George Munro came to its aid. George Munro saved Dalhousie.

Founded in 1818 it did not open its doors until 1838. Then for five years under President Thomas McCulloch, who founded Pictou Academy in 1816, it functioned as a college only to close its doors in 1843 for another twenty years.

After its second slumber it awakened refreshed, but because it was now sectarian it had no regular support from any religious denomination and had to depend upon student fees, some government aid and what the Presbyterians in Nova Scotia could do to assist it for its sustenance. The government could find no adequate reason to support Dalhousie and not do the same for Acadia and St. Francis Xavier. In consequence it ceased its contributions. By 1879 Dalhousie was on its last financial legs. Then George Munro stepped into the breach.

He was born at West River, Pictou County in 1835. At the age of twelve he started to learn the printing business in the office of the "Observer" in Pictou. Two years later he went back to school, first in New Glasgow and then for three years at Pictou Academy. As a teacher in small country schools he gained a reputation

which brought him to Halifax as head master of the Free County Academy in 1850. In 1856 he moved to New York where he established a printing business and in time a millionaire. His best known effort was the Seaside Library, cheap editions of the best literature with sales running into millions.

Beginning in 1879 he successively endowed five chairs in Dalhousie, and established besides scholarships and exhibitions to secure and aid first class students. His contributions totalled upwards of \$400,000 surpassing by far, exceeding any university benefactor in Canada up to that time. One writer has said of him, "his whole life was marked by industry and uprightiness. His motto might well have been Ora et Labora."

Munro Day was established through the efforts of students at Dalhousie, who were grateful to George Munro Grant for what he had done. It is perhaps our most time honored institution. But, before, during and since the Munro period other benefactors in great and small amounts have contributed to Dalhousie and its students. Thus Munro Day is a general day of remembrance and thanksgiving at Dalhousie not only to George Munro but to all who have contributed to its growth and purpose.

# Speaking Of Politics

by: PIERRE

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week a political milestone was reached on the Dalhousie campus, for during the evening of those two days the first undergraduate model-parliament in the history of this institution was convened, sat, and prorogued. The parliament also included the members from King's College. A full review of these proceedings appear elsewhere in this paper and hence we will consider ourselves excused from dwelling upon that subject.

Nevertheless, the significance of the event cannot be passed off too lightly. Self-appointed critics will probably chuckle at the lack of parliamentary ability displayed by some speakers. However, those who would do so, should begin by conceding that all the participants were on the undergraduate level, and accordingly, their performance, if not entirely perfect, can be credited to their tender years. Those critics seem to be forgetting that they are attacking the very thing that the parliament is designed to remedy. It must be admitted that if "Rome wasn't built in a day" we are not at all justified in condemning the small

amount of progress which was accomplished during the first twenty-four hours, so to speak, of the Model Parliament's life.

All the leaders behaved admirably, and must be congratulated. It is our hope that these young men will continue to direct their energies toward campus politics. Because we know they will, we are drawn to the inexorable conclusion that campus politics over future years will continue, to grow and grow and will take their proper place in student affairs.

Because of the likelihood of such a development, the need for a co-ordinating organization cannot be overstressed. Those who are really dedicated to the cause of politics should make this one of their prime considerations. We are asking too much of Sodales to carry the ball for us; they have other things to do. With all deference to Sodales, and indeed with the acknowledgement of the orle that organization played this year. We do not think they can do a proper job of conducting future political activity.

Let us put it another way; we do not think that Sodales should

# KING'S COLUMN

Activities on campus have slowed down considerably since Ash Wednesday. Last Friday night heralded the final game of the Varsity Basketball team. Our team lost to Dal by the very close margin of 60-48. Dixie Walker was high scorer with 12 points; Ben Smith followed with 9. The team is to be congratulated for providing a term of exciting wins and near-wins.

A clue of the mystery? Complaints have been heard from the direction of the Law School about posters for their Poor Man's Law Ball mysteriously disappearing. Could it be that the Alexandra Hall girls have been using them to decorate the bare walls of their rooms? In this, lawyers, please don't fret. You have fans... A case for the Moot Court?

Several Kingsmen are to be complimented on their excellent performance in the 'Yeomen of the Guard', presented last week at B.E.H. Dave Peel as Shadbolt, the assistant tormenter, was in character per usual. Others to be commended were George Phillips, John Phillips, Dave Walker and Dave Millar.

There's no stopping the Radical men who with outstanding prowess and agility captured the Interbay hockey championship. Monday night Middle Bay won the Interbay Basketball League after defeating Chapel Bay by a score of 28-25. The curling team is confident of obtaining the winning title in the forthcoming bonspiel to be held the Halifax Mayflower March 10th.

The girls of Alexandra Hall had an opportunity to sample Dr. Burns Martin's superb chocolate cake last Sunday afternoon, when

he and Mrs. Martin entertained at a tea. This special recipe is one of the more unique institutions of a unique college.

Reports from the NFCUS and WUSC committees investigating the possibilities of establishing these organizations of the campus have been drawn up. They will be presented before President Puxley and the Student Council in the near future.

A recital of music and drama by students of Leonard Mayoh and Edward Roberts was presented last Tuesday night in the Haliburton Room, under the auspices of the Choral and Dramatic Society. Valerie Colgan distinguished herself once again in a one-act play 'Suppressed Desire', a satire on psycho-analysis. Doug Morrison, bass-baritone, and Bob Davis, baritone, each gave with two tunes.

Fred Christie and Jack Hatfield, playing badminton doubles for King's, won three out of seven games. Mac Bradshaw won one out of seven in the singles. Yea, Social Credit! (King's placed sixth among twelve teams) not the best but not the worst.

King's entered the one-act comedy, 'The Inconstant Moon' by Phillip Johnson, in the Connolly Shield Competition at the Dal gym Tuesday night. Tony Crawford directed this little package loaded with a bevy of beautifully explosive lines, "While I must crawl so low a worm has to stoop to look at me." The cast included Beth Tolson, Val Colgan, Eleanor McCurdy, Joan Caines, Fred Christie and Ken McInnis, who were all reminded of the acting traditions that they had to uphold.

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be made to do the work which properly belongs in the hands of a full time political organization. Frankly, it is an unfair encroachment on their time and has a tendency to diminish, the chances of that society, has of getting its own work done. In our opinion, we should pursue a "first things first" policy, and this involves the setting up of a Dalhousie political association, to guide, to direct, to nourish, campus politics in the years that lie ahead. It is not without regret that we find it necessary to make this our last column, for this year. We hope that we have approached our ambition that "no good cause should lack a champion", and we pray that Dalhousie and her students are wiser for the theme have suggested.

Before bowing out, we must publicly thank the Feature Editor for accounting us this space. Quod scripsi, scripsi.

# MED CORNER

The annual Med Ball was held at the Lord Nelson, Thursday night, with Don Warner's band in attendance. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a bouquet of roses to Miss Janet Conrad, Med's Queen and candidate for Campus Queen, Bill Janes was introduced as the new president of the Medical Society following the by-election, held Thursday. Also as a result of the election the following were chosen: Vice-president—Allan Hebb Secretary—Patty MacLeod Treasurer—Paul Kinsman C.A.M.S.I. rep.—Bob Nelson Council representatives—Jim Wickwire Dave Janigan

# Dalhousie Medical Book Bureau

The book store is found in the basement of the Med library. Under the direct control of the Med society, it is run by two co-managers, who serve two years. In their first year as junior co-manager and in their second year as senior, in complete charge. These are salaried positions. Senior manager this year is Ross Langley, who succeeded Sam Rideout. Junior manager this year is John Darroch, appointed in January. The store offers all books at a 5% discount. Sales amount to about \$12,000 a year. The store also handles second hand books.

# How To Travel Cheap In Europe

Lately there has been quite a lot of advertising for various tours by different organizations to Europe. If you like to get looked after by a tourleader this is a good way to see Europe. The only trouble with these tours is, when they have to leave a place you would like to stay or they arranged to visit an art gallery when you would rather go swimming, but because you do not want to stay ignorant you have to go with them.

Why not wander yourself around in the Louvre, have a look at the midnight sun in Scandinavia, see how the Tower of Pisa is making out or climb up to the Acropolis and study Greece architecture and have some fun while being lost in a place where nobody understands what you want.

In order to get to Europe you have to invest from \$340. up for a return ticket on a boat to any European port; the rate will be a little higher during high season.

Trains, busses, a bicycle or hitchhiking will get you around. In most Central European countries, a mile by train costs about 2.4 cents, in Spain and Italy it is somewhat cheaper. In all countries there is a small extra charge for express trains. Busses are somewhat cheaper. If you are the husky type get a bicycle about 50.-4 with a gearshift. Especially in the northern countries and France this way of travelling is very popular. In nearly all countries the roads are very good for cycling, the motorcar drivers are considerate and have to give you certain rights. In some countries as Holland and Denmark there are special roads for cyclists. Hitchhiking, however is the cheapest way to get around. If you want to hitchhike in style you have to identify your nationality by means of a flag, you will definitely get more rides. In Spain, Portugal and Jugoslavia hitchhiking is not advisable. Not only men but also many girls hitchhike.

Hotels per night are from about 75 cents up, in big cities the rate is higher, especially in Scandinavia. The cheapest way to spend a night is in a Youthhostel. In any European country you can join the International Youthhostel Federation for a dollar as long as you are a student. The card you will get there will be valid for one year in all associated countries. A Youthhostel is a house in which hiking young people can stay for a limited number of days. They are not fancy but all in good condition. Their main purpose is to give you a cheap and clean place to stay overnight or several days but not to spend your vacation. Especially in summer resorts you have to leave after four days and it is in such cases safer to write ahead for a reservation. The rate per night is in Scandinavia about 30 cents, in Germany 12.5 cents. The other countries have about the same rates. In all countries there are a little different regulations about

the use of hostels, so you better get a booklet of regulations in each country. In it is also an index of all houses in the country. The only disadvantage, particularly when you want to explore the nightlife of some big city, is that you have to be in the house before 10 or 10.30 p.m. In such case you do better to get a hotel room.

In Scandinavia and Germany you can get a one course meal from 25 cents up, if you know where to go, but any way you will learn fast. Just ask around in the Youthhostels. You will mainly find some one who knows his way around. I do not know the prices of meals and food in the other countries, but I do not think they are much higher. In all Youthhostels you can make your own food, especially your sandwiches, if you get used to the stuff they put on sandwiches.

In all bigger cities you will find a sufficient number of galleries, museums, old houses, especially the townhall, which is the proud of each city, famous churches and a theatre or opera house to keep you busy and tired for a while. If you are lucky you will even see some interesting exhibitions or fairs. They will tell you that you just have to see everything, which in practice is mainly rather time consuming. Most cities have a tourist information, which will give you all necessary maps and timetables for visiting hours. Note that there is mainly one day where there is no charge for admission, or lower rates for students.

If you get a little tired of art and culture go and visit the breweries. They are happy to show you around, and let you taste their products. Copenhagen, Hamburg and Munich are favorite places. If you are friend of good eats have some Danish sandwiches, Swiss cheese, Italian macaroni, oysters in France or go to the best hotel in a French or German town and have a real meal. On a hot summer day is quite refreshing to investigate how they store wine in deep cellars and taste the stuff. Just get a taxi before you get out of there.

All along the North Sea, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea are excellent beaches. The water is mainly warmer than in the North West Arm. In Finland you should not miss a sauna bath and in Norway a trip along the fjords.

To sum it up, you will be able to live good on \$100 per month, even if you stay in hotels, but don't go too much by train or bus. It is very difficult to get a job of any kind in Europe, so do not depend on that. Most governments do not give you a working license. Before you go over contact the consulates of the different countries you plan to visit to find out whether you need any special papers or a visa. It will save you a lot of trouble and time over there.

# The Clock Strikes

By PAMELA J. WARD (reprint from "Georgian")

Nobody seems to remember exactly how or when I first became a member of the family. Perhaps I was left behind by the previous owner of one of the many houses we occupied in England at one time or another like the glazed china shaving mug decorated with hand-painted roses, which we found in a coal-shed at Nottingham, and the blue cut-glass vase found half buried in a London garden when we were clearing up after an air-raid.

The clock itself is of black marble and is the epitome of all the ugliness and solidarity which characterized so much Victorian workmanship. It is about one cubic foot in size, and is absolutely symmetrical in design. Four tall fluted columns flank the clock face on either side and support a flat slab of marble which bears the weight of a large central ornamented dome and two smaller replicas of it. The hands of the clock are of delicately wrought ironwork, and the figures are elaborately decorated to the point of distortion.

The clock has been in the family several years. One member of the family distinctly recalls a time in the dim and distant past when it actually worked. Since, however, it possessed 'chimes' which shook the house and its occupants to a greater extent than did the worst of Hitler's bombs during the war, nobody was greatly upset when one day it suddenly stopped and became mute. Since then it has remained simply an object of considerable weight, occupying space. Many times I have wanted to get rid of it, but unless you have tried to dispose of such an object you can hardly appreciate the difficulties involved.

On the day we moved into our Montreal apartment, we watched from the window as the procession of men bringing in our furniture wended their way up to the door. The man in front seemed to be carrying the heaviest load, which he several times put down on the ground, and paused to wipe his brow. As the men approached the building, I recognized his burden... the clock.

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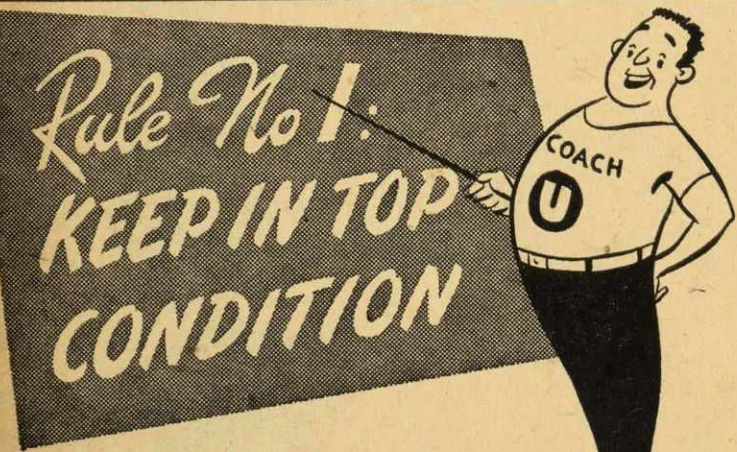
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