



**Lady Dunn and Sir James Dunn**

"All through the years Sir James never forgot his student days at Dalhousie and he so often recalled them that the link he forged many years ago has now become a bond. Over the years he steadfastly backed up his interests in educational institutions in tangible form and most of the universities in Canada benefited, especially those in the Maritimes."

From REMEMBRANCE 29th October, 1958, by Lady Dunn.

## Excerpt from the Three Keys to Success by Lord Beaverbrook

Another great lesson may be learned by the curious seeker after success who studies the life of Sir James Dunn, Bart., who was born in the little town of Bathurst, in Northern New Brunswick. His mother, a widow, took the precaution of educating her son in a course of law at an important university. It was not an ample education; there was no degree in arts as a preliminary to the law course; just three years in law with the young man making his own contribution in money through his labour in the holiday time.

Equipped with a degree in law he set out on his own. His health was good; his industry was prodigious, and his judgment was developed by the necessity for the knowledge of values of securities on the Montreal stock exchange and elsewhere.

I will not attempt to give a biographical account of Sir James Dunn; I will content myself with trying to tell the secret of his life. He determined on the development of an iron and steel works in Western Canada and with unerring judgment decided that raw materials constituted an essential feature of his project, including coal and iron ore. Now comes the lesson that we may have from him: He encountered endless obstacles; disheartening troubles; wearying difficulties; indifference by banking institutions that ought not to have turned away from him considering the national value of his great development.

He had the tenacity to hold on. He could not be diverted from his purpose. With a courage and devotion to his belief which will be an inspiration to all men who study his life he came through to triumph, establishing possibly the only fully equipped steel-works in the world of which the control in share capital was vested in a single individual. Responsibility was a pleasure to him throughout his life, even when

past the normal age of personal drive. He celebrated his attainment of three score years and ten by embarking upon the constructive era of his life. It was ushered in by a severe and painful attack of angina which held him to a bed of anguish and woe for several weeks. It was an affliction which would have sent a lesser figure into immediate and futile retirement.

Sir James Dunn was of course, an optimistic believer in himself. Courage and confidence in his own vital strength . . . .

Now, Sir James Dunn's story is the greatest argument against those who believe that opportunity and endeavour are reserved for the youthful, for his most wonderful work was accomplished in the main, after he had reached the allotted

span. He did more and bigger building after his 70th birthday than in all the years that had gone before.

"SIR JAMES DUNN'S personal magnetism was something which had to be experienced to be believed. One morning my telephone rang. The operator said "Sir James Dunn wishes to talk to you". He wanted information, he got it, with a few fast questions right to the point. Then a cheery word that I would hear further details of his inquiry in good time, he said goodbye. My watch said two minutes had elapsed and I marvelled how a man could think so swiftly at an early hour in the morning, when I was trying to unshackle my drowsy mind for the business of the day."

### Evening Functions

Following the Convocation and Laying of the Cornerstone, two functions are scheduled for the evening. The Chancellor, the Right Honourable C. D. Howe, and Mrs. Howe, will be hosts at a dinner in honour of the birthday of Sir James Dunn, Bart. Among the distinguished guests will be Lady Lunn; Lord Beaverbrook and party; Dr. A. E. Kerr, President of the University; the Deans; Heads of Departments of Science and their wives; representatives of government; the Judiciary; press, radio, and the wire services.

The Chancellor and Mrs. Howe will also be hosts at a ball for students at the Nova Scotia Hotel.

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