

President's Message



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University of New Brunswick
 the distinction of being one of
 the oldest university corporations
 in Canada, and it is most appropri-
 ate that we should pay tribute to
 the men and women who since 1785
 have done so much to make this
 institution famous.

It is impossible to list all of them
 but special mention should be paid
 to the Loyalists who in 1785 took
 the first steps which resulted in our
 establishment; to Thomas Carleton
 and Sir Howard Douglas, Governors
 at that period, who did so much for
 the government and public
 spirited citizens, and to our own
 alumni and alumnae to whom we
 owe a great deal. Special mention
 should also be made of Lord Beaver-
 croft to whom we are most grate-
 ful for his continuing generosity in
 the form of scholarships, the Resi-
 dence and Gymnasium.

Founder's Day was established
 appropriately enough, at the re-
 quest of some of our students, who
 are now on active service overseas.
 I hope that succeeding genera-
 tions of students will continue to
 keep alive the memory of our
 founders and benefactors, and to
 consider Founder's Day an event in
 which they have a very special in-
 terest, and one which they will
 make their own.

NORMAN MacKENZIE

Choral Club

Another interesting feature on
 tonight's program will be the ap-
 pearance, for the first time, of the
 Ladies Choral Club, made up of
 U.N.B. coeds.

For several years there has been
 a growing desire among the coeds
 to form such a club, and according-
 ly this year they took the decisive
 step, and with Dr. de Merten as
 their director have been working
 hard in an effort to equal, if not
 surpass, the now renowned Men's
 Glee Club.

The girls feel that tonight's aud-
 ience should not be too critical, as
 they do not profess to have reached
 perfection yet, or to have acquired
 the skill of the more experienced
 Glee Club.

Sir C. G. D. Roberts
 Contributed Much
 To Us

Founder's Day ordinarily associ-
 ates itself in the mind with dates,
 charters, constitutions and the men
 who draft them. Through such the
 University of New Brunswick came
 into being in the sense that land
 was granted, a building reared, a
 faculty and a student body as-
 sembled. But the Founders of the
 spirit of the University belong to no
 particular year, are not associated
 with charters. Many of them are
 unknown and must remain so; but
 with the passing of time a few fig-
 ures tend to reveal themselves as
 creators of a unique spiritual quality
 which, more than the land of the
 buildings or even the sum of its
 graduates, gives the University a
 distinction which has no proportion
 to its age or size.

Of these Founders of the spirit,
 one of the most outstanding is Sir
 Charles G. D. Roberts. His death
 in the autumn of 1943 brought to a
 close a long career, during which
 Roberts maintained, often in the
 face of great difficulties, an un-
 swerving allegiance to the genius
 which first bore fruit more than
 sixty years ago when he was an
 undergraduate member of this Uni-
 versity. He was the first among
 Canadians to point the way to the
 creation of a great national liter-
 ature; and his influence upon his
 fellow-students at U.N.B., and upon
 many of those who came after him,
 has been profound. But it is not
 only here, or in the Maritimes at
 large, that his genius has been a
 great inspirational force. In unfor-
 gettable words Archibald Lampman
 has described the effect which a
 reading of Roberts' earliest volume
 of verse, "Orion", had upon him,
 when he was a student at Trinity
 College, Toronto:

I sat up most of the night reading
 and re-reading "Orion" in a state of
 the wildest excitement and when I
 went to bed I could not sleep. It
 seemed to me a wonderful thing
 that such work could be done by a
 Canadian, by a young man, one of
 ourselves. It was like a voice from
 some new paradise of art, calling to
 us to be up and doing. A little after
 sunrise I got up and went out into
 the college grounds. . . . Everything
 was transfigured for me beyond
 description, bathed in an old world
 radiance of beauty, the magic of the
 lines was sounding in my ears, those
 divine verses as they seemed to me,
 with their Tennyson-like richness
 and strange earth-loving Greek
 flavour. I have never forgotten that
 morning, and its influence has al-
 ways remained with me.

Little more need be said to in-
 dicate the extent or the persuasive
 power of Roberts' genius. It is
 sufficient to add that he is not likely
 to become a merely historical fig-
 ure; and that the influence which
 first began its work in this Uni-
 versity more than half a century ago,

Concerning Payment
 Of Quit Rent

Perhaps the smallest rent in his-
 tory will be paid this evening at the
 ceremony of the third annual
 Founder's Day celebration. The
 rent of one penny will be given to
 Lieutenant-Governor W. G. Clark,
 representing our King George VI,
 by our president Norman MacKenzie
 as per the charter drawn up by J.
 Nathan Odell, a hundred and thirty-
 one years ago. The first payment
 was made on April 27, 1813 by the
 governor of the college (there was
 no president then) to George
 Stracey Smyth, acting for Lieuten-
 ant Governor Thomas Carleton who
 was at that time in England. This
 sum was charged for the running of
 a ferry between Fredericton and
 what is now Barkers Point by U.N.B.

It would indeed be interesting to
 ascertain whether or not this ferry
 ever did operate and if so for how
 long. Perhaps the Canadian Nat-
 ional Railways have no legal right
 to the bridge spanning the St. John
 River, perhaps they are trespassing
 on college property, perhaps the
 control of all connections between
 the Fredericton-Devin shore right-
 fully belongs to the university and
 if this is true, has not U.N.B. a
 perfectly legitimate privilege in
 painting big red claimant U.N.B.
 letters on the piers of this usurping
 bridge?

The following is a copy of the or-
 iginal charter bringing about this
 yearly debt. It lies in the archives
 in the University Library and if
 anyone is interested in viewing and
 reading this document for himself,
 I am sure Dr. Bailey would be de-
 lighted to show you.

George the Third by the Grace of
 God of the United Kingdom of Great
 Britain and Ireland, King, Defender
 of the Faith, etc. To all to whom
 these presents shall come Greeting
 —know ye that we of our special
 Grace certain knowledge, mere
 motion have given granted and
 confirmed and by these presents
 for us our Heirs and Successors do
 give, grant and confirm unto The
 Governor and Trustees of the Col-
 lege of New Brunswick and their
 Successors the common Ferry in
 upon and over the River of Saint
 John between the two Parishes of
 Fredericton and Saint Mary's in the
 County of York at or near the con-
 fluence of River Nashwaak into the
 River Saint John on the north-
 easterly or Saint Mary's side, and
 the Shore opposite to the mouth or
 confluence of the Nashwaak afore-

will be felt by generations yet to
 come.

Bright is the ring of words
 When the right man rings them;
 Fair is the foil of songs
 When the singer sings them.
 Still they are carolled and said—
 On wings they are carried—
 Fair is the fall of songs
 And the maker buried.

—E. A. McCOURT

Glee Club
 Present Tonight

Now in the fourth year of its ex-
 istence, the University Glee Club is
 taking its place beside the older
 and larger societies of the Univer-
 sity and is a firmly embedded cam-
 pus organization. It all started in
 1940 when a group of students feel-
 ing the need of organized musical
 activity started a singing club for
 male students. Dr. F. J. Toole, who
 is himself a music enthusiast, was
 consulted and the Glee Club with
 Dr. Toole as director had its be-
 ginning. Since then it has increas-
 ed in membership and this year has
 over twenty members.

The Glee Club plays a prominent
 part in many social activities. This
 will be the third year that it will
 add a lighter touch to the Founders'
 Day proceedings by interspersing
 the addresses with appropriate
 selections. Other highlights in the
 Glee Club's schedule was its partic-
 ipation in the Freshman Recep-
 tion and the Dramatic Society's
 performances.

said on the south-westerly or Fred-
 ericton side, from side to side and
 from either to the other side of the
 said River St. John, and communi-
 cating with Highways upon several
 shores or banks of both said Rivers;
 together with all rates, fares, tolls,
 rights, liberties, profits and ad-
 vantages to the said Ferry belong-
 ing or in anywise appertaining: To
 Have And To Hold the aforesaid
 Ferry Liberty, Franchise and all
 and singular the Premises above
 granted and described unto them
 the aforesaid Governor and
 Trustees of said College of New
 Brunswick and their Successors
 and behoof of the said Governor
 forever, to the sole and proper use
 and Trustees of the College afore-
 said forever yielding and paying
 therefore yearly and every year
 forever to us, our Heirs and Suc-
 cessors at the Office of our Receiver
 General of our Quit Rents in N. B.,
 at the Feast of Saint John the Bap-
 tist or mid-summer day in every
 year, calculating from the first mid-
 summer day after the date of this
 Grant the yearly rent or sum of One
 Penny.

In Testimony whereof we have
 caused the Great Seal of our said
 Province of New Brunswick to be
 hereunto affixed. Witness our
 trusty and well beloved George
 Stracey Smyth Esquire, President
 and Commander-in-Chief of our said
 Province at Fredericton the twenty-
 seventh day of April in the Year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hun-
 dred and thirteen and in the fifty-
 third Year of our Reign.

By command of The President in
 Council

J. N. ODELL

To tell old news—someone nearly
 had to call a Doc a couple of weeks
 back, when a certain campus killer
 found he had been sabotaged. I'm
 allergic to sparklers too!