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The second Tuesday in March has been set aside by the university every year since 1928 to celebrate the benefactors of Dalhousie, and has since been called Munro Day, in respect to George Munro, not only because of the great financial aid he gave but also the timeliness of his gift. For when the university was to be closed down due to financial difficulties, George Munro made his significant contribution.

George Munro was born in 1825. His father had a small but successful farm and in the atmosphere of Scotch family life he grew up. In his home, religion and patriotism were highly respected and with his nine sisters and brothers he shared all the joys of a happy family. All these pleasant associations and influences made a deep impression on him and in later years he returned to his home in Millbrook annually, bringing with him his children to show his old home with considerable pride.

In Printing Business
His primary education was similar to that given all country boys of that time. When he was twelve years old he entered the office of "The Pictou Observer" to learn the printing business but he only remained there two years and left to return to school — this time in New Glasgow. After two years here, young Munro turned to the teaching profession but when he was eighteen years old back again to school to continue his studies, under his former school master, Basil Bell, who was then at Pictou Academy.

After a two-year period, Munro went to the New Glasgow school but now as a teacher. When he had taught there for three years, he proceeded to Halifax to teach mathematics at the Free Church Academy in Halifax. He was later made Principal.

Along with the duties of teaching, he studied theology but he never became a clergyman. It is said that after preaching one sermon, he resolved never to renew the ordeal. Being a modest man to the extent of near-shyness, this vow is quite understandable.

At that time Nova Scotia had nine colleges, each having close religious affiliations, which were responsible for much enmity. Munro, being extremely interested in education, was displeased with the

religious controversy within the province, which was undermining the educational program. He then turned toward "the States" and in 1856 he was employed by a large publishing house. His previous training, family influence, ambition

and energy soon placed him in a position to set up business for himself. **Endows Publishing House**
Munro's interest in education persisted and in 1867 he established "The Seaside Library" — a

publishing scheme to develop a taste for good literature in the minds of the masses. His aim was to publish the best fiction, essays and history in cheap editions so that through them he might assist in the education of the people.

Besides being called a great "innovator" in the educational field he became known as the father of the Skyscraper, for when Munro built his publishing house on Vandewater Street it was the highest building in New York. One of the first apartment houses in New York, overlooking Central Park, built by Munro, who was now a wealthy man, bears the name "Dalhousie."

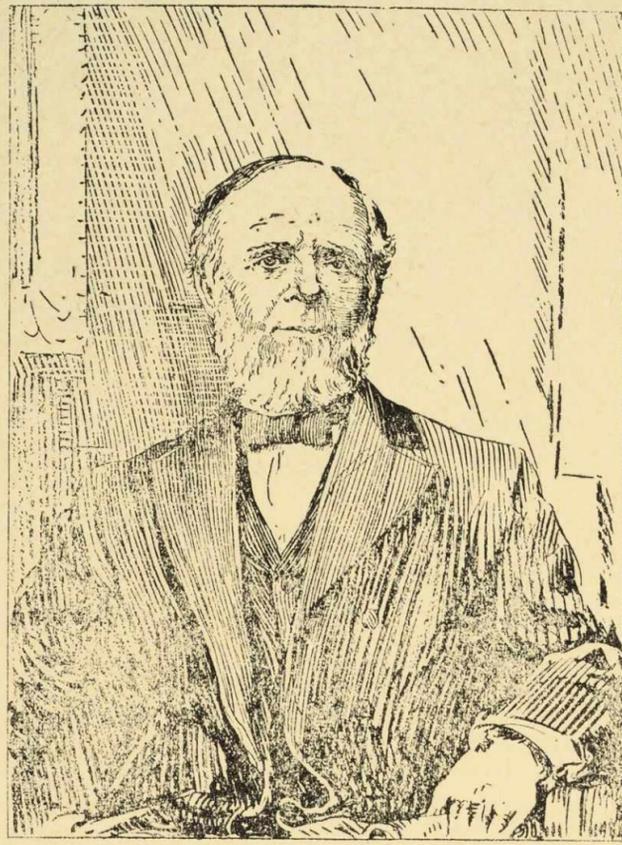
His first donation to Dalhousie University was in 1879 and was larger than any previous donation given to a Canadian college. He made many more generous gifts during the next few years. In the 1880's Dalhousie's future was very insecure and had it not been for the benefactions of George Munro, the university would have closed down.

Ardent Presbyterian

In his success, George Munro remained the simple and noble person he had always been, reluctant to accept praise and fame for his good deeds. He was always a contributor to worthy causes, hospitable and a true believer in the Presbyterian Church. He wished his gifts to be considered a part of his ideals to promote education and pay his respect to the land of his birth.

To George Munro, we, the present students owe a two-fold debt — as a benefactor who made our attendance here today possible and as an example of unselfishness and virtue.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Foot-prints on the sands of time."
—Wordsworth.



M-Day Trophies

The Macdonald Oratorical Award

The Macdonald Oratorical Award is presented annually in memory of Angus L. Macdonald, former Premier of Nova Scotia and graduate of the Dalhousie Law School to the best orator on the campus.

The Pan-Hellenic Award

The Pan-Hellenic Award was instituted for the first time in 1939. It is given annually by the Women's Fraternities of Dalhousie, Alpha Gamma Delta and Pi Beta Phi, to the outstanding freshette according to scholastic achievements, personality and interest in extra-curricular activities.

The Malcolm Honor Award

The Malcolm Honor Award is the highest honor which is conferred on any Dalhousie student. This award was established in 1926 in memory of James Malcolm an Arts graduate of 1903, who gave his life in a heroic attempt to save a drowning comrade. Those who knew him realized that such a death was a fitting close to a life of unselfish service to others. The James Malcolm Honor Society was formed to keep the ideals of Jimmy Malcolm before the eyes of all Dalhousie. A committee of students and professors select from the graduating students, that person or those persons, who; in their opinion have shown, in a proper degree, the spirit which inspired the life of James Malcolm.

The Little Award

The Little Award was given for the first time last year by Leroy Little to the outstanding member of the football team.

The Connolly Shield

The Connolly Shield is awarded annually for the best one-act play presented and directed by Dalhousie students. The shield was donated by Captain J. P. Connolly, who was for many years associated with dramatics at Dalhousie.

Climo Trophy

Climo Trophy is awarded annually to a Dalhousie student who best embodies the qualities of athletic ability, clean sportsmanship and team spirit. It was established in 1947 by Mr. C. H. Climo, of Halifax, in order to further good sportsmanship.

Marjorie Leonard Award

Marjorie Leonard Award was established in 1945 by Marjorie Leonard, women's physical director at that time. It was awarded to the girl, who in the opinion of the DGAC executive, has been the best all-round good sport and the most helpful of the DGAC during the year.

Neil MacKinnon Award

Neli MacKinnon Award was instituted by the Arts and Science faculty for the first time in 1953, in memory of Neil MacKinnon, who died that summer. Mr. MacKinnon took an active part in all campus activities and he was a varsity football player. The award is given to the student most outstanding in intergrity and sportsmanship.

The Butsie Interfraternity Blood Trophy

The Butsie Interfraternity Blood Trophy was donated by Butsie O'Brien in 1953. It is given annually to the fraternity with the highest percentage of blood donors.

The Interfaculty Blood Trophy

The Interfaculty Blood Trophy was donated by Colonel Victor Oland last year. It is given annually to the faculty having the highest percentage of blood donors.

The Bennett Shield

The Bennett Shield awarded for inter-faculty debating was established in 1929 by the late Viscount R. B. Bennett. It was awarded annually to the most outstanding debaters of Dalhousie.

Dalhousie Hymn

Where smiles the sea 'neath a sky ever blue,
Where blooms the maple tree,
There stands Dalhousie, the College by the Sea,
And her children all are we.
Yes—we come from Dalhousie,
Our Alma Mater, our mother dear;
And produly now we sing her praises
That all may know that her sons are near
CHORUS:
All hail to thee, Dalhousie,
Our College by the Sea;
With heart and voice we praise thee,
Wherever we may be.

Dalhousie Dream Girl

All through the day, all through the night,
I keep on thinking of you.
While you're away, nothing seems right,
I feel so lonely, so blue.
CHORUS:
Dalhousie dream girl of mine
You are my dream girl divine.
Love me forever and I'll love you too,
Always be true, Dream Girl to you.
Dalhousie dream girl of mine,
Thoughts of you thrill me like wine.
Make me one promise that you'll be forever
Dalhousie dream girl of mine.

To Meet "Small State" Pucksters This Afternoon



DALHOUSIE, left to right, First row: Larry Marshall, Don Hill, John Fitch, Steve Pefhany, Rod Fraser. Second row: Fred Harrington (manager), Dave Green, Rolly Perry, Dave Street, Bob Dauphinee, Jack Lewis, Don Grant, Gerry Gaydamack. Third row: Dick Snow, Laurie Lovett, Bill McLeod, Don "Liek" MacDonald, Acky McSween, Murray Lewis and Witt Dargie, coach. (Photo by Jollymore)

Gazette Goes Social

Life is not all work and no play — at least, not for the "Gazette" staff. After a good year of hard work and valuable experience, the campus hack-writers are receiving a bonus. The staff is throwing a party which should wind up the year in style.

The party will be held on Friday evening, March 16, from 8:45-1 in the "Gun Room" of the H.M.C.S. Scotian. Arrangements have been made for staff members to be admitted at the gate without passes. Dates are not required by any means.

For those without cars, the Scotian can be reached by catching a No. 3 Richmond trolley, which runs along Barrington Street about every eight minutes.

Although there will be super-refreshments of all kinds and dancing to an orchestra, the highlight of the evening will be colored movies on Dal to be shown by Mr. W. Graham Allen. The staff members are featured in these movies.

If any staff members are planning to attend this party but have not yet contributed their share of the expenses (50c) they are requested to do so at once, or notify either Anne Coburn (3-8801) or Joanne Goldberg (3-2467) of their intentions.

The "Gazette" editors, when asked their opinions about this party, said that to all outward appearances it promised to be "a splendid affair", "a real bang-up do", and "a terrific ending for a terrific year".