

# A Beaverbrook Biography

(The Rt. Hon. Lord Beaverbrook is a man about whom much is told but little actually known. In view of this fact, the Editorial Staff of the Brunswickan are presenting this short biography in order that the student body may know something of the university Chancellor who has generously given so much for their benefit.)

William Maxwell Aitken, First Baron Beaverbrook, was born in Maple, Ontario in the year 1876, the sixth son of William Aitken who later became the Presbyterian minister for Newcastle, N. B. He married Gladys Drury, daughter of Lt. Colonel (later General) Drury on January 30, 1906. In 1910, in England, he fought a brilliant election campaign in the riding of Ashton-under-Lyne and won the seat against very strong opposition. The next year he was granted the title of Knight Bachelor in the Coronation Honours.

During his representation of Ashton-under-Lyne he became a very strong figure in British politics, but in 1916 he left his constituency to become a Lt. Colonel in the Canadian Army and assume the post to be in charge of the Canadian War Records Office. His book "Canada in Flanders" was published after the first year of the war. In 1916 he had been raised to the peerage as Baronet, which was immediately followed in 1917 by the Baron Beaverbrook.

Lord Beaverbrook returned to politics after the war to become Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister of Information which positions he held from 1918 to 1919. It was then that he entered the newspaper industry with great enthusiasm. The result was the sudden jump in the importance of the "Daily Express" which made it the paper with the greatest daily circulation of any paper in the world. It was in 1918 that he was appointed to the Privy Council. In 1921 he was given the honorary degree of LL.D. by the University of New Brunswick.

More recently in the Second World War he became a member of the War Cabinet in 1940 when he held the post as Minister of Air Production from 1940 to 1941. In 1941 he was made Minister of State, and during his term in this position he was in charge of Winston Churchill's mission to Moscow. In 1941 he also was appointed as Minister of Supply and held the post as Trustee of the Imperial War Museum. His heir is Wing Com. the Hon. John William Maxwell Aitken.

Facts like these are really useful only in that they give an idea of to what heights Lord Beaverbrook has risen. His success in almost every field of endeavour is an inspiring example of determination and fortitude; of him it has been said in a passage from a parody on

## Political Club Elects Officers

The election of officers for the year 1950-51, was held last Tuesday night, Oct. 24th, by members of the U. N. B. Political Club. Meeting on the second floor of the Forestry Building, the U. N. B. Political Club concluded the first of its meetings to be held throughout the college year.

Those newly elected were, Mr. D. Wiggs, (President), Mr. B. Grant, (Vice-Pres.) and Miss M. Shackleton, (Secy. Treas.)

Plans drafted for the present year include, the sponsoring of the Model Parliament the first session of which is to be held before Christmas, and the names of speakers to be asked to address the Club.

The first of the speakers for the year will be Prof. M. Oliver of the Dept. of Economics and Political Science, at U. N. B. Prof. Oliver's topic, "The Forthcoming American Elections", will be presented on Monday evening, Nov. 6th. Further information concerning the time and place will be posted within the next few days.

Mr. Wiggs urged that all who might benefit from the activities of the Club, join with the group at its next meeting Monday, Oct. 23rd. "No political affiliation is necessary for membership," he added.

## Student Employment Bureau Operating

An effort is being made to establish a Student's Employment Bureau on the campus. The immediate objective of this bureau will be to secure part time employment for students who are having a tough time making both ends meet.

It is hoped that in time it will be possible to tie in the activities of this bureau with the permanent employment service operated by the Advisory Bureau and various faculties.

Those interested are requested to register at the Advisory Bureau Hut R - Room 6.

the poem "If" by Kipling... "If you can fill the unforgiving minute And stretch it as if on an elastic frame; Impossibly put ninety seconds in it— You'll be a Lord, and Beaverbrook your name." which was motivated by his untiring efforts as Minister of Air Production during the Battle of Britain.

## YOUNG LIBERALS HEAR MINISTER, PREMIER, AT ANNUAL BANQUET

The Hon. Mr. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in the Federal Cabinet, addressed members of the Fredericton University Young Liberal Club, at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, on Wednesday evening Oct. 25th. The occasion was the annual Banquet of the Club, the third, since its inception in October of 1948. Mr. T. V. Kelly, president of the Club was in attendance as were a goodly number of student-members from Up the Hill.

The guest speaker of the evening, Hon. Mr. Walter Harris, Member of Parliament for the riding of Gray-Bruce in Ontario, was introduced by the Hon. Milton F. Gregg, V. C., Minister of Labour, and New Brunswick's representative in the Federal Cabinet, (former president of U. N. B.)

In his capacity as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Hon. Mr. Harris gave some indication of the work being done by his newly established department.

He said that Immigration was of increasing importance in the life of this country. He stated that the hope is to have a steady flow of immigrants come into this country but it must always be kept in mind that this flow should not in any way be to the detriment of Canadian labour. That his department would not bring in those people, "Whose views would not be compatible in this country", he made perfectly clear.

Under Mr. Harris' department also is the Indian Affairs Branch

of the government. He stated that his department were "currently trying to improve the Canadian Indian Act."

In conclusion he said, "the future still belongs to Canada. In the next 20 or 30 years we should witness expansion in this country, which Laurier never dreamed of."

The Hon. Mr. Harris is a graduate in law of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and a veteran of the last war. He was for a time Parliamentary Assistant to the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada.

Other guests who spoke during the course of the evening were the Premier of New Brunswick, the Hon. J. B. McNair and Mr. Harold Stafford, a graduate of U. N. B. (class of '49), presently attending the Saint John Law School, and also Secretary of the N. B. Young Liberals.

The Hon. Mr. McNair talked briefly on Canada's unique position in the society of nations, her position in respect to the United States of America, and of our Canadian culture based on that of two great peoples.

Mr. Stafford warmly welcomed Club members and guests. He spoke concerning the Young Liberal Organization in New Brunswick, of which the University Club is an affiliated and an important member.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the University Young Liberal Club held a short business session, chaired by Mr. Kelly.

unwieldy and last year a new constitution was drawn up providing for a cabinet and representative council.

## Geologists Hold First Meet; Plan For Coming Weeks

The first meeting of the year of the Bailey Geological Society was held Tuesday night in the Geology lecture room.

With Ben Baldwin, the president, in the chair the business was quickly dispensed with. It was decided to hold the next Society meeting on November 14. The program for this night will be decided at a later date and posted on the geology bulletin board. Anyone interested in geology is invited to be present at this meeting.

A field trip to St. Stephen was proposed and the date of November 4 was decided upon.

The main portion of the meeting was taken up by a talk on the Fiji Islands by Dr. S. Ferguson. Dr. Ferguson's enjoyable talk on the people of Fiji and their customs was followed by refreshments in the blowpipe lab. After the food was gone and Henry Moffett's tales were ended the Society broke up for the night.

## ACADIA HAS REP. SYSTEM

WOLFVILLE, (CUP)—The Student's Council of Acadia was dissolved recently in favor of the new Student Representative Council. Now for the first time, all students' Union business will be carried on by a representative council. Up to this time much of the business of the student government was carried out by assembly of all Union members. This was considered

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