

Munro Day, - March 14, 1933.

Munro Day  
Students' Celebration

List of remarks made  
by President - Symposium

I am told, and strictly enjoined, that I am not to speak more than five minutes. I make no quarrel with the time allowed. Indeed, on a holiday, I think that five minutes of the President is a pretty heavy dose.

The presentation of funds to establish a scholarship makes me wish to deal with one thing. I have said ever since I came to Dalhousie that, although we have many needs, the most pressing need of all is scholarships. That is not just my own opinion. In the last few Conferences of Canadian Universities it has been unanimously agreed that scholarships are the most pressing need in all Canadian universities. Dalhousie University does not compare favourably even with other universities in Canada. The University of New Brunswick, for example, has five Entrance Scholarships of \$ 2,000 each. The Medical School of McGill University has in its gift, annually, thirty scholarships of

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\$ 600.00 each. We have absolutely nothing in Dalhousie to compare with these scholarships. But, if you will look further afield, you will see that the discrepancy is even wider. In the calendar of the University of Glasgow, for example, it requires two hundred pages to list the scholarships, and dozens of them are more valuable than any scholarship given in Canada. Furthermore, in Great Britain, if a boy wins a scholarship of say £100 a year during his university course, his old school duplicates the scholarship and the county from which he comes gives an additional scholarship, in many cases, of £20 to £30 a year. That means simply this: that a brilliant student in an English or Scottish school is maintained in every way, living expenses and all, during his university course, - that is to say, if he needs the money. The boy may win one of these scholarships, and secure all the honour and glory, and be called wuch-and-such scholar through his

university course. But he is required to turn over part of the money, or all of the money, if he does not need it. These funds are used for a needy runner-up in the competition.

With the increasing fees in Canadian universities, scholarships have become a more serious question than ever. I very much commend, therefore, the thoughtfulness of the Class of 1932 in choosing a scholarship as the form of their gift to the University, and also I have spoken plainly about the need. Just twenty years from now, some of you are going to be millionaires, I have no doubt, and I want you to remember when that day comes what I have said tonight.

We are here tonight to celebrate George Munro. Not only did George Munro make it possible for Dalhousie to have a half dozen of the most eminent university professors who have ever taught and worked in Canada, he provided, fifty years ago, scholarships on a scale which neither Dalhousie nor any other

Canadian university has witnessed before or since. Scholars, like professors, were carefully picked men, and on the learning and on the teaching in Dalhousie while those endowments lasted rests the glory and the reputation of this University.