

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

Founder's Day ordinarily associates 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 assembled. 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 figures 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 unswerving allegiance to the genius which first bore fruit more than sixty years ago when he was an undergraduate member of this University. He was the first among Canadians to point the way to the creation of a great national literature; 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 unforgettable 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 always remained with me.

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

Concerning Payment Of Quit Rent

Perhaps the smallest rent in history 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 Lieutenant 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 National 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-Devon shore rightfully 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 original 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 delighted 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 College 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 confluence 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 foll 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 existence, the University Glee Club is taking its place beside the older and larger societies of the University and is a firmly embedded campus organization. It all started in 1940 when a group of students feeling 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 beginning. Since then it has increased 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 participation in the Freshman Reception and the Dramatic Society's performances.

said on the south-westerly or Fredericton side, from side to side and from either to the other side of the said River St. John, and communicating with Highways upon several shores or banks of both said Rivers; together with all rates, fares, tolls, rights, liberties, profits and advantages to the said Ferry belonging 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 aforementioned 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 aforesaid forever yielding and paying therefore yearly and every year forever to us, our Heirs and Successors at the Office of our Receiver General of our Quit Rents in N. B., at the Feast of Saint John the Baptist 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 hundred 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!