

Jack McK. Limerick of This City Delivers the Valedictory at the U. N. B.

**Delivered Touching Farewell Message to the
Graduating Class — History of the Class
Reviewed—Made Good Showing in Athletics
and Debates—Traditions Well Maintained.**

JACK McK. LIMETRICK etaoín taoínn
Jack McK. Limerick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Limerick, delivered the valedictory for the graduating class of the U. N. B. encaenia this afternoon and acquitted himself exceedingly well. He reviewed in an interesting manner, record of the class, dwelt with the progress in athletics, and returned thanks to the senate, faculty and the citizens of Fredericton, and offered words of advice to the undergraduates. His address follows:

Your Honor, Mr. Chancellor and members of the Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen;

For a certain group of fifty-seven young men and women today is marked with satisfaction in that we have received our degrees and have fulfilled the expectations of those that have made it possible for us to be here. And yet it can not be said that this occasion is entirely filled with pride. Scarcely realizing that four years have passed the class of '31 is here assembled for the last time. We, who have worked and played together, sharing each others sorrows and joys, we who have been knit together by true bonds of friendship are about to graduate. To be sure this is the very goal for which we have been striving in our four short years here; but, now that our ambitions have been realized and we have received our coveted degrees, there comes that touch of sadness when we realize that we must sever the associations of the past four years which have meant so much to us. We must say farewell to dear old U. N. B. Strangely the parting of ways, to make us realize how much our Alma Mater has meant to us and how difficult it is to bid farewell. Before we take our leave of this old college on the hill to face the troubles and anxieties of the business world, let us pause and recall the pleasant memories of under graduate days, let us again be childish freshmen and carefree upperclassmen for a few moments.

College Traditions

In September 1927, about ninety boys and girls trudged up the rocky path and assembled at the rear door of the Arts building. The heavy hand of Sophomorphism soon descended upon us. While we considered the initiation very annoying at the time, we look back now and see its real worth. It was a great benefit in helping us adapt ourselves to college life. While we were all miserable together, we became thoroughly acquainted and in a few weeks formed friendships, which, had conditions been different, might never have existed.

Soon we became adapted to university life and began to consider ourselves full-fledged college students. Some took a great interest in sports; others were active socially; others faithful to their studies. In whatever fields our interests might have lain we had a wonderful year. How well we remember the football games, our first "Con" the mock trial and parliaments. All passed only too quickly and we were elevated from "Freshmen" to Sophomores.

A Happy Reunion

Although our ranks have become somewhat depleted, our reunion as Sophomores was a happy one. The Freshmen were introduced to college life with traditional and highly emotional procedure; old friendships were strengthened and new ones formed; the social and athletic activities were highly successful; never had "Anna" been burned with such fitting ceremony. Truly our Sophomore year was a most profitable one—Intellectually, athletically and socially.

New Buildings

When we returned "up the hill" as Juniors we got our first glimpse of a new campus with three fine buildings nearing completion. We were greatly joyed when our rugby team brought the McCurdy Cup to New Brunswick. Other activities passed quickly, and

all too soon the May examinations were upon us, and another year had gone.

Then "the last stage of all" — Seniors. As we have had charge of the majority of the student activities during the past year, it might be well to look more closely at the events of our senior term.

Athletic Prowess

For the first time we have had a full time athletic director and in one year the benefits of his instructions have become quite evident. In football we had a successful season, the red and black squad winning the Intercollegiate Championship of the Maritime Provinces. When the time arrived for the McCurdy Cup finals, although ours was the only team measuring up to the requirements of the Rugby Union, we were forced to withdraw from the competition after being ordered into a most impossible system of play-offs. Lately, I believe, a much more reasonable system of play-downs have been adopted, and with it in effect every institution will at least receive equal and just treatment at the hands of the Maritime Rugby Union.

Played Clean Games

While our basketball and hockey teams were not so successful in respect to victories won, they had the satisfaction of knowing that they played fast, hard, clean games. This, after all, is the primary object of university athletics, and one which is most often lost to sight by some institutions in an effort to win at any cost. During the last year, there has been a marked expansion in the athletic program for girls. We trust that this interest may be sustained and increased so that the young ladies may receive the greatest benefit from the physical side of college life.

Offers Suggestion

At this point may the class of '31 offer a suggestion with respect to athletics? There has been some mention of this matter previously and we wish to emphasize the necessity of making some changes in the athletic program of this university. Hitherto, a student who goes in for athletics merely for the enjoyment which he obtains from it, and who is not first team calibre is not encouraged to turn out for athletic practices. This method of procedure in sport shows a lack of foresight. Constant attention is given to members of the first team with no thought to the future. When players become lost through graduation or otherwise, it becomes necessary to start at the beginning and train new men to fill their places.

A New System

To remedy this defect, a system of intramural athletics should be inaugurated at U. N. B. in all branches of sport. This would give these students who play the game for its own sake an opportunity to participate in their chosen sports. At the same time, a constant supply of material would be available for the intercollegiate teams and there would be no necessity of filling vacancies with athletes who lack sufficient training. This constructive criticism is not levelled at those who are at present in charge of athletics at this institution. As far as I know this condition has always existed. From personal interviews with the athletic director, I know that he realizes that a change is to be desired. He has already taken steps in that direction and we trust that another year will find the proposed change in effect.

Beaverbrook Building

Our Senior year has seen the opening of three magnificent new buildings on the campus. It has been stated by competent authority that Lady Beaverbrook Building, made possible through the generosity of Lord Beaverbrook, has no superior in Canada, and there is no doubt that the Forestry and Geology Building and the Library, which were erected by the Provincial Government, can scarcely be excelled.

College Debates

We have participated in two debates this year. Besides the Intercollegiate debate, we competed against the British Debating Team. Although we were successful in defeating such able speakers as the British Debaters, it cannot be said that debating receives the support which it deserves. From enquiries which I have made, it would seem that this condition is prevalent at the majority of Canadian Colleges. Our hope is that a revival of interest will take place in the near future.

At the close of our Junior year, it was felt that interest in student affairs generally was not all that could be desired. Interest could not be expected where information was lacking. With this in view, the Student's Handbook made its first appearance this year. The benefits from this publication have been most marked in the Freshmen class, for whom it was primarily intended.

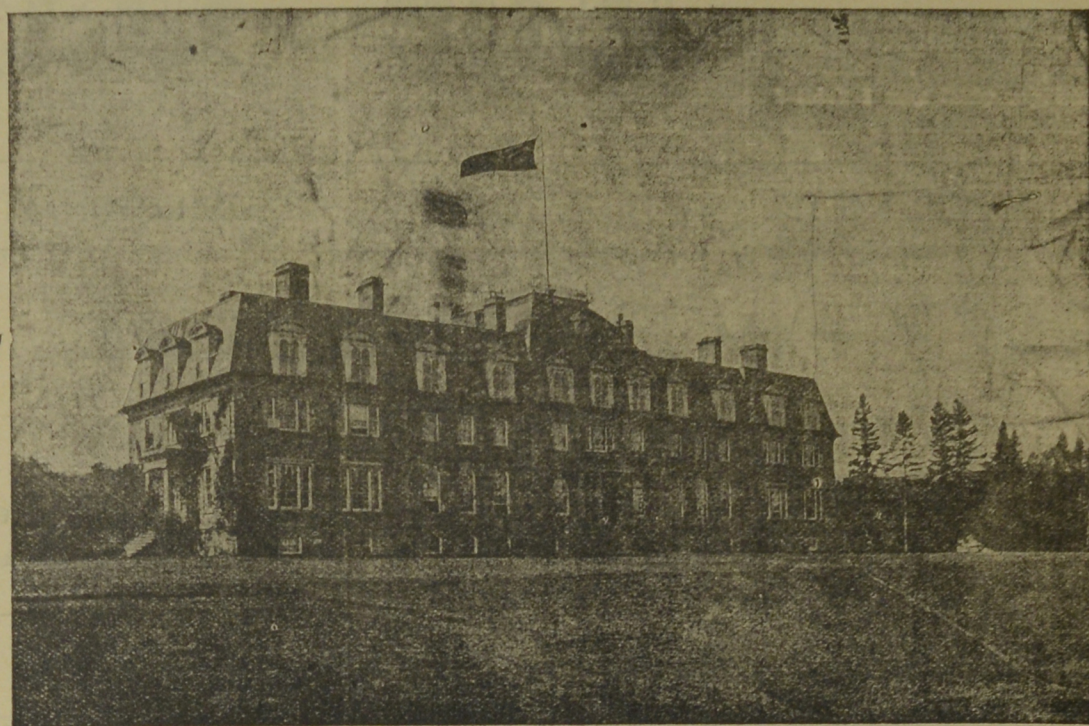
The College Organ

The Brunswickan has enjoyed a fairly successful year, both editorially and financially. Another year will see the establishment of a weekly publication "on the hill." Since the students have voiced their approval of this new venture, there can be no doubt that it will meet with the highest success.

The Dramatic Society has closed a most successful year. Several one-act plays were produced and the major production "Arms and the Man" received great praise from the citizens of Fredericton.

With one notable exception the various social activities have been similar to those of other years. Due to the increased attendance, the annual Conversazione was divided into

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Where Sixty Degrees Were Conferred This Afternoon

two functions. The activities associated with the Ladies' Society have been well supported.

Dr. Carter's Death

One face is missing from the Encinal ceremonies today. With the passing of Dr. W. S. Carter, late Chief Superintendent of Education, the University and the cause of education have suffered a severe loss. Through his zeal and energy the educational system of this province has been brought to the present high standard of which the people of New Brunswick are justly proud. In his place today we have a most worthy successor. The class of '31 class, particularly those of us who have learned under him, know that Dr. McFarlane was admirably suited for the office, and we are confident that under his administration the educational system will progress with the rapid strides which have been characteristic of the past.

Profitable Years

Thus, having developed mentally,

physically and socially, with, in some cases, perhaps a touch of romance, we have spent four of the most profitable years of our lives. We have obtained "a college education." In a general sort of way we all realize what is meant by this expression. But, in the last analysis, there are probably several items in a college education which are peculiar to each university. "What, then" might we ask, "does it mean when applied to this institution?"

Carefully Trained

To begin with, we have received a training in our chosen vocations, which can scarcely be surpassed. At first thought this appears to be a rather sweeping statement, especially when applied to a small institution like the University of New Brunswick. But it is its small size to which I attribute its greatness in instructive value. The classes are not large. For this reason each student receives individual attention and instruction in the various courses. The

standard is high, and any student who successfully completes his training at this institution is well-equipped to take over the duties of his chosen occupation.

Furthermore, while we have been enrolled at this University each student has been given the best opportunity to exercise and to better his entire personality. This is a most valuable asset and is said by some to be the highest and first function of a University.

Friendship Defined

There is yet another thought which impresses me. During our four years here we have formed friendships. By that wonderful word I do not mean more acquaintance. You may be acquainted with a man—you may even like him—but it does not necessarily follow that he is your friend. A friend is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. He seems to ask nothing of you only to be what you are. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think so long as

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