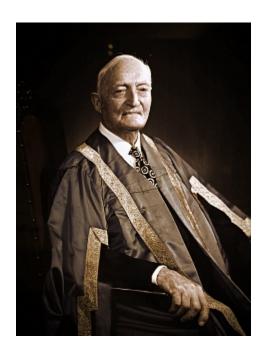# Senator Norman M. Paterson
(Chancellor, 1965-1971)

Norman McLeod Paterson was Lakehead University's 1st Chancellor. Born August 3, 1883 in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Norman Paterson was educated in Portage Public Schools and the Wellesley School in Toronto, Ontario.

Norman Paterson began his career with the Manitoba Railway and Canal Company in 1897, and later joined the Great Northern Railway of Canada as a telegrapher. He resigned as purchasing agent in 1903. Paterson entered the grain business with his father, H.S. Paterson, in 1903 and went on to form N.M Paterson and Company at Fort William, Ontario in 1908. Several years later, Paterson formed Paterson Steamships Limited. The grain and steamship companies were eventually succeeded by N.M. Paterson and Sons Limited. This company

now owns and operated grain elevators in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and lake freighters on the Great Lakes.

In 1940, Norman Paterson was appointed to the Canadian Senate by Prime Minister MacKenzie King. Senator Paterson was appointed Knight of the Order of St. John by King George VI in 1945. He retired from the senate in 1981 after forty years of service.

Throughout his life, Senator Paterson took a keen interest in philanthropy. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and served as President of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada. In 1970, Senator Paterson incorporated a private, charitable Foundation bearing his name.

The 1970's witnessed the growth of the Foundation, as well as a widening of the Foundation's scope of interest. Shortly after his 100th birthday in 1983 the Senator passed away and the Foundation grew as the sole beneficiary of his estate.

Today the philanthropic tradition set by the Honourable Norman McLeod Paterson is perpetuated by his Foundation under the guidance of the Board of Directors.

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