

# **Arthur Starratt Torrey**

## ***St. Lawrence '24***

### **Oxford Cup Roll N° 008**

This longtime prominent Canadian investment executive was honored for civic and educational achievement as well as his position in the business world when he was awarded the Oxford Cup on August 19, 1987, at Beta's 148th General Convention at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

He was a trustee of St. Lawrence University for 29 years and was its board chairman 1968-78. A longtime major benefactor of the University, he provided for the 1979-80 expansion of its library, named for Owen D. Young, St. Lawrence '94, and its Arthur Starratt Torrey Wing. An athletic field and a scholarship fund also have been named for him.

He received the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. Lawrence in 1969 and a University Citation in 1977. He was the University's commencement speaker in 1978. His family connections with the University have included a Beta son, David L. Torrey, *St. Lawrence '53*.

Brother Torrey began his career in investment management in New York City. He later moved to Montreal. There he became president and chairman of Pitfield, Mackay, Ross & Company, Ltd., Canada's largest and most distinguished investment firm. Director of several Canadian firms, he was Montreal chairman of the Canadian National War Finance Commission in World War II.

For two years, he was president of The Investment Dealers Association of Canada. He also was a director of many public companies including B. C. Telephone Company, British Newfoundland Corporation and Churchill Falls Power, where he was instrumental in the development of one of the world's largest hydroelectric projects.

He died September 9, 1994, in Brockville, Ontario, near his summer home in the Thousand Islands.

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