

Trent University
Peterborough

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TRENT ANNOUNCES AWARD OF
CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE CONTRACT TO
CANADIAN FOUNDATION COMPANY LTD.

Trent University has awarded the contract for Champlain College, the first building on its permanent Nassau Campus site, to Canadian Foundation Company Ltd., the lowest bidder. The contract totals \$4,045,589 including certain sub contracts for site services and residential furniture. The Architect for the College, Mr. R. J. Thom of the firm of Thompson, Berwick, Pratt & Partners, advised that construction is expected to begin immediately.

The low bidders on mechanical and electrical sub contracts were Sayers Associates Limited of Toronto and Joice-Sweanor Electric Limited from Port Hope, members of the Peterborough District Construction Exchange. In addition, a large number of other contracts will be let to local firms in Peterborough and the Trent Valley area.

The College will serve as a teaching and residential centre for about 350 undergraduate and graduate students and 30 faculty members. It provides living accommodation for 210 students, 7 resident faculty members, and the Master of the College, and teaching rooms, a dining hall, common rooms, and a college library for the use of the whole membership of the College which will include nearly one hundred non-resident students living in rooms or at home in Peterborough and the surrounding area. The College is the first of an expected dozen colleges, which will form the constituent units of the University.

The name, Champlain College, was the unanimous choice of the Faculty and Board of Governors of the University. President Symons stated that it had been chosen for two reasons. First, the name Champlain has an historical association with the

University campus which lies on the route followed by Champlain when he explored the area in 1615. Second, it was hoped that this name would signal the concern of the University's founders for Canadian unity, and their hope that Trent University would develop as a centre of Canadian studies which might contribute to this unity.

Champlain College will occupy three acres along the edge of the Otonabee river. The residential part of the College will consist of two residence blocks, each with an open quadrangle facing the river. The undergraduates' rooms will be arranged on the "staircase" principle, five rooms on each of the four floors grouped around a common staircase. Each pair of staircases in the residence will contain accommodation for a resident don, and faculty offices, seminar and tutorial rooms will be placed at its base. There will be three such paired staircase units in each residential block. Facilities which are common to all of the students in the College will be grouped in a complex distinct from the two residence units.

The building will also contain some facilities which will serve future buildings to be constructed on the permanent site. Included in the College will be mechanical and electrical distribution equipment capable of serving the whole University, and part of the building will be incorporated into a new library.

Champlain College will feature a new type of construction for the exterior walls, an exposed rubble aggregate of local stone set in walls of pumped concrete grout.

Completion of the College is planned for September 1966.

Peterborough,
Ontario.