

NEWS RELEASE

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The Chairman of the Lakehead University Board of Governors, Mr. J. M. Fleming, announced today that the Board had received and accepted, with regret, the resignation of the University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. William G. Tamblyn.

Mr. Fleming explained that the reasons for Dr. Tamblyn's decision included his belief that a periodic change in the leadership of any institution was a sound practice, and his feeling that, after seven years of major development, he could no longer provide the energy that the position demanded. Mr. Fleming added that Dr. Tamblyn had informed the Executive Committee of the Board of his plans several months ago, at which time the Executive Committee had attempted unsuccessfully to persuade the President to reconsider.

Mr. Fleming said that he was sure that he represented the opinion of the entire Board when he drew attention to Dr. Tamblyn's exceptional qualities of leadership and to the way in which the President has devoted himself to the development of Lakehead University. With the guidance of its first President, the institution has grown from a small College of Arts, Science and Technology with an enrolment of less than 500 students, to a flourishing University with an enrolment of 3,000 full-time students and another 3,000 students pursuing their studies on a part-time basis. Enrolment growth has been matched by the development of new academic programs, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, by the attraction of well-qualified teaching staff, which has grown from less than 50 to well over 200, and by the addition of major capital facilities valued at more than \$25 million. Dr. Tamblyn's role has been the major one in building a University to serve the needs of the people of Northwestern Ontario.

Dr. Tamblyn's resignation will become effective in June 1972, allowing time for the University to seek the most qualified replacement.

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