

# CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

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Ottawa—(CUP) — Approximately fifty delegates representing 19 Canadian universities discussed many important problems at the 13th annual conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students held recently in Ottawa.

At the opening session of the conference, Roger Hamel, president of the Ottawa University Students' Federation, expressed in a welcoming speech to the delegates the great pleasure and pride he felt in greeting the N.F.C.U.S., who were holding their first meeting in the Capital. "The Federation," he said, "tends to promote national unity and there is no finer place in which to realize this principle than the University of Ottawa, which is the only recognized bilingual institution in Canada where students of totally different nationality reside in perfect harmony."

The meeting which took place at the University of Ottawa from September 7th to 10th, centered on the work of five commissions which had been set up to investigate and report on a wide range of subjects of immediate interest to 60,000 Canadian university students. Gordon Gwynne-Timothy of the University of Toronto presided.

Foremost among the general topics of discussion were: (1) the question of federal aid to higher education, (2) the possibility of securing reductions in the high cost of textbooks, (3) wider publicity of the aims and activities of N.F.C.U.S., (4) the establishment of a permanent travel bureau for students, (5) Canadian-American student exchanges, (6) the 1950 Quebec seminar and (7) Canadian University

debating. Also, (8) Elections and Resolutions.

### FEDERAL AID TO HIGHER EDUCATION

The delegates unanimously approved a brief on Federal Aid to Higher Education which is to serve as the basis of a work to be presented to the Royal Commission on Arts, Letters and Science meeting in Halifax on January 20, 1950.

The brief, prepared by a group of Dalhousie University students under Rickey Love, urged "the adoption of the principle of equality of opportunity in higher education in Canada" based on a two-fold programme of (1) aid directly to worthy students, and (2) aid directly to the universities.

It is estimated that approximately 10,000 annual scholarships of 500 dollars each are required to provide education for deserving students. It is further proposed that this sum increased in future years until it covers all students who need financial aid.

In discussing the brief, the delegates unanimously agreed that the proposed programme of federal aid be "composed largely of scholarships with decreasing emphasis on bursaries and loans in that order."

(In an interview with the student delegates, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent openly favored this national system of granting scholarships to universities and said that he would study with interest the way in which other federal states have handled the problem. "We will strive towards an adequate solution to the problem for it is absolutely necessary that a just propor-

tion of the Canadian population may be given the privilege of a university education," he said.)

A proposal that Canada adopt a plan similar to the American "Full-bright Act" whereby students would be granted free study in countries owing foreign currency credits and war debts to Canada was unanimously approved. This recommendation, introduced by a commission under Art Mauro of the University of Manitoba, will be embodied in the brief on Federal Aid.

### STUDENT EXCHANGE

A report given by Miss Lillian Foote of Western University revealed that in spite of wide publicity of the Canadian-American student exchange plan only nine Canadian and seven American applications had been received. It was therefore decided that N. F. C. U. S. intensify their efforts in this field with a more detailed programme. Delegates from the University of Western Ontario were appointed to take charge of this work.

The plan for the exchange of summer school students between French and English universities in Canada was also reviewed.

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITY DEBATING

The finals for the National Inter-University Debate will be held on Friday and Saturday of the first week in March, 1950. It was resolved that the winners of the Villeneuve Trophy League (an organization for French debates) enter in this national competition and that the attendant language difficulties be solved by following the procedure set forth in the Constitution of the Canadian University Debating League, adopted in Winnipeg in 1947.

### ELECTIONS

The delegates to the conference chose the Very Reverend Father J.

C. Laframboise, Ph.D., Th.D., Rector of the University of Ottawa, to be honorary president for the year 1949-50.

Rickey Love, student in law at Dalhousie University, was elected president over Robert Hetherington of the University of Toronto.

Four vice-presidents were also elected: for the Maritimes, Donald MacPhail, University of New Brunswick; for Quebec, Gilles Bergeron, University of Montreal; for Ontario, Paul Desmarais, University of Ottawa; for the West, Arthur Mauro, University of Manitoba. Donald G. Seldon was re-elected as secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

Rod MacLeod, S.R.C. President, attended the N.F.C.U.S. Conference along with Don McPhail, local N.F.C.U.S. chairman.

### POLITICIANS MAY APPROACH S. R. C. AGAIN

The old question of political clubs on the U.N.B. campus is coming to the fore once again. Not satisfied with the Student Council Decision handed down last year indications are that C.C.F. supporters will again approach the S.R.C. for recognition.

In a provincial network CBC broadcast, Art Parkes, Senior Artsman, commented on the situation at U.N.B. and pointed out that students should take a more responsible part in political activity. To bolster his argument he used a Brunswickan article published last year as an illustration.

Although a few Conservative and Liberal leaders on the campus have been approached concerning the controversial subject, generally speaking they have adopted the attitude, "No Comment". No doubt fireworks will develop if this subject is again proposed to the S.R.C.

### PROGRAM SET UP HERE HEADQUARTERS ON U.N.B. CAMPUS — BRUCE WRIGHT AT OTTAWA MEETING

The Headquarters for a co-operative wildlife research program for eastern Canada will likely be set up at the Northeastern Wildlife Station on the campus of the University of New Brunswick in the near future if the plans which will be discussed at Ottawa this week are carried out.

At an Ottawa meeting this week called by the Dominion Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Institute of Washington representatives from six Canadian provinces, Ducks Unlimited and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service have been invited to attend. The six provinces are New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Newfoundland and Ontario.

At the meeting discussion will be based around a program of work to be done on waterfowl, woodcock and big game in Eastern Canadian provinces with all various organizations co-operating.

Bruce S. Wright, director of the Northeastern Wildlife Station at U.N.B., where the headquarters for this program are planned is at present in Ottawa attending the meetings.

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## Love Brunswickan Faculty Advisor

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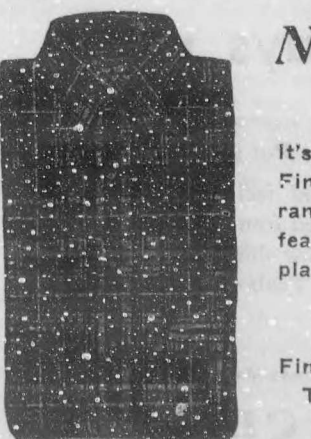
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