

# The Local Agents' caper (cont'd)

Canadian Pittsburg Industries Ltd. Local agent is Frank Covert, a member of the Finance & Investment Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Pensions Committee of the Board. Covert has been a member of the 14-man Executive Committee of the Board since at least 1960. He has been local agent for Canadian Pittsburg Industries Ltd. from July 3, 1952 until February 18, 1969. During this time Canadian Pittsburg has had subcontracts for the following construction work at Dalhousie:

- Cameron House (Howe Hall) 67: \$1,387.65
- Student Union Bldg . . . . . 1967-1968
- Killam Library . . . . . 1967-1970
- Arts Center . . . . . 1969-1970
- Dineen Construction Ltd. Dineen Construction has been granted the gen-

eral contract for construction of the thermal plant which is being built on between Henry St. and Seymour St. The cost of the thermal plant is expected to be around \$5,170,000.00.

George B. Robertson has been local agent for Dineen Construction from January 4, 1968 until now. He was an alumni representative on the Board from 1965 to 1968. He has been a law partner of Donald McInnes, who is the chairman of the Board of Governors, for at least sixteen years.

Federated Metals Canada Ltd. Frank Covert (see above) has been the local agent for this corporation since July 15, 1964. He still is. Federated Metals has had the following contracts from Dalhousie:

- Tupper Building . . . . . 1965-1967
- Flintkote Company of Canada Ltd. Donald McInnes, the Chairman of the Board of Governors (see above) has been the local agent for Flintkote since August 9, 1963. He still is. Flintkote has had the following contracts from Dalhousie:
- Killam Library . . . . . 1967-1970

Otis Elevator. Frank Covert (see above) was appointed local agent of Otis Elevator on February 19, 1968. Since then, Otis Elevator has been given contracts to do work on the following construction projects at Dalhousie:

- Life Sciences Center . under construction
- Arts Center . . . . . under construction
- Thermal Plant . . . . . under construction
- SUB . . . . . 1967-1968

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Item: The following are a few of the documentable conflicts of interest that have cropped up in the course of this survey. Once again, this is nowhere near being an exhaustive or complete list.

Although it is listed nowhere as ever having had a contract to supply any construction project at Dalhousie with concrete or cement, the writers of this article can distinctly remember nearly being run over by Atlantic Ready Mix trucks bringing concrete or cement to Dalhousie's hallowed campi. We suggest that Atlantic Ready Mix has had contracts or sub-contracts or sub-sub-contracts to supply concrete or cement to construction projects at Dal in the past two years.

If this is the case, as most of our number are convinced, then it poses an interesting problem; during this period there were no less than three members of the Board of Governors who were simultaneously directors of Atlantic Ready Mix. These men are J. C. MacKeen (member of Executive Committee), R. B. Cameron, and R. G. Smith. J. H. M. Jones, a past member of the Board (1961-1969), was also a director of the company at this time. J. William E. Mingo, Frank Covert's law partner in the firm of Stewart, MacKeen and Covert, was also a director of Atlantic Ready Mix at this time, and is currently its local agent.

Eastern Contracting Company was incorporated by J. William E. Mingo in 1964. The three directors and officers of the company are H. G. Mingo, E. C. Mingo, and D. L. Mingo.

Eastern Contracting's law firm is Stewart, MacKeen & Covert.

Eastern Contracting has had the following general contracts for projects at Dalhousie:

- 1965 Chemistry Bldg. Extension \$ ,835,000.00
- 1966 Weldon Law Building \$1,800,000.00
- 1967 Cameron House (Howe Hall) \$1,300,000.00

Perhaps it will be interesting to look at some of the subcontracts given out by Eastern Contracting on these jobs:

- Maritime Steel & Foundries
- Chemistry Extension
- Weldon Law Building

During the time period when these contracts were given, the following members of the Board of Governors held the following positions on the Board of Directors of Maritime Steel & Foundries:

- R. B. Cameron president
- R. A. Jodrey manager
- F. M. Covert director
- J. C. MacKeen director

Since that time, R. G. Smith has become a director of Maritime Steel and Foundries; he was, and still is a member of the Board of Governors. In addition, in 1969 Donald G. Grant became an Alumni Representative on the Board of Governors; since 1956 he has been on the Board of Directors of Maritime Steel & Foundries.

George B. Robertson, the previously mentioned law partner of Donald McInnes (see above, Local Agents Caper, Dineen Construction Ltd.), has been a director of McDonald Construction Co. Ltd. since January 27, 1961. He is still on their board today. McDonald Construction has had the following general contracts from Dalhousie University.

- Shirreff Hall (Extension II)...1967
- SUB.....1967-1968

George B. Robertson was a member of the Board of Governors from 1965 to 1968.

# And more...

The NDY research collectivity has been advised that Dalhousie's ownerships of stock is immense. Our source cited the following holdings, as an example:

- Over 6,000 shares of Noranda Mines Lt.
- Over 2,000 shares of International Nickel (INCO)
- Over 80,000 shares in Nabisco
- Over 10,000 shares in Imperial Oil
- Over 5,000 shares of Bank of Montreal
- Extensive holdings in
  - Falconbridge Nickel
  - Eastman Kodak
  - Northern & Central Gas Co.
  - Maritime Tel & Tel
  - Canada Packers
  - Bell Canada
  - and others

We were informed of this situation by a person close to the Board of Governors, who quite obviously does not wish to be named.

It appears certain that Dalhousie's complete holdings in stocks and bonds are immense. We demand to know what is held in these portfolios; and what a university, a community of scholars if you please, is doing speculating in stock. Especially in speculating in the stock of such notorious strikebreakers as Noranda Mines, and such notorious polluters as INCO, and Imperial Oil. This is at a time when the university is going into debt and tuition fees may have to be raised to cover the deficit.