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THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
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Mr. Ernest Crown, B.Com., came to see me at three o'clock this afternoon.

He said he came to talk with me about the treatment he had had at the hands of students, when he was taken by some students from his home to the McGill Stadium and had part of his head shorn (I must confess that less hair was taken than from the newspaper reports I expected). He said that he did not wish to proceed further in a legal way, but he wanted to know what the University was going to do about it.

He admitted that he was one of the group who organized the BLACK SHEEP.

He admitted that he had contributed two articles to the first number, both of which were signed by the letter "c". One had reference to Professor Leacock, which he said he did not think was libellous, and the other referred to the advisability of hanging certain professors from the cupola of the Arts Building. That, he said, was written as a joke.

He said he got a lot of good fun out of reading the first issue of the BLACK SHEEP and could not condemn it, nor could he agree with the action of the University in banning it.

He admitted that although he knew the first edition did not meet with the approval of the University authorities he took no steps to disassociate himself from the second issue of the periodical, and had only let it be known he had nothing to do with it after the students had mishandled him the other night at the stadium.

I pointed out to him that in the second edition the students had suffered grievous insult, inasmuch as it was intimated in that edition that prostitution was practised in the Union and that advice had been given as to how to make this practice pay greater toll to the Union. H

I asked him what he would have done if anyone had stated that his home was a house of prostitution. He replied that he would offer physical violence if he was able to do so. I asked him, then, how he could blame the students who had suffered from this insult, who had every good reason to associate him still with the BLACK SHEEP, for having taken action which he acknowledged he himself would have taken.