

### Sodales Public Speaking Program

#### FIRST TERM

Oct. 28th. "Introduction to Public Speaking"  
Mr. Donald Grant, one-time lecturer in public speaking to the Halifax Junior Board of Trade.

Nov. 4th "Preparation and Presentation of a Speech." (1) Mr. Grant.

Nov. 10th. "Preparation and Presentation of a Speech" (2). Mr. Grant.

Nov. 18th. "Voice Control," Mr. Les Sutcliffe.

These lectures will all be accompanied by the regular debates, which will be announced in advance.

All will be held in Room 3 of the Arts Building at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday's, unless otherwise announced.

### R. C. A. F. Training Plan

By Valerie Cato

The R. C. A. F. Liaison Officer at Dalhousie has received notice that the Air Force will continue its Summer Training and Employment Scheme in the summer of 1949.

The Summer Employment Scheme is open to undergraduates in Science, Medicine and Engineering, provided that they are ex-Air Crew personnel. A number of students were employed in the summer of 1948, and for those who are interested this year, it should be noted that applications will be treated on a "first come, first served" basis, so the forms should be obtained as soon as possible. Those who are not accepted will be notified at once.

The Summer Training Scheme is intended for those who wish to enroll in an Air Crew training course

for three consecutive years with a will be the same as that of a Cadet Officer.

Students who are interested are requested to contact Professor Theakston, Room 22 Engineering Building, as soon as possible.

Application forms and circulars giving full particulars are available at his office. Since all applications have to reach Headquarters by November 15, those interested are asked to be prompt. It is thought that those accepted for training or employment will be notified by the end of February.

view to a career in the Air Force following graduation. This course is open only to unmarried men, but no previous experience with the Air Force is necessary.

For those who had a commission in the Air Force, the pay will be the same as their rank, but for others, in both schemes, the pay

### Med Notes

The Students Council has once again refused to support the Medical Society Executive in its policy of having 100% membership by collecting the fee for membership on registration. The fascist policy of forcing the students to belong to the society has failed to get 100% membership. The Students Council will not force them; the book bureau policy will not force them;—what to do? ?

Precedent Higgins has an idea. Get some gals! Yes fellows, we have been informed that at the next meeting of the Medical Society not only will there be fine films, good speakers, but lovely females. The executive has decided to invite nurses from the various institutions of the city to attend the friendly hour held once a month in the Dal Clinic.

Contrary to the persistent rumors around the medical campus we learned from Precedent Higgins that no changes in the present executive are contemplated. Higgins emphatically stated that he does not intend to resign.

On the social front we understand that there will be two big parties in full swing on Saturday night. Guess that's not all that will be full before the pumpkin festival is over.

#### D. V. A.

October cheques for the majority of D. V. A. students in good standing are expected in time for payment early next week. Announcement will be made on the boards as soon as definite information is received.

### The Nature of Being A Gentleman or Mr. Drew is a Nice Man

From the Saskatchewan Sheaf

Our landlord returned from a mysterious trip the other day. We are on rather formal relations with our landlord, but at breakfast we couldn't help noticing a new light in his eye and a new vigour in his step. Taking this as our cue, we asked a leading question. All through porridge and coffee he eagerly told us about Great Things in Ottawa. We continued with our coffee until he mentioned George Drew. "The Ontario premier?" we prompted. "You mean the Prime Minister of the Sovereign Province of Ontario," he corrected. We returned to our coffee, properly subdued.

Long after that fateful breakfast we reflected that our landlord must have been thinking about provincial rights. Conventions usually affect people that way, and with the new light of Drew shining in our landlord's eye we began to consider the implications of the Tory platform recently adopted at Ottawa.

Everyone will agree that "provincial rights" should be protected. One is entitled to ask, however, how Mr. Drew defines them. The attitude of Mr. Drew's Ontario government and Mr. Duplessis' Quebec government in Dominion-Provincial talks has led some people to believe that by "provincial rights" is meant the self-interest of Ontario and Quebec at the expense of the other seven provinces. The Ottawa government, under such a system, becomes simply a glorified holding company for the Central Provinces.

"But," you ask, "have they not promised a new deal for the Maritimes, and giving the prairie farmers the option of selling through either the Wheat Board or the open market, so giving them the full advantage of the world wheat price?" This looks very nice in writing, but some farmers might think it beneath their dignity to accept the policy of an outright subsidy from Canadian consumers whenever wheat prices fall low. And a new deal for the Maritimes has been carefully predicated with the stipulation that it must be in accord always with the principles of "sound economics."

Nowhere, however, do they define "sound economics." This we might deduce from the rest of the platform. They promise to cut government expenditure while increasing social services — a neat trick! They promise lower taxes—

and the freeing of business enterprise (right in the midst of our greatest investment boom!). The increased cost of social services plus the decreased taxation would surely eat up more than the present surplus, and they would then be forced to resort to higher indirect taxes. And indirect taxes usually bear most heavily on the lower income groups and the "have-not" provinces. Possibly this is what they mean by "freeing business." Promise of a new deal for the Maritimes becomes meaningless in the face of such yack-ety-yak.

They say they are against inflation. Their policies, however, by throwing a billion dollar surplus into hands of consumers and encouraging an even greater investment boom, show them to be against deflation. Thus if they are for anything, it must be 'flation. They are for a Maritime new deal — yet their "applied economics" would upset the financial balance between the provinces still more. They are neither for nor against the Canadian Wheat Board. Of all their nicknames, that of "Pro-Con" is clearly the least apt, for they seem to be neither for nor against anything.

The new Progressive-Conservative platform is thus characterized by its emphasis on Provincial Rights, 'flation, and politics. No double-talk has been spared that might help them to the seats of the mighty. The back-hand of fellowship extended to Quebec, the promise of everything and nothing to anybody. It is strange but true, that

"The Nazi fable of the Herren-volk Most free Canadians believe a joke;

But the Tory inclination To be Lord of all creation Democracy itself cannot revoke." The stage is set for the battle of the century. Mr. Drew's forces will put up a stubborn fight, but Canadians will not likely be fooled. Perhaps it is just as well that the \*S. O. P. has come out in its Drew colors. But if many Canadians do start shouting "Long Live George," its time for the rest of us to sing "God Save Canada."

We'll be back at the sign of the Bow.

\*Sad Old Party.

—Agittarius

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