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STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

An interesting account of the gathering held here last week, written by one of the delegates.

The annual Maritime Conference of the Student Christian Movement of Canada met here on Friday, May 29th. We delegates and our leaders stayed at the College Women's Residence, where we found every comfort awaiting us. The Acadia gymnasium and the tennis courts were placed at our disposal and we enjoyed them to the full. Nothing was lacking to our unalloyed enjoyment of our week together. Nature herself met in a holiday mood and made even lovelier scenes already lovely. Students and leaders from widely scattered parts of the earth expressed the most unqualified enthusiasm over both the beauty of the scene and the hospitality of the people.

Conference week was strenuous. At 7 a.m. the rising bell rang, at 7:30 matins were said and at 8 we assembled for breakfast. After breakfast we divided into the following study groups: Jesus in the Records, under Dr. Bronson; Jesus in the Records Introduction, under Harry Avison; The Beatitudes, under the Rev. Dr. Marshall of Wolfville; and Social Principles of Jesus, under Professor Balcom. These groups remained in session until 11 a.m. Then after a recess of an hour we attended lectures which were followed by lively discussions only to be cut short by the dinner bell. The afternoons were given up to business meetings and recreation. At 8 p.m. we met again for all church and at 10:30 we met for vesper. While the above is a typical day's program, actually the time was more fully taken up. The lectures gave rise to discussions which often did not terminate until well into the night.

Every day brought new enjoyment. One afternoon it was a hike and picnic at the ridge, another a drive to the Look Off in cars kindly supplied by Wolfville citizens. One morning a few of the more energetic arose at 4 a.m., cut their own fishing rods and returned in time for matins with a good supply of Gasparous. The leaders were all remarkable people. Ernie Clarke and Helen Nickle combine strikingly original and independent minds with a burning desire for the furthering of the good work. Not a few noticed the resemblance between Mr. Clarke and King Buckley, who is remembered as a hero among Tuxis boys in these parts. Miss Nickle is a modern and strikingly Canadian. Some remember one of Mary Allison, who is held up as an ideal among Canadian Girls in Training. Harry Avison, a young man himself, is fully aware of the problems facing students of today and is of a kind both well fitted to fight them through and also to lead others with him. Dean Boswell, of Oberlin, Ohio, who preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning and in the United Church in the evening, combines a profound intellect with a warm and sympathetic personality. Dr. Scofield will be remembered in these parts for his fearless denunciation of our materialistic civilization. His ability as a wit and a story teller frequently drew around him groups of eager students. Mr. Ho, of China, a man of great learning and deep insight into affairs social, economic and political both here and on the other side of the Pacific, gave us a new conception of Chinese culture and civilization, which made our own seem barbarous in comparison.

We shall never forget our conference experience. It made us more aware than ever of the greatness of the age in which students all over the world have banded together to apply new as well as old ideas to the great business of life. In the near future we shall probably experience some striking changes but we have little cause to be other than optimistic so long as enlightened people all over the world join hands for the purpose of dealing with our mutual problems with courage and with honesty.

A STUDENT MOVER.

BORN

HOLT—At Wolfville, on June 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Holt, Hillaton, twin boys, Gerald Rhodes and George Austin.

EAGLES—On June 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Eagles, a son.

DIED

HOLT—At Wolfville, on June 5th, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Holt, Hillaton, George Austin.

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QUESTIONS FOR COL. ALLISON BORDEN

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Sir,—Those who returned from the Great War crippled and maimed are serving of the just consideration of people, which none but the base would deny. Those who returned well and hearty need not be a tax on the country. Those who returned well and hearty, and then obtained a good government job and finally a fat pension are to be congratulated on their luck. They are paid off. The country's indebtedness to them is full discharged and liquidated. To the latter class belongs Col. Allison Borden. It is reported that he receives a pension of \$4,000 a year, which is paid by Grit and Tory taxpayers alike. Receiving as much as the year's net proceeds of eight or ten of our valley farms from a "grateful country", it is not exactly in accordance with the tenets of good taste for him to take partizan cudgels against one section of the people who pays him, against the other.

Assuming, however, that his attitude is perfectly correct and that he is actuated by the highest impulses of patriotism to serve the country and to crush evil and dishonesty, I would ask him to reply to the following questions:

1st. Was it right and proper for Hon. D. A. Cameron to carry to a private account, surplus funds from the city of Sydney year after year until it reached a sum aggregating \$60,000?

2nd. Was it right and proper for him to give no hint or sign or report to the authorities of the existence of this fund accumulating year after year?

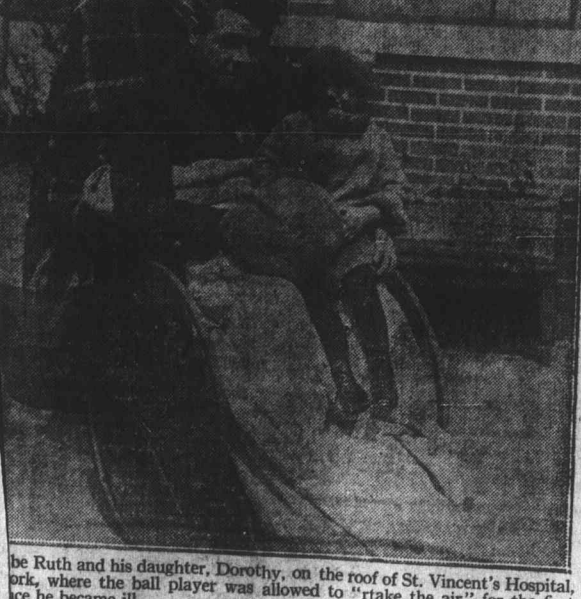
3rd. Was it an evidence of honesty on his part that he failed to offer to refund it, until the Mayor of Sydney detected the delinquency and then obtained the services of Price Waterhouse & Co. to trace and audit the account?

4th. Hon. D. A. Cameron stated in his defence he did not benefit one dollar by it. The question "Who did?" is a fair one for the electors. Neither Col. Borden appeals, to ask, Who did benefit by it? It is true that Hon. D. A. Cameron stated he took the responsibility. One, H. A. Kirby, last month at Lake Marancton, Me., burned a cottage, shot one woman and killed her niece. He also took the responsibility. Will that save him from the electric chair? Neither is exonerated by assuming responsibility. Mr. Cameron's declaration that he did not benefit by it, coupled with his assuming responsibility, really means that he is attempting to shield some other party or parties. Who did benefit by it? Who are they? A man who secretes or manipulates money or property of others cannot in law bravado it out by an assumption of responsibility—otherwise the jails and penitentiaries would be emptied.

5th. Public funds which should be used to the benefit of the public, ought to be able to give full explanations, and others who seek public office and justify such transactions, ought to furnish full information to the electors. Therefore, I ask Col. Borden, from what source did Cameron get the \$30,000 that he paid back?

6th. Was it decent and proper for the Armstrong government to retain Mr. Cameron as a member of the Executive Council after the revelations made by Price Waterhouse & Co. and thereby justify and approve his proceedings? Col. Borden's opinion is that the other members of the government are no better and no worse than Cameron, one can understand why he would decline to answer.

IDOL OF BASEBALL RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS



be Ruth and his daughter, Dorothy, on the roof of St. Vincent's Hospital, York, where the ball player was allowed to "take the air" for the first time he became ill.

INSPECTOR VISITS WOLFVILLE

Inspector for the Maritimes for the V.O.N. was a visitor over Sunday, a guest at the Miss Harry. On Thursday Miss Boswell paid a visit to the town and gave a very interesting and valuable suggestion which were greatly appreciated. Attendance at this meeting was not average, and in order that Mr. Mill might be able to get in touch with all the members of the Executive Committee of this week, the meeting was arranged for the evening of this week. The meeting was held in the school-room of St. A. church, which was well filled. Anderson, the president, who was glad to welcome her back, and which during her absence had been filled by Mrs. Ingraham.

It was decided to adopt changes which will place the Victorian Order here on a better business basis. There will be a slight increase in the fees for the nurse's services and a better provision made for their collection. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws to be presented at the next meeting.

The V.O.N. has been in successful operation in this town for nearly four years, during which most efficient work has been done by Miss Harry and the committee which directs her activities. The plans that are now being made should increase the efficiency of an organization which has won recognition as one of our most valuable community institutions.

GOODS STOLEN AT GREENWICH

During the winter while A. H. MacCabe was absent from home his house in Greenwich was broken into and household goods and clothing stolen, among them a large autograph quilt and a woolen blanket worth about five dollars. Window panes to the amount of thirty-five were smashed, in some, also the sashes, 16 panes in the barn, 14 in the cellar, 3 in the house and 2 in the hen house. A warrant was issued to search the nearby habitation, consisting of two rooms, occupied by Walter Johnson, wife and five children, Edward Rogers and wife, and owned by J. A. Elderkin. On search nothing was found and the occupants denied all knowledge of the theft, house-breaking, and entering house. But later, on further search, about 50 feet from the habitation the greater part of the stolen goods were found in bags. Fence stakes, poles cut for building a new fence, wood and other things have been stolen from the premises.

MAY HOLD N.B. ELECTIONS AUG. 1ST

ST. JOHN, N.B., June 9.—In political circles here it is believed that the Provincial elections will be Saturday August 1, as it has been the custom of late years to hold the Provincial elections on Saturday for the convenience of the commercial men. There is talk of women candidates in the forthcoming contest.

The ladder of life is full of splinters, all pointing upwards.

WHO DID THE ASSESSING IN WARD 14?

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Mr. Editor,—I do not wish to impose too far upon your generosity but I feel that an answer is due to some of Mr. John B. Gertridges statements which appear in the last issue of your respected paper under the heading of "Who Wrote Correspondence in Ward 14 Regarding Assessments", and therefore ask your permission to let me assure Mr. Gertridge in print, that I am wholly responsible for the so called correspondence and that no lawyer ever even saw the above mentioned correspondence until it was published, as it is being circulated throughout the Ward that I fathered the article but that it was written by a lawyer.

Mr. Gertridge says that I grossly misrepresented the facts in your recent issue and here I shall endeavour to prove to the public the true facts so they can judge for themselves which article was misrepresenting and misleading.

According to Mr. Gertridge's own figures as printed in your last issue he has raised the Conservatives of the district \$275.00 and lowered the Liberals \$150.00. Had he quoted the figures which appear in his posted list of our district at Harbourville he would have shown that the Conservatives were raised \$375.00.

Evidently Mr. Gertridge has not submitted to you the correct figures, unless his list has been revised since it was posted at Harbourville.

The Conservatives of this district who have purchased property during the last fifteen years are now assessed for more than half of the purchase price, while the Liberals who have purchased property in the same period of time are only assessed one-sixth to one-quarter of the purchase price. Is this a grave injustice?

In regard to property owned by Mr. H. Barlow, the original house built by the late Capt. McBride was a fine large one, a one and one-half storey building, the original barn 30x40 feet, single board built before the late Capt. McBride was born. The small bungalow to which Mr. Gertridge refers is the same four by six mud finished with Douglas fir, and finished barn built by any means. The unfinished roof which reaches the eaves by Mr. Gertridge is not too high. Mr. Gertridge misrepresents this case of Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Edw. Spicer is now assessed for the property, deceased, as well as his Edw. Spicer, of which the combined assessment was \$400 and is now \$350. Did Mr. Gertridge intend to mislead in this case?

Mr. Edw. Spicer has bought no property from his son Leland, and why should he, Leland, be exempted and the same added to his father? Is Mr. Gertridge sure that Mr. Gould has 25 or 30 head of cattle or are they hens?

Mr. Edw. Anderson purchased his real personal property for \$450. Mr. Gertridge has raised this assessment on account of personal property. Is that misleading?

Mr. Isaac Spicer was raised \$25 from the 1924 assessment, according to Mr. Gertridge posted his list instead of being raised as Mr. Gertridge states in your paper.

Mr. Gertridge would infer that Mr. Fred Ayer had built his store since the 1924 assessment, instead of which the store was actually built three years ago and he was previously assessed for the same. Is there anything misleading about this?

Mr. Perry was raised \$75 instead of \$25 from the 1924 list or \$100 from the 1923 list, according to Mr. Gertridge's posted list.

Capt. Morrishas owned a private yacht for many years but Mr. Gertridge would infer that this yacht had been acquired since the 1924 assessment; of course, Mr. Gertridge would not want to mislead the public about this.

Mr. Emmerson Spicer purchased the forty acre lot to which Mr. Gertridge refers some years ago and was assessed for same previous to the 1924 assessment. Nothing misleading about that.

Mr. C. Swindell has since the 1924 assessment sold \$300 worth of property and still the assessment remains the same.

Mr. C. Parrish disposed of his cattle and threshing outfit previous to the 1924 assessment and instead of one cow and a pair of steers to which Mr. Gertridge refers, he had a pair of horses and one steer.

Mr. Gertridge says that our taxes have been lowered and would have the people believe that it was due to his assessment, whereas if he had not raised the assessment approximately \$2,000, the decrease would have been much more.

Mr. Gertridge suggests that I look into the assessment of the various wards, but I prefer to leave those other wards to themselves. However, I shall cite one case for comparison in Ward 5. Mr. T. H. Morse, Liberal, has an orchard which Mr. Gertridge assessed for \$750. Mr. A. S. Banks, Conservative, has a meadow that is perhaps worth less than half the value of Mr. Morse's orchard and for which Mr. Banks is assessed \$800. If space would allow I would quote many cases such as the above.

Evidently Mr. Gertridge has been writing from hearsay instead of actual knowledge, and I trust that the above information will be of much value to him in the fulfillment of his duties as County General Assessor.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain

Yours truly,
E. P. Wood.

Mrs. Arthur H. Jones, who has spent the past winter in Quebec with Mr. Jones, returned to Wolfville this week to spend the summer at her old home.

both of Kentville. Mr. Doane Hatfield, graduate in the Department of Expression, '25, entertained the audience with reading "Gadsby's Wedding" (Kipling). On behalf of the Alumnae Association, Miss Dora Baker presented Dr. DeWolfe with an Honorary Life Membership in the society.

CANADA WILL HAVE NEW NATIONAL FLAG

Government Has Appointed Committee to Consider Suitable Design

OTTAWA, June 9.—Falling in line with Australia and New Zealand, Canada is to have a new flag which will be recognized as the flag of the Dominion. The Government has passed an Order-in-Council appointing a committee to consider and report on the most suitable design for a Canadian national flag for use ashore.

A distinctive Canadian flag has so far been authorized for use only by Canadian government owned vessels and by other vessels of Canadian registry. In the former case the flag is the Blue Ensign with the Canadian arms in the fly, while merchant vessels of Canadian registry use the Red Ensign with the Canadian arms in the fly.

Both Australia and New Zealand now use the Blue Ensign with the Southern Cross in the fly as their national flag. New Zealand, it is stated, has had a flag of her own since 1901, while the Australian flag was approved by the Royal Majesty in 1903. At present, under the Order-in-Council passed some years ago, the Red Ensign with the Canadian arms in the fly is flown over the Canadian High Commission offices abroad, as well as other Canadian offices abroad, but the flag has never been as three suggestions. The committee will first be to consider the use of the Red Ensign as Canada's national flag. The second is to use the Union Jack with the Canadian arms in the centre. The third is to adopt an entirely new design.

PROFESSOR APPOINTED AT ACADIA

D. G. Davis, M.A., of Harvard University, has been appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Education in Acadia University. Mr. Davis is a graduate in Arts of Dalhousie University and holds the degree of M.A. from Harvard, at which university he will shortly secure the degree of D.Paed. Mr. Davis is widely known in Nova Scotia as one of its outstanding educationists, having been for a number of years Principal of the Colchester Academy at Truro. During his presidency Colchester Academy won a prestigious second to no similar institution in Maritime Canada. As a man, a teacher, and an administrator, Mr. Davis' gifts are of the highest order.

Mr. Davis has declined several attractive offers from Departments of Education in American universities, one of which was an invitation to reorganize and take over the direction of the Department of Education in a large State University in the Middle West. But his love for Canada and things Canadian, and especially his love for Maritime Canada, has led him back to Nova Scotia.

TOURIST CAMPING GROUND

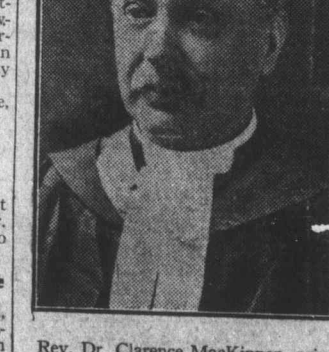
To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Dear Sir,—A resident of Wolfville who is a new-comer to our town made the observation the other day in the hearing of the writer that the sign posted at Wolfville's tourist camping ground should either be removed or conditions in the section surrounding it very much improved. The "slough of despond" that has developed where a former town Council attempted to create an artificial pond is certainly not suggestive of an ideal location for camping. Probably it appears even less attractive to a stranger than it does to our own people. At any rate the newcomer, who is unquestionably zealous for the well being of this town where he has made his home, was not prepossessed by the scene presented at the point in question. Will the Mayor and members of the Council, the President and members of the Board of Trade, as well as citizens generally who take an interest in the affairs of the town, take a stroll down Main street and look the situation over. The prospect is not a pleasing one, but might be made so by a real community effort. In a few weeks the stranger will be within our gates. This is the time for action.

GABRIEL.

ADDRESSED CONFERENCE

One of the most severe electrical storms which ever visited this section occurred in the early hours of this morning. The thunder was incessant and the lightning vivid and were accompanied by a downpour of rain. So far as we have heard no damage was done in this vicinity.



Rev. Dr. Clarence MacKinnon, principal of Pine Hill College, Halifax, who delivered an inspiring address before the first General Council of the United Church in Canada, at Toronto yesterday.

Town Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybodys Tongue

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A Record

Recently a whole carload of Moirs 5c Bars went forward in a single shipment to Toronto. The size of the shipment is remarkable enough by itself but, more astonishing still, it consisted solely of one kind or bar showing how popular this bar must be.

Never has a bar met with such instant success, provoked such an avalanche of orders!

Hitherto the name of this bar