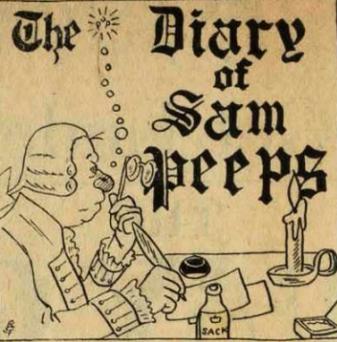


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The Diary of Sam Peeps
Friday, March 9, 1951—Up be- times, and did breckfast on some smoked herrings which my wife did leave from her party of last evening, together with a cup of ginger wine, my sack all having been consumed.
To the wine merchants, where I did order a dozen barrels of sack. Then to stud-lee, and the gentleman's retiring room, where a large group was gathered, discussing the newest fad, twisting.

The Morning After the Night Before



I Guess I Stayed Up Too Late!

The Macdonald's Brier

The Dalhousie Memorial Rink was the scene last week of the Dominion playdowns for Macdonald's Brier Tankard, emblematic of the Curling championship of Canada. The citizens of Halifax and others who came to the city for the occasion were treated to an exhibition of excellent curling. There was perfection in almost every game.

The Nova Scotia team, skipped by Don Oyler, displayed throughout the play an excellence and precision that was a delight to watch and the perfection of which could be appreciated even by one who had never seen curling before.

One of the more satisfying sidelights of the playdowns was the fact that students were admitted free to the bonspiel whenever there was any room for them after the paying customers had all arrived.

Such generosity and courtesy on the part of the operators of such an event is all to infrequent in this day and age and we wish to extend, on behalf of the student body, our sincere thanks to the promoters of the bonspiel.

Our sincerest congratulations go to those forty-four men, the members of the eleven teams who competed in the playdowns. As was stated in the closing ceremonies, there was not one instance of friction or bad feeling between the members of competing teams despite the high tension the players must have been under. This was an example of true sportsmanship that members of our college teams could well emulate.

Munro Day

Munro Day is with us again. Once again the students of Dalhousie are observing in traditional fashion the end of the extra-curricular year.

Munro Day, however, has a much deeper significance than most people realize. If it were not for the generosity of George Munro it is quite possible that Dalhousie University would not be in existence at all.

Over a period of ten years from 1879-1889 this one man alone contributed to Dalhousie a sum amounting to about \$350,000, a tremendous amount of money in any age, but a magnificent fortune in those days.

With this money the University was enabled to carry on through dark days that threatened its very existence. The major portion of the total revenue of the University for many years came from the generous contributions of George Munro.

In 1881 the students of Dalhousie University petitioned the Governors, asking that a special holiday should be set aside each year to be called "The George Munro Memorial Day" in honour of the man's magnificent generosity.

This was granted, and every year since then Munro Day has been celebrated by the students of Dalhousie University. The date of the holiday has been altered from its original observance on the third Wednesday of January to the second Tuesday in March, but the spirit of the holiday has remained the same.

Since its was originally instituted, Munro Day has come to be associated with other benefactors of the college, among them the late Viscount Bennett, who contributed nearly one million dollars to the University.

It is especially fitting that the memory of our benefactors should be perpetuated by an annual holiday, for without their generosity Dalhousie would not be in existence.

One Sneer-o did set himself up as an expert, and explain to the open-mouthed onlookers how the game was played, but I did preceive that the knew less about it than most of them.

Disgusted at such exhibitionism, and attributing it to the recent political battle, I did push my way through the litter on the floor and leave.

To the Stink, where thousands are gathered to witness the playing of the twisting tournaments. Was at a great loss to comprehend the game until I did chance to compare it with tiddlie-winks, and then all became clear. Did notice that a large number of young damsels did evidence great interest in the game, amongst them Him-la Mayn't come and the younger Miss Grunt.

Home again, and more herrings for lunch, which did leave a dry taste in the mouth.

Did return to the Stink, where I did witness more of the twisting. Was ejected, and discovered that one does not throw bottles at the players as at other sports. Disappointed, did spend the evening at home, reading the latest Spectorator and then an interesting little volume "Never Wasber". Did start on "Elbowon Desert", but fell asleep.

Saturday, March 10, 1951—To the Stink early, to watch the twisting. Did approach the office of the Spectorator (Early Edition), but did find my way barred by a line of peopole, all clamouring for special passes from the Editor. Disgusted by such actions, I was glad to hear that the Editor resolutely refused to give out any. Did feel compelled to congratulate him, and left without obtaining a pass. Did then pick up a carton of food and, following "Talky" Rerifle, did pose as a merchant's assistant and enter free of charge.

In the evening did return to the Stink, where Rush and Frontster did throw a stone, and very well too, I did think.

After the presentation of a huge cup to the winners, which I learned to my disappointment was empty, I did wander off to the Pigmy Sty where a small private party in honour of the young damsels of the Ive Eras was in progress. Utterly bored by the dullness of this affair I did not stay long, but did wander off to where the Fidelts were holding a celebration in honour of the Fikies. Did only stay long enough to note Wetty Heavens escorted by Gorgon McShy, and then went home to bed.

Clock Tower, Observation Cupola, Highlight Modern Features of New Arts and Administration Building

The date for the completion of the new Arts and Administration Building on Dalhousie's Studley campus has been tentatively set for the middle of November. The original date for completion of the building was October, in time to hold lectures there at the start of the Fall term. Delays in construction have made this earlier opening date impossible.

The architect, Mr. Geoffrey Marshall, informed the GAZETTE that principal delays to date have been caused by almost continual tardiness in delivery of cut stone which forms the corners, ledges and doorways. This stone, called Wallacestone from the workings in Wallace, N. S., where it is quarried, is sent to Quebec for finishing and then reshipped back here. Wallacestone has been used extensively for building purposes here and in the United States. Much was shipped to New York and used in the brownstone houses of the latter nineteenth century.

The rough exterior stone, called "ironstone" comes from near the North West Arm. It is a variety of slate, hardened by heat and pressure from molten granite which found its way up through fissures in the existing slate. This stone has been used a great deal in Halifax buildings.

Most of the stone required for the building is now on the construction site. On Friday, March 9, the sections of the four massive columns for the facade of the building were unloaded. Practically all the other building materials are contracted for and the builders hope that the Canadian defence program will not cause any shortages to seriously delay the completion of the structure.

Work has now commenced on the erection of the clock tower which will rise to a height of 139 feet. Immediately below the clock there will be an observation cupola which will afford one of the finest views obtainable of the city and of the North West Arm. Work is also proceeding rapidly on the erection of the tile partitions of the rooms and it is hoped that

this work will be completed by the end of March.

The new building will have a number of other features of interest to Dalhousie students. The walls of the main entrance lobby are to be finished in Portland stone. This stone is a type of Woliac limestone and is imported from the Isle of Portland off the coast of England. To the right of the entrance hall there will be a chapel, finished with a marble base and oak panelling above. On the opposite side of the entrance lobby in the new senate chamber, the walls of which will be oak panelling extending to the ceiling. The President's office, Alumni office, administration offices and the women's common room will also be found on the first floor. The second and third floors will house faculty offices and lecture and seminar rooms. There will be class rooms, store rooms, and a men's common room in the basement. An elevator will connect all floors. Steam heat will be supplied from the heating plant in the Science Building.

The completion of this building at an estimated cost of one and one-half million dollars will mean another step in the expansion and consolidation of the Dalhousie teaching plant and facilities. All administration will be centered in the one building and added office and lecture space will relieve present inadequate accommodations. Once the present "Arts" Building is vacated, it will be renovated and remodelled to house the Law faculty. Temporary partitions on the second floor will be removed and the law library will occupy the whole of that floor. Additional offices will be constructed on the first floor.

The transfer of the Law faculty to Studley campus will leave only the Medical and Dental schools at Forrest campus.

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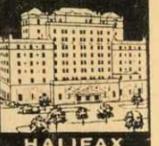
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