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Editorial

A certain religious group currently being persecuted in the province of Quebec has sent us a copy of Bill 38 which is now before the Quebec Legislature. If you have not heard about this Bill or know nothing of its contents it would pay you, if you are at all interested in seeing how the freedom of a nation is gradually taken away, to read over Bill 38.

Of course it is not likely that anything could ever prevent such a Bill being passed, certainly not the Federal Government at any rate, therefore it is worth considering how citizens are ever going to be able to maintain freedom in the face of such actions on the part of a certain province and in the face of Federal nonchalance.

Quebec is already notorious for its Padlock Law and its Margarine regulations and its previous persecutions of minority religious sects but this latest Bill seems to defy even the most basic of human rights, the right to free expression in religious matters.

It is perhaps rather ironical that religious intolerance should exist in Quebec when one considers that religious freedom was a stipulation written into the BNA Act in order to protect the religious beliefs of that province. It leaves one to wonder if it might not have been wiser to have expelled the Quebecois many years ago as they did the Acadians, for if they had it is not likely that the integrity of Canada as a nation and a free democracy would be debased as it is being debased at present in Quebec.

If Canadians respect the greatness of Canada then they should not let such a base action as Bill 38 ever see the light of day.

Campus Rambler

A ramble to the gym last Wednesday night produced results of the first order. The Rambler retracts the statement in the last Gazette, the show may have been a bit damp in places, but on the whole Messrs. Night and Rind deserve a wee pat on the dorsal. That skit between the acts was a definite riot. To learn the words should be a must for every Dal student. (Confidentially what we're interested in is—Who's going to tape the "rap" for this; the four Deans, or Mr. FooGoo, the mastermind of it all?) We also hope that the WUSC and the Ice Mice are happy. They must have made enough money to send a couple of people to India this time, to say nothing at all of building a new rink.

The beauty salons have been jammed for the past couple of days and from we hear, business has just begun. What's the big occasion? Why Sadie Hawkins' Week is just around the corner and all the males on the campus are sprucing up for the big event. Why do you know that one of the engineers has gone so far as to start wearing a tie around to classes! For those of you who aren't clued up on such affairs, Sadie Hawkins' Week is the week when—instead of the boys taking their femmes to the canteen for coffee, the girls take the men out to the Lord Nelson for dinner and an evening of entertainment (Dreamer!) Hit 'em for all they've got, fellas, you won't have another chance for a long while!

Still on the subject of male and female, — it's too bad that our social system here at Dal does not have a place for the female "stagnation". It is not uncommon for us to hear girls complaining about the lack of "get up and go" in the boys at Dal, if this is so, why can't the girls meet them halfway. There is all too frequently an excess of males at the gym dances—this can be remedied, girls. It's a good way to meet people, and it is sometimes more enjoyable than being "stuck" with the same person all evening. (Although this statement may invoke the ire of the misty-eyed, it bears a strong element of truth.)

Fainting was the fashion last week, as the annual Blood Drive hit the campus. It was not restricted to any one faculty, but for our money the engineers won hands down — while rambling through the clinic we witnessed one execute the most beautiful flakeout that we have seen for many an eon. Not mentioning any names, of course, we'll just call him Smith.

Poor Mr. Klew T. Itch! After reading his column entitled "The Perpetual Problem", the Campus Rambler feels a mite sorry for the lad. No doubt he was frustrated at an early age (perhaps not so early at that) and now he's trying to launch a one-man crusade to prevent anyone else from enjoying (or partaking of) what he apparently is incapable of enjoying.

A. M. O.

Rare Entries

Three rare editions of an early Halifax almanac, Printer Anthony Henry's German version of his Nova Scotia Calendar, have come to light at the library of Dalhousie University. Prior to the discovery of these volumes for 1794, 1798, and 1801, only two copies were known to exist in North America: the 1788 edition in the Parliamentary Library at Ottawa and the 1791 edition in the Library of Congress, Washington.

The almanacs are in book form and entirely in German. Henry printed them in Halifax at his office "in der Sackville-Strasse." "Der Neuschottlandische Calen-

dar" was first printed in 1787 and in each successive year until his death in 1800, when the almanac for 1801 appeared.

According to Douglas Lockhead, University Librarian, these examples of early Nova Scotian printing were discovered in some uncatalogued material which forms a part of the University's J. J. Stewart Canadiana Collection.

It is hoped to microfilm the newly-found calendars, and to include them in a public display of almanacs at the Dalhousie University Library in June, in time for the forthcoming Canadian Library Association Convention.

Choose

Nothing. And to this nothing came a light, silver, clear, And in it a man standing unashamed and brave. He was the new world, the beginning of life on earth; And he must choose carefully his companions. From the darkness there appeared unto him souls, Varied in form and style: the birds of the air, The fish of the sea, animals; men, women and children . . . He must choose. But how was he to know? There was no judge to advise, no friend to assist; And he could remember nothing, absolute nothing.

Then from the void around him came a voice; He fell to his knees in adoration, for he remembered the voice. "Choose, and do my will on earth." It echoed in the emptiness, And he understood the task that was his to perform.

Man had destroyed himself and this was his second chance. "I will choose," he replied, "for Thou art my God." As figures passed before him in their brief moment of light, They begged him to take them to earth.

But when all the souls of creation had gone by his wondering eyes, He had not taken one, for none was perfect.

"Why have you not chosen?" resounded the voice through limitless space and time.

"Because none was fit to do Thy will," came the answer. And the light disappeared. Man had lost his chance; And nothing remained.

—Alan MacGregor.



Don Warner is shown talking to Walter Bergman after Don played the song "The Black and Gold" which was written by Mr. Bergman and played at the Commerce Dance last Friday.

THE KING'S COLUMN

COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

It's time for somebody to call a halt! The ineptness of the proofreading for the Dalhousie Gazette is beyond belief. Of course I am most concerned about the King's Column, but horrible mistakes are not confined to it by any means. Just to take a few examples from last week's column, "all four boys eagerly await the chance to show their strength again" meaning, of course, "bays." Consider the fact that the word is "Bays" this not only gives the impression that there is no spirit at King's, (which is utterly untrue, since nearly all the bays have had enough turn-out for two or three teams at once) but is a mistake in the ratio of 30-1. The Connolly shield play, as "High Widow" not only gives the impression that the Choral and Dramatic Society is taking advantage of alcoholic widows, who are unfortunate enough anyway, but is a grave error—"High Windows" are the theme of the play. A few more choice malapropisms in print: Len Gale debating with Grahan Paing, (Len Galey can hardly be called a big wind with fairness, and Grahan Laing doubtless felt a pang only when he saw the column.) Others? To be sure—the "Accentric" Emily Wintrop (Winthrop): winner on a 'spit' decision. After getting this far, the reader may well suspect that I am being unduly critical. I am much more interested in clearing up the mistakes than in complaining about them. Why can't the editor give out galley proofs in separate pages to the members of the Gazette staff, and get the paper checked in this way 2 or 3 times by handing out 2 or 3 copies among them; then give the corrected copies to the existing proof-readers to be on a master sheet, which would go to the printers as usual? How about it?

Dalhousie sports reporting in the Gazette can only be described in one way; biased. Last week Dalhousie beat the King's basketball team. It would hardly be fair to criticize the Gazette for giving the story a 28 square inch spread, but why was it

necessary for the title to be in the tallest print on the page, (excepting the Sports headline) with a two-line title, on a contrasting type-face, on the side that is first looked at?

Compare this with the account of the exhibition games at the first of the year, when King's won, 8 square inches at a maximum, when there was little news to fill the Gazette. And then to try and wiggle out of defeat by saying that coach King's objective was only to pick a team, not to beat King's. The basketball team might even bear this gracefully, were it not for the fact that the article contained the usual mistakes, unwarranted statements and awkward sentences. Fred Nicholson left out of the line-up, Dixie Walker's 12 points in the article listed as 10 in score. The final blow is learning that Dal made over 60% of their field goals.

Thus beating the New York Knickerbockers by 15% or 20%. This is toned down to 50% or 55% in the score. King's suffers as much as anyone in this sort of reporting, but remember the huge "Beat Stad" spreads before . . . This is criticism, period.

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Last week the Student Council at King's sponsored their second formal dance of the year, and one of the most successful so far. Dancing to the music of Dexter Kaulbach and his orchestra were nearly fifty couples, who well filled the Haliburton Room. Thanks go to the chaperones, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Malone, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Clarkson, and to the dance committee, who did an excellent job, Hilroy Nathanson, Dave Walker, Len Galey and Jim Howe.

Inter-bay basketball goes on. The respective teams are beginning to show how they rate in the league. Scores are as follows:

Chapel Bay has won two games, lost none and leads with a score of four. Middle Bay and North Pole Bay are neck and neck, having won one, lost two; their score is two. Radical Bay is in the cellar with two games lost; its score is zero. This Monday night inter-bay hockey be-

Letter to The Editor

In reference to "The Perpetual Problem" by Kenneth Kalutish, appearing in Dal Gazette January 15, 1954.

Dear Mr. Kalutish: Just where do you get all your ideas about petting. Your little column does a great deal to cheapen real love and the expression of it through human affections. Undoubtedly you have not felt but what you would call the baser emotions of love. How would you express your real love for a girl? The term necking etc, are not nice words. If you really loved someone you would not like to hear them used for they are too cheap for the expression of such a beautiful emotion.

What greater thing distinguishes man from the lower animals? The fact that he is capable of human love—a sacred bond between two people of mutual admiration, common interests and above all common ideals. I am sure that even the youngest of our Dal students has some such philosophy on love. You cheapen all ideas that they have ever held by supposing that most of the affections on the Campus are stirred up by pure physical attraction or the need of self assurance. I do not think that Dalhousie is such a "Sink of Iniquity." Some people still have ideals of love and it must be hard on the fellows and girls

who are going steady to have such words as "necking" and "bundling" tagged to their relationship.

In this day and age when boys and girls fully realize that one needs more than physical attraction for any permanent relationship and since most people want secure relationships it is hard to imagine more than a mere handful of people coming to college and indulging in such surface affections without having any higher emotions. With these higher emotions and ideals love is no longer a surface affection; indeed it is not love until it is more.

Why should a fellow or girl not show affection toward each other in public? They just can't act as distant friends being polite to each other because love for another person is shown in all phases of life (it becomes a part of ones life) and not just kept for lonely lanes and dark rooms where you seem to have put it. No, we still have our ideals. You seem to be underestimating them. I can't imagine more than a very low percentage of free and easy people on this campus. It is hard to lose one's faith in the morals of the modern age, and I do hope that your article has not contributed toward this.

Very sincerely, —P.M.

gan at the Dalhousie Rink, from ten to eleven.

King's came up with a grand old sport, curling, last weekend. Having challenged Colchester County Academy to a bonspiel, the curlers turned up with a tying score in their first game this winter, against CCA, who have been Provincial Senior High Curling champs, or runners-up, for the last four years.

Bob Winters (a former C.C.A. curler) was skip, Dave Walker lead, John Phillips second, and Ian MacKenzie mate. The game was played on the provincial rink at Truro. King's won five out of eight ends, but CCA came up with a fourth end to tie the score at 7-7 for the match.

The Lord Nelson dart league is another scene of activity for less strenuous sportsmen. King's playing against Phi Kappa Pi, Princess Louise Fusiliers, Ivanhoe, Army eighteen and Tech, has one, and lost two games.

The choral singers of the Dramatic and Choral society have been asked to perform music from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in Sussex, Moncton and Saint John, New Brunswick, as well as in Halifax.

The King's basketball team played Stadacona last Saturday, but lost a close game which was fought to the end.

The student body which met shortly before the last Gazette went to press, considered a proposal originally the brain-child of Al O'Brian. Bill Hill moved that a Public Relations Committee be set up, so as to present the work and achievements of the College and its standard to the public, under the following conditions:

The Chairman of the PRPCP would be elected at the first meeting of the student body for the college year; he would assume all responsibility as to content and coverage of activities to be printed in the Dalhousie Gazette, the Halifax Mail-Star, the Halifax Chronicle Herald and any other publications. He would be required to keep copies of all items printed, to submit copies of all items for which payments

are received, to the publishers, and to collect any payment due for same and for printed pictures; to keep accounts of payments received and expenses incurred. These would be subject to audit at the end of the college year. He would also have to have expenditures ratified by the Student Council.

It was amended that the financial duties be assigned to a separate treasurer, elected in the same manner, since the work outlined was far too much for one person.

Membership in the PRC would consist of the secretaries of all student organizations, including the secretaries of both men's and women's student bodies, a Dalhousie committee reporter, and the chairman of each dance committee. Members would be required to submit in writing to the

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

At Dalhousie - Acadia Hockey game a week ago Saturday many students supported their team, but their disappointment of not having cheerleaders in attendance was expressed by both the team and their loyal supporters.

I, as a member of the student body, would like to know where our cheerleaders are? The President of the Students Council informed me that it was a precedent at Dal that the cheerleaders just appear at football games. Precedents have been broken in the past. Need they be so rigid at Dalhousie?

One of the cheerleaders has been overheard saying that the Dal supporters only cheer when their team is winning. I attended all the football games and I was very disappointed when the cheerleaders didn't have yells when their team was losing.

Cheerleaders are needed at both Inter-Collegiate hockey and basketball games. Can't we find at least five on our campus?

Yours sincerely, —A Loyal Supporter.

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