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DALHOUSIE AND CANADA

"Dalhousie is turning out men who are focussing the attention of the country on the Maritimes." The people of Canada now look down this way for the brains and the men to carry on the affairs of this country."

These words were uttered by a prominent Liberal M. P. a few weeks ago at a large meeting. They are a tribute to the Maritimes and to Dalhousie in surpassing so many difficulties in making a good education available to the youth of these provinces.

As well, however, they remind us of the failure of the Maritimes to supply an institution sufficiently advanced to provide all the facilities necessary for those who seek an education here.

In the Maritimes there are about fourteen degree granting colleges who compete in the same fields without any advance in any, and without any great standing in any. Were the resources of these colleges gathered together in one place, or were their efforts co-ordinated so that each could specialize in one field or another and achieve some degree of excellence in that field, then there might be some excuse for their existence. Otherwise, we have the spectacle of Maritime youth enjoying fourteen B. A.'s and very little more, except at Dalhousie.

PUBLICITY

The work of the Publicity Department has amply proved its worth since its inception a year and a half ago. This has been largely due to the work of the directors, who have devoted far more time and energy to the job than is generally expected from any student.

Last week Mr. Jack Boudreau found it necessary to resign from the position due to pressure of work. Those of us who have been here for a few years remember Mr. Boudreau as a familiar figure at every function, in many positions and as an unlucky if almost successful candidate for the Presidency of the Students' Council.

His work on the Publicity organization will be the last job in a long series of jobs which he has successfully held down for the benefit of Dalhousie students. It is very seldom that the Gazette finds space to comment on the service of any individual student, but in Mr. Boudreau the students had a source of unfailing energy and an example of devoted service which is not often seen at Dalhousie.

Letters To The Editors

October 25, 1948

The Editor
Dalhousie Gazette

Dear Sir:
Please let me take advantage of your columns to bring home to the students the Sodales Public Speaking programme for the year and its importance to them.

This year, in order to fulfill a long felt need in Dalhousie, the executive of Sodales is providing a course in public speaking. A substantial amount of money is being spent to obtain instructors of the highest calibre, and to provide a course that will prove to be worthwhile to those interested in improving their platform manner.

There will be four lectures before Christmas, the schedule of which has been posted. Six more will be held in the second term.

The value of these lectures to the students and the need they are filling in college life cannot be stressed too strongly. Every college graduate should be able to appear on a platform and express himself.

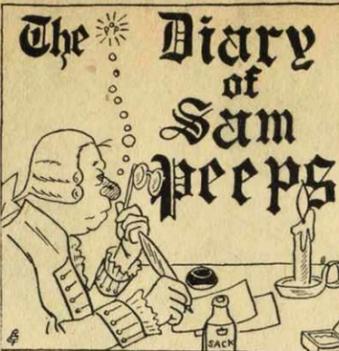
It is hoped by the Sodales executive that a large number of students will take advantage of these lectures.

Yours very truly,
Neil McKelvey
President of Sodales

Dear Sir,

In an Editorial of the Gazette dated Oct. 5th mention is made of the Dalhousie Progressive Conservative Club being represented at the National Convention in Ottawa. I should like to inform your readers that the Dalhousie Liberal Club was well represented at the National Liberal Convention which was held in August. The Club had three delegates and three alternates in attendance. Those attending were the Writer, Neil McKelvey, William Mingo, Harry Rhude, Douglas Robertson, and George Hawking. While at the Convention our Club was represented on different committees, namely, the Writer on the Resolutions Committee, and Neil McKelvey on the Political Organization Committee and other members filled other responsible positions.

I might add that these delegates from Dalhousie also attended the Canadian University Liberal Federation Convention which preceded the National Convention. These delegates served on the following committees, the Writer on the Constitutional committee, Wm. Mingo on Social and Economic, Neil McKelvey on Organization, Douglas Robertson on Entertainment and Reception, and Harry Rhude on



Wednesday, Oct. 26—Up betimes and to the Gym Inn, where sat over a bowl with friends. Did hear from D. Auto that the protest to the Privy Council over the foul tactics of the Appleknockers of Arcadia goes before the body tomorrow. Did see Sandy Kenty, who tells me that these same Appleknockers did pour sand into his carriage, whereat the carriage was spoiled for the journey, and he is put to great expense to have the same repaired. Verily, these Appleknockers seem to be a foul crew, and I do ever hear that their superiors encourage them in their boorish conduct.

I to Cheapside for some ale, where I did hear a madman rant about the hypocrisy in high places. Much incensed, I summoned the beagle — how is it when rogues shall rave against their betters? Also met B. Walsoon, he of the scholars who have adopted the new colonial style of play, ignoring the fine old British way. He much aroused over the laxness of one Bonehead, who seems to be their commander, and who failed to summon them to council against the Wonderers, whereat many fear that the Wonderers or the Sailors will defeat them. There is, then, hope for the old way; for if these players of the colonial game grow careless and ignore their councils, then they will assuredly lose their jousts, and be no more.

Thurs., Oct. 27—Awoke late due to sleeplessness over cats without my window, and to Whitefryars for my singing lesson with Monsieur Battox. Did see McBrewgal there, who hath a portrayal of a mouse, and a mousetrap, and some cheese, which is very cunning. Did hear that the Spectator (early edition) hath refused to reproduce it for fear of the Chamberlain. In accord with this, as it is nasty, though very cunning.

Into the Seacow Inn for a bowl, where I did hear that the players, lately returned from the provinces, are devising ways of obtaining decorations from the Parliament. On presentation of theatre stubs they expect to be awarded medals of merit; hear the Spectator (early edition) much incensed over this.

While there did also see Harris McBagpipe the students at Law, who did tell me that his men were roundly trounced by the men of Letters in a joust. The men of Letters did smite hard upon the men of Law, whereat the latter, being unused to such treatment, were unseated as challengers of all comers. He did also tell me many things of interest of the Law, how a student may by learning the Statute De Donis Paludibus refute his teacher on all points. Disbelieving, I home and to supper.

There did call on me tonight one Hoggins, of the Medical Works, who did seek to enlist my support against those who defame his group, which does good works for the benefit of all. He did inform me, in ringing tones, that he desired this stamped out. I, being weary, replied that it was a matter for the Parliament, at which Hoggins became incensed, and replied that the Parliament were worthless. I, shocked at such treason, did hear him no more, but retired.

Tomorrow is the joust with the Wonderers, whereat we shall see whether the colonial game will supplant the fine old style or no.

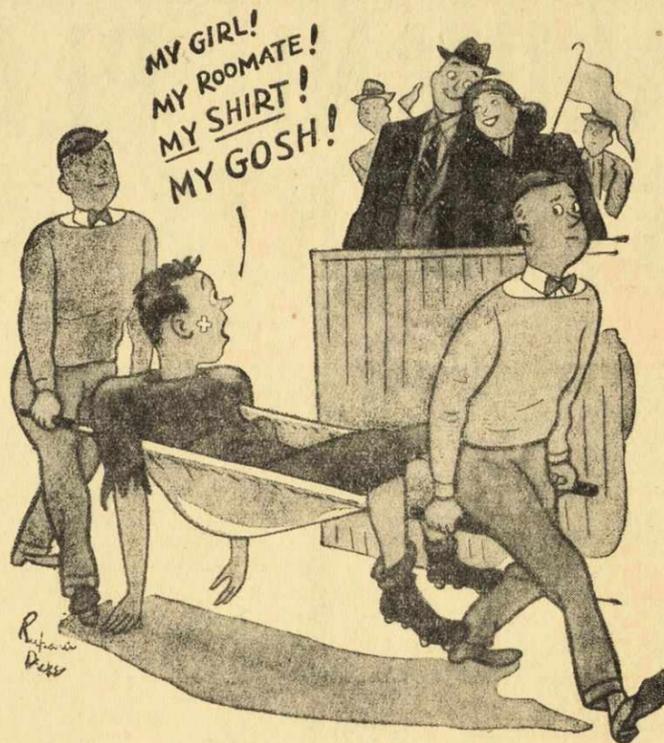
Constitutional and International.
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