

## Special Student Railway Fares Available to Students Travelling Over the Holidays

With the threat of exams hanging heavy over all heads, the Christmas vacation perhaps seems far away, nevertheless it is coming, bringing for many Dalhousieites a long journey home. These itinerant students among us might do well to remember that NFCUS (the National Federation of Canadian University Students), whose aim is to promote a greater degree of cooperation between all Canadian Universities for the promotion of National interests) has arranged a T/3 train fare reduction for homeward bound collegians.

This special rate has been in ef-

fect since 1932, following several years' efforts to obtain the concession.

The reduced fare has been a real boon to students, making it a good deal less expensive to travel home, particularly for those who have a really long distance to their "native heath." For some indeed, it has made the all important difference of being able to go home for Christmas.

When you are buying your train ticket home, remember you're a student, as such entitled to the special rate which applies to both railway companies.

## Candlelight

Candles gleam silently  
Lighting the faces  
Upturned in the gloom.

Music rolls softly  
Over the chords  
That are white in the room.

Remembrance of candles under cover,  
Light is a fear.  
Music familiar, forbidden  
Is strange to the ear.

Voices rise sweetly and clear  
Unaware  
Of difference or darkness.  
Voices rise sweetly and clear  
Transcending the gloom.

## Dalhousie Christmas Cards at Bookstore

Dalhousie Christmas cards have gone on sale again in the Bookstore at 1.80 and 1.40 a dozen.

Following the custom of previous years two effective designs are available. One of stiff paper bears the Dalhousie crest in gilt on the outside with a picture of the campus and an appropriate Christmas verse enclosed. The other, of simpler design, bears the gilt crest also, with a greeting inside.

The Bookstore is the only place in the city where the cards may be obtained and since supplies are limited it is advisable to buy them soon.

# OFFICERS NEEDED

During the twelve months ending July 30, Canada's regular Armed Forces — Navy, Army and Air Force — increased from 46,886 to 81,727, or about 75 percent.

The requirement for officers has correspondingly increased. This requirement is met in three ways:

- 1 The Canadian Services Colleges at RMC, Kingston and Royal Roads, B.C.
- 2 Short Service or permanent commissions for men directly from civilian life or from the ranks who have the necessary physical qualifications and junior matriculation or equivalent;
- 3 The university training plans.

In the university there is the University Naval Training Division (UNTD) for the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Officers Training Corps (COTC) for the Army, and the Reserve University Flights (RUF) for the RCAF.

Last year, in twenty-seven Canadian universities and colleges a total of 3,980 undergraduates were members of these units. This year, to match the expansion in the Armed Forces, still more university men are needed to take these courses and qualify as regular or reserve officers.

All undergraduates taking advantage of these officer training facilities receive pay for time spent in training, including full time employment with the pay of a Second Lieutenant for three or four months each summer. Undergraduates in their final year who are accepted for the regular forces can be commissioned with full pay and allowances of their rank and remain at the university to complete their year. On obtaining their degree, they will continue in the service without interruption. The cost of tuition and books for the final year will be paid by the service.

Today the threat of aggression has led Canada and the other free nations to build up the strength necessary to prevent aggression and preserve peace. Modern defence activities, new weapons, require special qualities of leadership and the kind of knowledge and skills which university men can provide.

You, as an undergraduate, can play your part in national defence while at the university by adding to your other qualifications the knowledge and experience needed in an officer. You can play your part in preserving freedom by preparing yourself to defend your country should the need arise.

*Brooke Houston*  
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

For complete information apply to any of the following, who are on your campus:

## NAVY

Lt.-Cr. H. D. Smith, RCN (R)  
Commanding Officer, UNTD

## ARMY

Major G. T. Kirk  
R.C.E.M.E.

## AIR FORCE

F/L. Crane  
R.C.A.F. University Liaison Officer