

Why Beards?

Beard growing contest to be held at Dal. What unthinking person proposed such an idea? Have you any idea what such a contest can do to the efficient organization of this campus?

Many years ago in the time of Cricket McGosh such a contest was started. It all seemed a harmless prank until the second or third week's growth of beard appeared on many of the male members of the student body. A few of the more prominent people realized that all this tom-foolery was coming to a head and it would have to be stopped. But first let me tell you why the contest was discontinued.

Lectures totally disrupted ing but let someone answer it."

The lectures had been running smoothly until the stubble on the lower chin of the male members of the class partly obscured their faces and began to grow downward. The scene in a lecture room was one of utter confusion.

"Mr. Jones, what is the fallacy in this conclusion?"

"Me sir?"

"No! You over there with the curly moustache."

"You mean me sir?"

"No. Two seats along in the row behind you."

"You mean me, sir?"

"I don't know what his name is. These beards are too conceal-

Silence.

"How about you I am pointing at? Answer the question and tell me your name."

"I'm Strong sir. I don't know"

"How about you Mr.... ah... Williams or is it Roberts?"

Silence.

"Forget the question. We will go on with the lecture."

Girls become wary

The girls at the Hall had become very wary about going out with one of these monstrosities. How were they to tell whether



they were going out with the boy who had made the date or another one? For a while there was a rush of these bearded wonders to the Hall and so many of them appeared to take out other fellows' girls that all girls were forbidden to go out with a Dal man. Since Dal had left off, all the other colleges took over and when the contest was finished and the shrubbery shorn off the Dalhousians didn't have a chance. There was a great consternation but since the exams were coming up it soon quietened down and all was forgotten until the next year.

that the beards were a result of the recent Communist Campaign and the newspapers came out with violent head-lines telling of the Red Peril and the menace of the University to the peace as a war was expected on the campus any day. All the anti-Communist parties in the Government sent representatives up to try and persuade the students to keep away from the nasty "commies". Congratulations were pouring in from the CCF and Labor Progressives on their triumph in the Maritimes. The University was in a sad state when Munroe Day arrived and all celebrations were dulled by the fact that the beards were so long that they prevented the consumption of any refreshing beverages. Munroe Day was a flop and even the winner of the contest had little pleasure in having his month's stubble shorn from its moorings

Since all this has happened the contests of beard growing have been banned but here again we see this ugly monster rearing its head on Studley. What will happen—only time can tell. Take my warning and keep away from this vile and filthy practice. By the way, can you tell me where I can buy a bottle of hair grower that works fast?

Many meals missed

The Men's Residence, with a cafeteria usually serving staples such as stew and sauerkraut, had to cook up batches of soup and other liquids for the bearded barbarians. The food would get stuck in the beards and of course never come out owing to its colligative properties (See Chem 1 notes) Many of the patrons were buying moustache cups and a rack was installed for the purpose of storing them. Hence the cafeteria took on the aspect of a barbershop of the early 1900's.

City fathers alarmed

The City of Halifax feared

Co-Ed News And Views

To begin with, about that Edgehill basketball game — the teams had a wonderful trip, and won both games. Nice going, kids.

Shirreff Hall seems to be just full of animals lately. Last Thursday, as everyone was peacefully eating dinner, a big black cocker spaniel bounded into the dining room, took a quick inventory of the place, and settled down in the middle of the floor. About two minutes later, a cat that's been wandering around came in... It took Margie over half an hour to get them both out. Oh well, excitement makes life interesting, they say.

The boner of the week was pulled by Issie Russell, who, when asked by Pete to get the **Biology of the Frog** at the library, innocently asked the librarian for "the Biography of the Frog." P.S.: Afterwards, she wanted to know who could possibly have written it.

The Wentworth ski trip was a big success, but... the kids miscalculated the train schedule and sat around Truro for five hours, not getting in till 3.00 A.M. It was fun while it lasted.

Three cheers for the boys at Phi Rho! Has everyone seen those lovely silver bracelets with the flat crest that were given as favours at their party? If not, look around, and turn green with envy at the gals who are sporting them.

This was mentioned before, but anyway, get out your Students Directories (incidentally, have you gone through one from A to Z?)...Sadie Hawkin's week is next!!!

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NOTICE TO SOCIETIES

For all Societies desiring the usual Gazette supplements the dead line for arrangements will be February the fourteenth (14) This deadline will positively not be extended. The heads of the Societies or officers whose responsibility the supplement is, should contact the Editor in Chief before this date and make the appropriate arrangements. We repeat, this deadline will not be extended.

Book Review

Who Owns Canada? by Watt Hugh McCollum
Woodsworth House Publishers. 50c.

This short book provides a wealth of material concerning Canada's largest corporations and the people behind them. It attempts to show that the 50 'big shots', so called, are the real rulers of the country. These people are named and their connection with the various financial and industrial corporations outlined. Between them they hold 769 directorates in various public corporations with assets totalling over 15 billion dollars. Over 75% of the total gross assets are all Canadian corporations. Such companies as T. Eaton Ltd., whose shares are not on the open market, and wholly owned subsidiaries of American companies, such as Swift Canadian Ltd. are not included.

The book then proceeds to particularize, and the figures given show that the 183 directors of the 10 Canadian chartered banks are members of the boards of directors of companies which account for 92% of the gross assets of all Canadian trust, loan and investment companies, 89% of all Canadian life insurance companies and 82% of all Canadian fire and general insurance companies. The bank directors seem to loom large in the various industrial enterprises as well. The corporate set-up and directorship of all the various branches of industry are enumerated, with particular emphasis always being put on the tremendous control held by a small number of individuals over the economy of the country. A regional control of power is seen in so far as 27 of the 50 'big shots' are residents of Montreal, while Halifax has to 'content' itself with 2, Mr. G. MacGregor Mitchell and Mr. J. MacGregor Stewart. However, Mr. Stewart ranks second in the country in the number of directorships held, his total being 35 and topped only by Mr. Arthur Cross, who is a director of 38 corporations.

A chapter is devoted to combines, monopolies and various other devices that tend to make a mockery of private enterprise. In conclusion a frank plea is made to the reader to work for the abolition of the capitalistic system. The author points out that he is not concerned with how good or how evil the big shots are. He maintains that a system that can breed such inequalities cannot be patched up and he looks for a co-operative commonwealth in which economic democracy will take its place beside political democracy.

There is bound to be a large degree of oversimplification in such a short book as this, when one considers the tremendous scope of the author's undertaking. For instance, although the 50 'big shots' do have a potential control over a huge amount of wealth it does not follow that they are necessarily the wealthiest men in Canada. Again, the author fails to point out that, to a large extent, corporation policy is determined by the management, and the directors merely give 'rubber stamp' approval. Nevertheless, the truth of the matter is that these directors, so long as they hold office, have potential control over the lives of millions of Canadians, and are answerable only to other interested stockholders. Virtually all the statistics used in this book are taken from the Financial Post and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, while some of the information has been gathered from various Royal Commission enquiries and combined investigations. Therefore, there is fairly good reason to suppose that the information is accurate.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:—Copies of this book can be bought from Gordon Black, Helen Powell or Vince Morrison, who can be contacted through the Gazette if necessary.