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## No Time Now . . .

The Red 'n Black revue celebrated its tenth anniversary last week with three competent performances. The presentation was good, the acts imaginative, and the satire . . . biting. All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable two hours.

There is one thing about the Red 'n Black Revue, however, that has always struck us as preposterous—the date for the production. It should be obvious to any reasonably wide awake student that extracurricular activities after Christmas are, to say the least, numerous. There are debating finals, athletic championships, the Winter Carnival, Engineering Week, Co-ed Week, Founders Day, and the Con, to mention the most obvious. All these take place in the space of just two months. Would it not be more realistic to schedule the Revue for late in the Fall Term, for example. Not only would it lessen the congestion in the Spring Term, but it would be more comfortable for those students who may wish to study for finals.

As far as we can see, this change would not involve any further complications. The students who normally participate would be just as anxious to work in the Fall as well as in the Spring. It would also allow the Red 'n Black to go on tour, if they so desired. In addition, it would round out the first term and fill that vacuum that always occurs between the Fall Formal and Christmas Break.

The acts could use Christmas themes . . . some of the acts might even be used in the Winter Carnival. In fact this last item is an excellent idea in itself, although it would be somewhat difficult to do it now.

The Spring term is too crowded, too near the final exams, and too exhausting for some of us. It would be a good idea if the directors of next year's show gave serious thought to this proposal.

## No Party — Now

It has come to our attention that the Red 'n Black Revue wound up this year without its annual party. It is hard to imagine, yet undoubtedly that was the case.

A few years ago, the annual celebration was jeopardized through rowdy and disorderly conduct. However, in the past three years, no such action has characterized it. But then, this was not the reason for this cancellation.

It seems that the new Liquor Commissioner, a Mr. Dougherty, informed the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel that there was to be no party. He then followed this up with a similar ultimatum to the administration, with the added proviso that no gathering whatever was to take place unless in a private home.

We must state that we are disappointed with this action. It is just another example of the ridiculousness of the present Liquor Laws. It is indeed a sad state of affairs when a government official can interfere with the private life of Canadian citizens, to the extent of forbidding parties. Further, we understand that the Board Chairman has virtually unlimited power in this and similar matters. We hope Mr. Dougherty will correct us if we are wrong.

Could it be that the recent campaign carried on by a local paper has proved embarrassing to the government, and they are attempting to correct the blatant examples of lawlessness that exist even in the present administration of alcoholic beverages? Could it be perhaps that the Flemming government does not want to take a realistic stand on the question, but instead intends to plunge us further into an archaic state of prohibition? We hope not.

In this instance, Mr. Dougherty explained that he did not want any beverage sold to minors. All well and good. That is the law. But what about the rest of the students concerned. Why this sud-

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## MUFFINS AND TEA



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den decision to cancel the party. Why weren't the officials advised earlier? We would like to know. So would a lot of other people.

## Bright Outlook For Canadian Future —

We received a little booklet the other day entitled "Canada's Economic Prospects", published as a preview of an article by Dr. W. A. Mackintosh, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Queens University, to appear in the Canadian Chartered Accountant. We risk the wrath of the engineers by publishing heretowith excerpts and our comments.

Dr. Mackintosh points out at the beginning of the article that the Gordon Commission did a commendable job in their recent survey. The author suggests however, that it has the danger of preventing the public from grasping a complete understanding of the problem. This very same thing is pointed out by the commission, incidently. Dr. MacKintosh continues with a resume of the important parts of the report, or the dynamic factors of growth as he terms them.

The commission discovered that although the energy necessary for future expansion will be much larger, no great reliance will be placed on Atomic Power. Expense and efficiency are cited as reasons for this. Another important consideration is the position of the metal industry in the country and the expected increase in population.

Speaking of the effects of expansion, Dr. Mackintosh states: "Our forest industries seem to be up to the average rate of expansion and the commission shows no concern for the sources of supply. Along with resources

cede relatively and be less than half as important in 1980. It will become more and more dependant on the home market and shift towards livestock products. It will, by increased mechanization and scientific farming, increase its product while continuing to contract its manpower.

The uneven effects of the expansion will be shown regionally, particularly in the Atlantic Provinces where hitherto resources have been limited and the great ports have had no hinterland adequate for their development. Though this is by no means the only area which may lag, it is apparently in the commissions view the most important of such areas, and a good deal of space has been devoted to making tentative suggestions concerning its likely "problems."

"As far as we can judge, these forecasts are made systematically and competently. The commission wisely cautions us against placing too much reliance upon them. The only thing that can be said with certainty about such forecasts is that evidence will prove them wrong, or at least in part. Forecasts are useful and necessary as surveys of the future. They are made, however, only in the light of existing knowledge and understanding. Policies must always provide for evidence which is not yet available. More specifically, policy must provide for action or scope for action in the event that forecasts turn out to be wrong. Some are sure to be wrong, not because evidence has been ignored, but because the evidence of the future is not yet known.

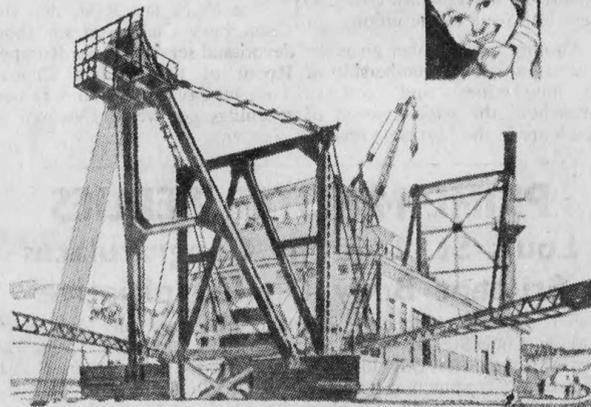
The real purpose of the preliminary report is to explain certain considerations of policy which have been brought to the commission's attention in the course of its work and about which it has felt prepared to make recommendations or suggestions.

About the problems of the future, Dr. Mackintosh has this to say:

"Broadly speaking the commission has been deeply concerned that the expansion of our economy should be a Canadian ex-

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- to carry a child's voice...



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