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## CLASSROOM CRISIS

The U.S. Association of American College Presidents displayed some concern last week over the state into which U.S. education had fallen. College Presidents were becoming high-pressure salesmen who scurried round the country "seeking the company of rich widows." To attract endowments, Universities concentrated on buildings, "large, spacious, attractive buildings. . . . The ethics of the counting house" were replacing "the higher standards once common in education."

Universities were short of money; they were being forced to compete for contributions and students like hawkers displaying their wares. The remedy, concluded the Association, was federal grants.

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The same thing seems to be even truer of Canada, especially in the Maritimes, underpopulated and well-supplied with institutions of higher learning. There are too many Universities, not enough money and not enough students. In the Maritimes we haven't even a University which can supply post-graduate fields in Arts and Science, with the exception of Dalhousie in a few.

Drives are frequent and none too successful, from what we can make out, and probably quite a few of our institutions are in the hole financially. These places at the same time hold up their independence from government as one of the chief reasons whereby they merit the support of the public. Whether or not it is better to be free of government or of the public is a contentious matter which they do not bring up at all.

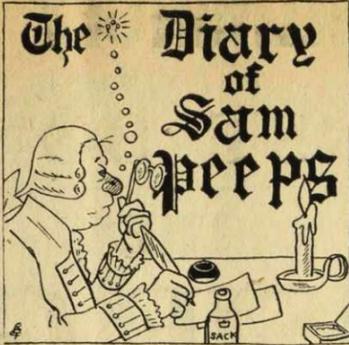
The result of all this is that our Universities are going to have an extremely difficult time in keeping their head above water. While they may manage to build the odd building for the benefit of the subscribing public, academic expansion seems to be out of the question. They will eventually be driven to government support, or else remain in the rut of academic mediocrity which Maritime Universities (with exceptions) have followed.

If Maritime Universities are going to advance in academic as well as advertising techniques they are going to have to rely on other sources of income besides private contributions. Already Dalhousie draws support from various governments towards its professional schools. In the field of more liberal studies, however, neither Dal nor any other Maritimes University can offer much beyond a pass B.A. Maritime students will some day become tired of having to go to Central Canada for advanced study, but what government plan will include fifteen small institutions where one good one would be more than sufficient?

Whether or not freedom from government is more important than freedom from the public is another matter altogether.

## A NOTE TO LETTER WRITERS

Students writing "Letters to the Editor" are reminded that letters must not exceed approximately 300 words in length. In recent editions the editors have been reluctant to enforce the word limit on letters dealing with timely suggestions, but some persons have taken advantage of this and sent in letters over 1,000 words in length. The letters section of the *Gazette* is provided for students who wish to convey an opinion or opinions to the entire student body—if one student writes an extremely long letter, then others must be kept out of print for a later edition. By all means write your letters, but keep them brief. Hereafter, letters exceeding the word limit will be returned to the writer for condensation. Writers wishing to have letters printed under pseudonyms must establish their identity to one of the editors.



**The Diary of Sam Peeps**

Tuesday, Jan. 25 — By my new silver buckles, I have greatly resolved to see the next debate between the colonials from "MacGill" college and our good home country debaters. This "MacGill" must be a small place—I have never heard of it. Some say it is really McGill, which is a big place in French Canada, but the Spectator (early edition) calls it "MacGill".

The Duke of Urpheart has seen me this day—his face a fine choleric purple color—raging and blaspheming against one Shelburne McKerry of whom he says little good and much bad. He has told me that he will write a letter to the Spectator (early edition) which is becoming quite a fad, methinks, and a good one, for it causes great argument among the gentry and develops their minds.

A great to-do with Sanders of the River, a medical student who doth promise to slay one of his professors, R. P. Jones. Sanders did tell several yesterday that R. P. Jones was embarrassing young ladies in the class by telling stories which involved "a twist of the wrist" and various other indelicate manipulations—and he is sure that R. P. Jones will come to a bad end. The young ladies he mentions were in the Lady Hamilton last evening, and I heard them laughing and giggling as one told the same story over again to a group of Marmalade Hovelers. The two ladies are Annie Dicksdaughter and Wagery Duglike.

Pasha Deadwood, notorious proprietor of the Gym Inn, than which there is no worse "dive" told me today that he expects a great increase in the selling of books. The students at the college on the hill — or at least some of them—don't buy their books for studying until the final examinations are but two weeks in the offing. The most notorious of these have been "Fatback" Hate-it, "Niblick" Droll and Jacques Hensbill. This is passing strange, methinks, for scholars to be so slack in the buying of books. Old Pasha told me that they spend all their money buying other people's notes of lectures, of which there may be a great black market.

Wednesday, Jan. 26—Downhearted this day. Have learned that the proposed voyage to the old colony has been suspended. Seems that in the old colony it is so cold that they cannot freeze the surface of the ice hockey playing field.

Good old Archie Will-Be-Bald. Have this day learned of him a most grievous complaint, which I am resolved to keep in my mind and not set down in my diary, for I think my gossipy wife doth look into these pages and learn much she should not know. And what has been said about Will-Be-Bald is best kept from her,—and various other ladies of the town, too, methinks.

I do see more evidence every day that Truthful Curse-He is a bounder. He has so twisted events that Gaul-Was Jubilant thinks she is putting him on the skids, whereas, smirking to himself, he is giving her the brush-off.

It is a sad world, I think, in which we live. On all sides I hear old wives' tales of people being parted after long and loving friendships. I am resolved that if ever again I return home and find that dancing master there, I shall put an end to yet another long and I think "loving" friendship.

He is not here tonight—and neither is my wife—so I shall practise a while on my flute, and then to bed.

Thursday, Jan. 27 — Up betimes and to the college on the hill, as I must avoid contact with creditors who are always at my door, (Continued on Page Four)

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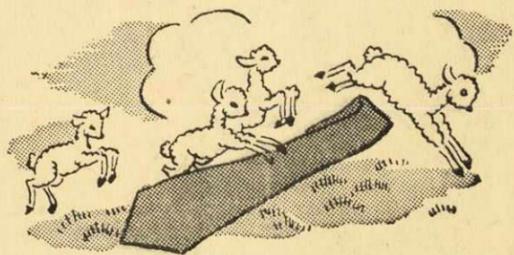
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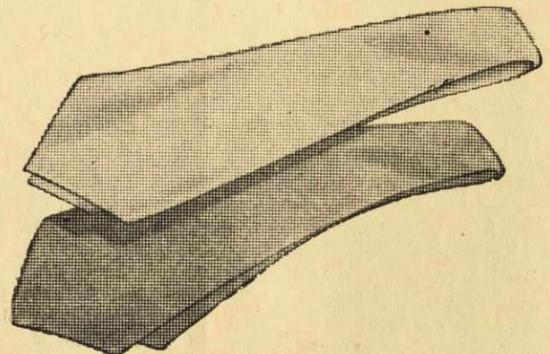


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