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This week the Brunswickan has appeared on Tuesday and Friday in two four-page issues instead of the usual eight page issue. For three weeks we are attempting to put out a semi-weekly paper. If our attempts are fairly successful we will continue the two issues per week. We feel that in this way we can get more prompt and interesting coverage of the news.

Another attempt we are making is to open our editorial page to every student who wishes to write an article on any subject of current interest, particularly a controversial one. To make room for such articles we are condensing our news, eliminating some unimportant material, and cutting down on waste space. Everybody has some opinion concerning politics, race, or religion. Write about it, keep your article short (less than 500 words) and we will print it with or without your name as you wish, but the editor must know the author.

Henceforth we will publish letters to the editor of 200 words or less only, unless the subject of the letter is of such importance that it cannot be cut down. Please don't be surprised at any of our changes. We are experimenting to try to improve our paper.

ARE YOUR BIASES PREJUDICED?

"An idiot, it is said, makes a good conservative, a lunatic a sincere socialist, and a compromise a sound liberal." (1) Consider the probable re-actions of our politically-minded friends who would read this statement in the preface to a book.

A conservative would sneer, snap the book shut, and denounce the author as a Communist, Fascist, and Socialist. He would be unaware of the difference between these terms. This same conservative with a book on the life of Sir Robert Borden in hand would then snuggle more deeply into his easy-chair, gloating over his two brand new Buicks.

A socialist might label the book "Big Business," "Imperial," or "Laissez-faire Liberal" propaganda. So he decided to take a pen and write THE TRUTH about the evils of capitalism. More propaganda! Sidney and Beatrice Webb would probably be surprised or even mortified with the material this fellow manufactures.

A liberal, on the other hand, would like this story and say to himself: "This man's views are interesting. He has a wonderful philosophy." He then reads the book in two hours flat or stop at the chapter where the author explains the liberals adopted a socialistic measure during the war (price control).

This individual probably did not recognize the meaning implied in the quotation or he would never have read beyond the last word of the statement either. (The meaning implied—a liberal is a compromise between an idiot and a lunatic).

The independent might never have opened the book in the first place. If he had, and read the statement he would think himself fully justified in exclaiming: "Politics are not for me." Then he would close it again and place it on the shelf with other unread literature. This is the fellow who is usually hood-winked on election day or obtains the usual fee of five dollars for "services rendered."

These four types of readers have one basic characteristic in common. They are prejudiced. They follow an eleventh commandment: "Thou shalt not read anything detrimental to the cause." Life would be very dull without a variety of opinions. Did you ever see an opinion that wasn't biased?—But need it be prejudiced?

No, let us all remain biased but not prejudiced. Let us know the basis of our bias. Let us resolve to be STUDENTS throughout our lives. Let us not accept any theory at face value. Let us examine the facts and then draw our conclusions. We must get away from this idea of accepting a theory and then attempting to justify it.

A student's duty is to solve a problem when it arises. He does not expect to solve it by a flash of inspiration. It is to be studied, simply and methodically. As soon as a student has reached logical conclusions then it is time to believe in that theory he has proven to his satisfaction to be sound. It is also his duty to society to place or attempt to place that theory into practise. Furthermore, he should be ready to review and revise his theory at any time.

Are YOUR biases reasoned or prejudiced?
RALPH G. HAY.

(1 Cragg, R. Cecil, "Canadian Democracy and The Settlement," The Ryerson Press, Toronto, 1917, p. xii. (preface).



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"Me - after you used up my second pack of Sweet Caps!"

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Letters To The Editor

275 McLeod Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
January 7, 1948.

Vernon W. Mullen, Esq.,
Editor,
"Brunswickan,"
University of New Brunswick,
Dear Mr. Mullen:

We have asked the Students' Representative Council for its approval to submit this letter to you for publication in your valuable journal, if you should find it possible to do so.

Just before Christmas we received a very handsome silver tray with the inscription "PRESENTED TO DR. AND MRS. GREGG FROM THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK - NOVEMBER 1947."

This gift has given us more pleasure than we can here express. It will be treasured as a token of the happy relations with the student body when we were on The Hill. Please accept our sincere thanks.

We wish to convey our warmest wishes, with the hope that this may be a very happy and productive

year for all of you.

Yours sincerely,
MILTON and DOROTHY GREGG.
Editor's Note: This gift was donated by the SRC on behalf of the students and was intended to be presented personally.

It was impossible to meet Dr. and Mrs. Gregg during November so the gift was mailed instead.

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