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WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE PLANS DRIVE

Davidson Attends Meetings

Returning after a successful trip to Montreal, where he represented U. N. B. at the McGill Student Conference, Fred Davidson will report to the S. R. C. at its next meeting.

Elected at an emergency session, Fred set out March 2. The conference was held on Saturday and Sunday, March third and fourth.

He arrived back early last week. Guests of honour at the McGill University Student Conference entitled, "Canada and the Post War World", were E. J. Phelan, Acting Director of the International Labour Office, and the Hon. C. D. Howe, Federal Minister of Reconstruction.

Speaking on Canadian Post-War Problems, Mr. Phelan said that Canadians could decide what would be done in Canada, "but they cannot decide what can and will happen in and to Canada."

Continued the speaker, "No country, no, even the greatest can any longer decide its destiny alone... Unless we can secure continuous, concerted international action, all our national efforts to improve conditions in our own countries are foredoomed to failure."

Mr. Howe underlined the plans which the Canadian Government had made for what he termed stage two of the war (the period between the defeat of Germany and the fall of Japan). The minister also voiced the hope that demobilization would take place as soon as possible after the war but thought that in all probability it would be somewhat delayed by transportation difficulties.

The Minister also spoke of the dividends to be received by the placing of Canadian goods on foreign markets through "Lend-lease."

An official welcome was also given by John Costigan, President of the Student's Society and there were a few opening remarks by Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill who termed the conference "one of the most admirable things done at this university in the past five years."

An official welcome was also given at the close of the morning session by Victor Goldbloom, chairman of the conference. The delegates at the conference were: two girls from Middlebury college, Vermont; the Editor of Queen's Journal from Queen's University, Kingston; Fred Davidson, representing the University of New Brunswick.

At a dinner held at the Mount Royal Hotel, those present were introduced to Mr. Howe, to members of the conference executive, chairmen of the various Study groups and to the Executive of the Student's Council in addition to two members of the faculty.

The subject matter of the conference was divided into nine sections. Each section was dealt with by one group, each of which had its own chairman. The findings were put into a report. The reports were summarized and they were presented at the panel discussions Saturday. Here they were given the final touches.

The final session was held on Sunday afternoon in Moyses Hall. Here the summaries were presented.

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Dr. Gregg at Conference

At the invitation of Hon. C. H. Blakely a coordinating conference of army, navy, air force, educational and veteran affairs officials met with the government officials. The purpose of the conference was to formulate plans for a united effort in post-war construction.

The President as the representative of higher education officials was able to serve a double position on the board. His knowledge of the army and veterans affairs as well as his educational authority enabled him to have a broad concept of the needs of the service man in the process of rehabilitation.

This group in a series of meetings will draft plans for the welfare of both the returning war hero and the civilian high school graduate. In last Tuesday's meeting the morning session was taken up with the

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HOLDING SPECIAL SERIES

During this month the Student Christian Movement is conducting a series of programs dealing with religion and life.

On March 4 Dr. Pacey spoke to the group on "Religion and a University Education." He stressed the need of expanding one's religious beliefs in the light of his mature knowledge. Christianity, he pointed out, is the source of most of our moral teachings—in fact, the things which we value most (even the base of our civilization) are of Christian origin. Although regular church attendance is helpful in the development of religious conceptions, and of a philosophy of life, this in itself is not enough. The individual should think through his religion and arrive at his own conclusions. Dr. Pacey believes the emphasis today should be on the deed—on improvement of social and economic conditions in the world.

On March 11 Dr. Hoar spoke to the S. C. M. on "Religion and Science." The application of the scientific method (that is, a free and open investigation of the truth) to religion was discussed. Some felt that religion and science were the same thing, others believed that

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VETERANS

On March 6 the members of the Veterans' Club were the happy guests at a dinner party in their honor, held at Dr. de Merten's home in Lincoln.

Sixteen members of the club, as well as Dr. Gregg, a special guest, dined royally on Mme. de Merten's chicken dinner, and afterwards were entertained by Dr. de Merten at the piano. The party broke up at about 11:30, after the club president, Joe Richards, thanked the host and hostess. The guests then returned to town by bus feeling much in debt to the doctor's hospitality.

To Ask For Donations

During the next few weeks those students on the campus who belong to the C. G. T. C. will be asked to sign over a certain amount of their pay to the U. N. B. war effort. This is to be a completely voluntary arrangement and the amount donated is entirely up to the individual concerned. The money obtained in this way will be put with the present total and these funds will go to some war charity to be decided upon later by the S. R. C.

The C. G. T. C. pay which was issued last Sunday is only part of the money which you receive for your service in the unit. The other part will be paid in two installments, probably before leaving for summer camp and again at the termination of this camp. You will be asked to sign a waiver by which you donate any amount to the War Fund. This money will then be deducted from your pay before it reaches you.

There are several reasons why you should contribute to this worthy cause. First and foremost, we are fighting a war. The services that the several war charities perform is of tremendous value to the successful prosecution of this war. We should regard this as an opportunity to assist directly in our nation's war effort. We should not have it said that U. N. B. lacks the

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Hammerfest Saturday

Well, shiver my TIMBERS, Hammerfest time has rolled around again with all Foresters looking snug and supreme with their thoughts of what is to come, and what is in the cellar behind the furnace or in their rooms under the beds.

The date is March 24 and as usual "The Queen of the Forest" is going to accommodate the motley crew.

For the last week or two, broadly smiling men have been seen coming

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SCIENCE CLUB DISBANDS

Two weeks ago the Science Club met in the Geology lecture room with Gordon Simpson presiding. This was the first meeting of the club for the present college year. The main topic of discussion was the disbandment of the society.

It was agreed on by all those present that the purpose of a Science Club at U. N. B. was being met by the Chemical Society, Scientific Society and Pre-Medical Society. In view of this a motion was put before the meeting that the Science Club cease to exist as such. Carried unanimously.

The major portion of the funds (some \$70.00 or so) was turned over to the Chemical Society, to fulfill a promise to this effect made some time last year. This money will be used to buy books of a scientific nature for the Science reading room.

Debaters in Radio Event

Last Thursday night from 10 to 10:30 over station CHNS, the U. N. B. debating team composed of Eric Toed and Raymond Tower hurled their vocabularies against the St. Mary's College debating team composed of Frank Wallace and Bill Bourke.

Leaving Tuesday night, the debaters had an unevenful trip. Arriving in Moncton they discovered they were four hours too early and so parsed away the time by conversing with two beautiful (?) Mt. A. co-eds. Finally the Ocean Limited came in and on they journeyed to Halifax. Stumbling into the station at 2:15 A. M., they gratefully espied their welcoming committee, alias two tired St. Mary's Collegians, and soon were dead to the world in their billets.

The next afternoon was spent in

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DISCUSS MATTERS SUNDAY

On Sunday evening a meeting of a novel type was sponsored by the Newman Club. A forum discussion was held with the directing queries at a five-man board of authorities. This board was composed of: Chairman, Father Gillis; Theologian, Dr. Boyd; Scientist, Mr. Howatt; Medical Doctor, Dr. Hynes; Lawyer, Mr. Cair.

Various questions were asked by the students, and the member of the board who felt that he was best fitted to answer the question undertook to give an impromptu answer. A large number of extremely interesting questions or divorce, sex instruction, evolution and religion were presented to the board and the discussion following them proved instructive to all.

Previous to this meeting a business meeting was held at which the plans for a concluding banquet and perhaps a dance aroused a great deal of discussion. Several changes in the club constitution were given first reading and will be passed at the next meeting.

At the close of the forum discussion which held the members engrossed for several hours, refreshments were served and as the discussion ebbed the members slowly took their departure.

WASSAIL

Saturday night saw the Campus Engineers gathered again at Castle Hall for the annual Wassail.

Fred Davidson, the President of the Society, acted as chairman and although there was no guest speaker, all 115 present had a very enjoyable time and much pleasure was derived from the Engineering tales told by the Professors, guests, and students.

True to tradition, the Seniors carried on the celebration for some time after; but nothing was amiss that a swim in the residence pool would not clean up.

Ottawa Calling

A Canadian University Press Feature

By Neil MacDonald

Ottawa: Right at the moment, there is a well-founded rumour going around semi-official circles in Ottawa that the voting age is to be reduced at the next federal election from twenty-one to eighteen years. It is not possible to secure any official word on the subject, since it is obvious that it is to the advantage of all concerned to keep the answer secret, for a while yet at least.

Actually, it probably doesn't matter very much, one way or another. The tendency is towards a broadening down of the base of the pyramid, and it is just a matter of determining when the level of "common-sense" required of a voter is attained in the development of a young person.

The phrase "Sinatra for President" pretty well sums up the standard reaction of older people towards allowing young people to vote at eighteen. They are opposed to it because they feel that young people cannot decide sensibly the issues facing them at any election.

What political advantage the present government might expect to obtain from the lowering of the voting age is a little difficult to determine. Young people are not easily bought by any kind of concession, and they might regard the lowering of the voting age as just that. Then, too, they are, as a group, strongly interested in some kind of change, and might be expected to lean against the government in any poll.

The whole matter, however, must rest as what it is, pure conjecture. The government is pretty well pledged not to introduce any controversial legislation at this next session, and it is almost certain that many of its own supporters would regard a lowering of the voting age as just that. The whole rumour may have arisen because of the activities of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, which is considering a motion to reduce the voting age to eighteen.

But, on the other hand, Mr. King is full of surprises, and no one knows what is going to happen with him until it has taken place. It is quite possible that he has planned this course of action deliberately, without much expectation of its success. He would like very much to be able to say that he was unable to introduce "progressive" legislation in this House of Commons in order to increase the possibility of his securing a mandate for the next.

Ottawa: There is definitely a feeling of tension around the Capital, a feeling which is probably more apparent after a short absence from the city.

The date of the next election is uppermost in everyone's mind. When are we going to get it over with and get back to normal in the form the question most often takes.

Actually, the present government is nervous about calling an election while the war is on, and yet it is going to be difficult to find a good reason to postpone the election until after hostilities in Europe cease.

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