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## The Council Bungles Again

According to reports, Acadia students were charged exorbitant prices for admission to Dal-Acadia games played here last weekend.

The Gate Receipts Committee apparently did not think it necessary to extend to Acadia students the courtesy which Dalhousie students receive at Acadia—that of admission at student rates.

Not only that, but members of the Acadia Athenaeum, the student publication at Acadia, were also charged for admission. This is perhaps due to the manner in which such matters are conducted at our university, where the Press is not extended special privileges, except in unusual cases. As the GAZETTE does not have a press card system so far this year, only those members of the staff who are known individually to the Gate Receipts Committee obtain admission free. The others pay, and gladly contribute to a worthy cause, the general student fund or the Rink or Bleacher Funds.

But there is no reason why visiting members of a college paper should be charged the general fee for outsiders.

Neither is there any justifiable reason why students of another college who come to Dalhousie to witness their teams playing against Dal should be charged as if they were outsiders, especially if Dalhousie students visiting their college are only charged student admission.

The Students' Council should have come to some decision about this matter before the game and instructed the Gate Receipts accordingly. In the absence of any Council ruling, the Gate Receipts Committee itself should have made a decision on this subject and followed the practice at other universities and admitted the Acadia cheering section at student rates.

This whole embarrassing situation could have been avoided by a little careful consideration by either the Council or the Gate Receipts Committee. Occurrences like this are not conducive to good relations between universities, which are already strained as a result of various ill-considered actions and remarks.

It was announced in the last edition of the Acadia Athenaeum that a letter of protest has been sent by the Acadia Student Union to the President of the Dalhousie Students' Council.

It is to be hoped that this unfortunate incident will make some impression on the Council, and that they will take more consideration in future about the impression visiting students will receive of Dalhousie.

## Apathy Again

Student apathy or some reasonable facsimile has reared its ugly head at Dalhousie and the University of Kings College has managed to do something which Dalhousie has found it "impossible" to do.

Two Hart House debaters from the University of Toronto are touring the Maritime Provinces and debating all comers. They have held debates at other universities in Nova Scotia and sent an invitation or challenge to Sodales, the Dalhousie Debating Society, telling them of their trip.

Sodales was unable to provide a team to meet these debaters.

Kings will meet the debating team from Hart House this evening at 8:00 at Kings College, in an Oxford style debate. This type of debate requires an audience to determine the winner of the contest so it is to be hoped that a large number of Dalhousie students will take the advantage thus afforded them to witness such a high class debate.

As for Sodales, and their failure to put up a team to meet with Hart House, the less said the better.



Prime Minister Ron Downie addresses Mock Parliament at opening session.

## Rhetoric Marks Mock Parliament

With all the tradition and ceremony that marks the opening of the Federal parliament, the Dalhousie Mock Parliament began its first meeting for 1951 in the Munro Room of the Forrest Building. After the Speech from the Throne, which outlined the government policy, was read by Donald McInnes, K.C., the umpteenth session of the Mock Parliament proceeded with great celerity. Rod Chisholm moved the address in reply to the Speech and Russel Murphy seconded the motion speaking in French. The debate on the Speech from the Throne was discontinued and two bills were introduced: a bill to amend the British North American Act to allow Canada to have a Bill of Rights, given first reading by Ron Caldwell, and the other a government bill for 'conscription of manpower for National defence and industry and the armed forces read by Howard Pye. The debate on the Speech from the Throne continued and Lorne Clark, as leader of the Progressive Conservative opposition spoke against the present government, deploring its lack of unity and asked that a vote of confidence be taken. Ron MacDonald, leader of the C.C.F., sided with the Hon. Mr. Clark in

this affair and denounced the Speech from the Throne in flowing rhetoric as "an excuse for enlightened leadership". Jess Wentzell (in a speech outlining a proposed bill for aid to the in-shore fishermen) seemed best to outline the early spadework of this session when he said: "I came here tonight prepared to take the bull by the horns but because there is so much bull I am unable to find the horns. Private bills were introduced by members of both parties regarding the Eastern situation, the freedom of the press and other minor but weighty problems. The Speaker of the House, William Cox, after receiving the motion for adjournment closed the first session of the 1951 Mock Parliament.

## Mock Parliament Trains For Future Leaders

The Mock Parliament at Dalhousie Law School is the only such in continuous operation in Canada. The Parliament is old, if not as old, as the Law School itself. The first session as recorded in the annals of the Law School dates from November 3, 1888, and at that time a Mr. A. J. McEachern was leader of a Liberal government. The records were written in long hand in a leather bound ledger, and contain numerous references to the members of the different parties. Of late the records seem rather disorganized and very sketchy.

Following the long tradition established at Dalhousie the Mock Parliament keeps parliamentary decorum and procedure to give the law students a working knowledge of Canada's legislature. R. B. Bennett was Prime Minister of the Conservatives in the Parliament of 1892 and later led Canada in the same capacity during the dark years of depression. The Regina Daily Star of December 18, 1934 writes: "Prime Minister of Dalhousie Mock Parliament was undoubtedly an easier job."

Many of Canada's leaders have been nurtured at this font of true parliamentary procedure. Notables among these men are C. D. Howe, J. L. Isley and Premier Angus L. Macdonald. The leaders of tomorrow are receiving their training today in one of North America's oldest Mock Parliaments.



Leader of the official opposition and head of the Progressive Conservative Party, Lorne Clarke rises to refute Liberal leader.

## THE T-SQUARE

The Society's girls' team really showed up the boys team with their 5-0 victory over the M. T. & T. operators. Fran Doane turned in a stellar performance between the pipes and the boys are wishing they could use her in the inter-fac games. The game was a very good one with some very nice skating and play-making turned in by some of the girls. Verna Leonard played a fine game on defence and miraculously escaped the penalty box. The game was not without its laughs and it is well worth your while to see these games on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. The Engineerettes are now tied for first place with Dal Varsity in the Halifa's Girls' Hockey League.

The boys spent all one day at the shack mailing letters, painting and sewing banners and cranking Pav's old one-cylinder in order to

get the Boilermakers' Ball advertising program on its way. Be sure to get your ticket and your girl right away. Tickets may be obtained from any Engineer; girls

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—Bud Kingsbury

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