

## WRITER'S WORKSHOP

by C. A. Brewer

It is a lonely island, that island of the Atlantic. From its long, low beach to its highest peak, the land is almost entirely without vegetation. A few blades of grass abide here, but even these are stunted and remain a dull green through most of the year.

At dawn, the slopes of the island appear not unlike mounds of soft clay which have been thrown there by some impatient sculptor. As we come closer, however, unmistakable lines of rock face emerge. Small holes and fissures scar the uneven features, while a thousand hues reflect from the heterogeneous rock. The shadows retreat farther and farther into the crevasses, as the sun, unperturbed today by either cloud or fog, climbs to its highest station.

The sheer barrenness of the island discourages all animal life except those hearty scavengers of the sea, the gulls. These birds, in another of nature's mysteries, have come to make this forbidding place their home. Hundreds of them are on the beach where their nests are located; others perch proudly on the cliffs, or glide with an almost effortless motion through the air. Like specks of ivory whiteness they dot the blue screen of the heavens, and not even the ugly grey colours of the young birds can hide such beauty. Yes, the gulls belong here. And as if they sense the grim solitude of the island, their mournful voices cry out over the sea.

The beach is interesting, not only as the habitat of the gulls, for it is a place of variety and splendour. A great number of small stones rest at the water's edge. Trying to claim these for her own, the sea has covered them richly with a green film of seaweed. Golden sand shines in the sunlight farther up the beach, and strikes a sharp contrast with those lower rocks. Above, the stretch of sand is another line of stones reaching to the foot of the cliffs. But these are mainly large in size, and are free from any camouflage. Here are fragments of granite, white quartz, red quartz, limestone and sandstone. Amazingly, all appear to have a common resemblance. No matter how large or of what quality the boulders are, their edges seem to be in the process of being worn away. Not only this, but they are slightly oval shaped. Erosion has done its work so well that a piece of coloured glass lying among the stones looks like a precious gem.

One hundred yards from the shore two large rocks protrude from out of the grasping waters. They await the enemy, and then it comes. Like a line of charging Cossacks, the wave sweeps all before it until it reaches the outer barrier. The two staunch defenders are nearly swallowed in the onslaught, and snow white foam is smashed far into the air. Now, the first obstacles are past, and the wave gleefully rushes on. It breaks upon the beach, unaware that already its strength has been diminished. The wave must die and die it does, falling far short of the drift wood and other debris which mark the highest advance of the tide. The water falls back humiliated, but even in doing so, it draws a sigh of anguish from millions of pebbles. No quarter is given, no mercy shown in this battle for survival; one wave follows another in quick succession.

So there the island stands, wrinkled by wind and water, battered by the elements, but still defiant, still holding its head high above the onrushing sea. It stands as a symbol of strength and courage. It commands the respect of those who see it.

## Council Completes Slate for 1956-57

The student representative council completed its numbers on Tuesday with the election of two Sophomore representatives. The slate of Freshmen representatives to the council was completed with the close of nominations two weeks ago, there being only six nominations for the seven Freshman seats on the council. So the council starts off the year one short—there is no Freshette in the group.



GEORGE BASTIN

### RESULTS . . .

For Senior Class President.		
James Brooks	—	69
Hazen Marr	—	22
59% of class voted.		
For Sophomore Class Reps.		
	First	First
	Count	Count
George Bastin	39	45
Peggy Colpitts	22	32
Bob McNutt	18	
3 Ballots without 2nd Choice.		
For Vice-President of Sophomore Class.		
	First	First
	Count	Count
Terry Champion	47	52
Joan Young	18	23
Arlene Stewart	13	
3 Ballots without 2nd Choice.		

The voting for Sophomore representatives was poor, only 25% of the class exercising its franchise. The race itself was equally uninspiring, George Bastin winning by an easy margin from Peggy Colpitts.

The directorship of the Red 'N Black was decided with vote for Senior Class President, for a convention states that the president of the Senior Class shall be the Director of the annual revue. Jim Brooks, a star of previous shows, won the honour by beating Hazen Marr by a convincing margin. The interest in the position was shown by the percentage of the class that turned out to vote; 59% is well above the average for Fall election.

The most keenly contested fight was that for the position for Secretary-Treasurer of the Sophomore Class in which Norma Wiley nosed out Dawn Bell by a mere two votes. Terry Champion easily won the contest for Vice-President of the Class from Joan Young and Skip Stewart.

For Secretary-Treasurer Sophomore Class.		
Norma Wiley	37	
Dawn Bell	35	
5 Ballots Spoiled.		
25% of Class voted.		

### President, Senior Class



JIM BROOKS

### Vice-Pres. Soph. Class



TERRY CHAMPION

### Sec.-Tres. Soph. Class



NORMA WILEY

ALVA WHITE (with blueprint plans) 1953 engineering graduate of McGill University. Now an engineer, buildings, at the Bell, he performs the duties of field supervisor on new Company construction projects of all kinds.



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