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atlantic union

There is great need in this part of Canada for bold thinking and dynamic action. One suggestion is to revive the old idea of Maritime Union, detach it from its historical chains, breathe new life into it and let it be reborn as Atlantic Union—political union of the four Atlantic provinces.

No one is rash enough to suggest that the path to such a goal would be easy. There are many inherent pitfalls and objections of impossibility, but these are not insurmountable. The purpose of this editorial is to indicate some obvious advantages of such a scheme.

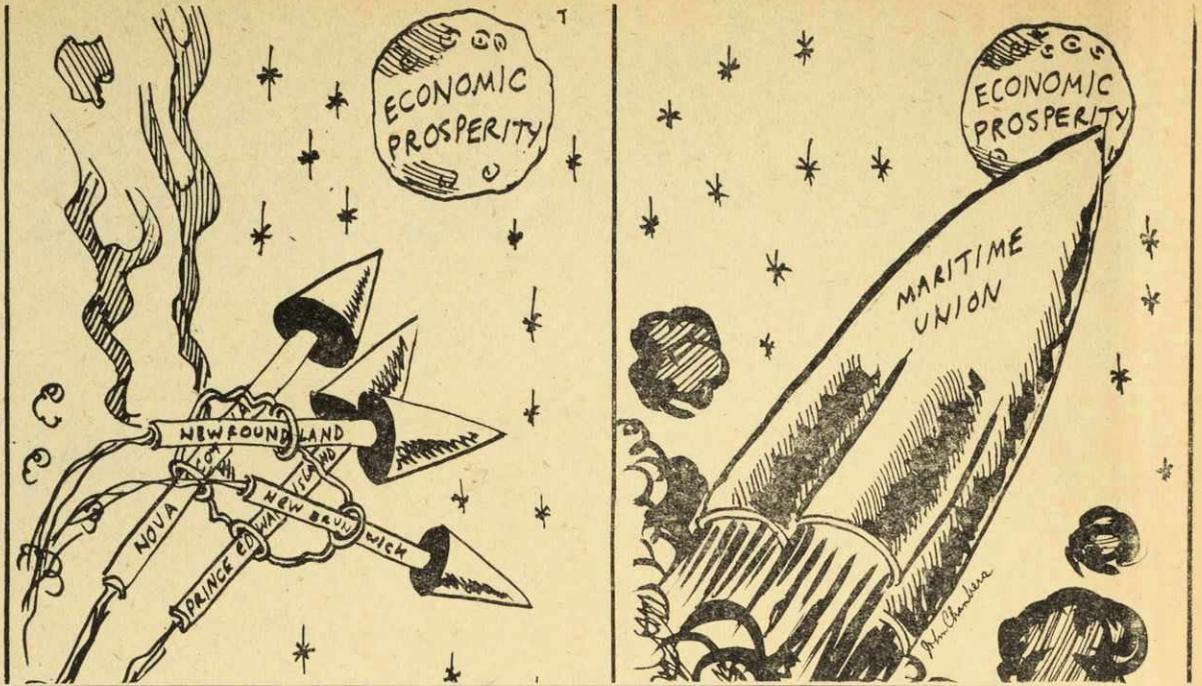
First, Atlantic Union would result in increased political power for us. Instead of four separate governments there would be a single, strong provincial government to present our case to Ottawa and the rest of Canada. This government would represent over a million and a half people—10 per cent of the country's population. In the Senate our strength would be 30 per cent of the total; in the House of Commons, 12 per cent. Such representation would mean a bigger voice in our national political parties, in selection of federal cabinets and in the development of economic policy. Further, this population would make our new united province the third largest, next in size only to Quebec and Ontario.

Secondly, Atlantic Union would result in financial savings by way of reduced expenditure on administration and maintenance. At present there are 147 members in four legislatures. Certainly, with union, this large number—over one-half of the present membership of the House of Commons—would not be necessary. Union also could bring about reduction in the cost of maintaining four provincial capitals and four separate civil services; with centralization resulting from merger, the new civil service would be smaller than the present combined total. On the other hand, expenditures need not be reduced but might be maintained by re-allocating any savings to increased salaries for both civil servants and representatives. This would undoubtedly bring about an administrative and executive of higher quality and performance.

Thirdly, Atlantic Union would bring centralized planning and control of provincial activities in the fields of tourism, industrial development and general economic planning for the Atlantic region. Instead of four provincial governments (not always of the same political mind) putting forth only a weak effort with meagre results, there would be one government directing an all-out effort to bring industry into the area and to develop our economy to its greatest possible extent.

We might as well face the facts. Our economic problems are just that: ours. This is not a new situation for Maritimers (or, Atlanticians) for it has been a long time since we have been in any other. The formation of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council was a step in the right direction, but its concrete results to date are few. Now is the time to go beyond talking and investigating. The need was never greater for an idea to catch the popular imagination and unify our people for the future.

let's blast off



editorial comment

their solitary philosophies

(MCGILL DAILY)

We must remember occasionally that not all the students of this University belong to the gay frivolous carnival that is "college life." Not all students in this place go to pep rallies and join innumerable committees. There are lonely students here, many not from this country, some from places where a man does not see the face of his wife until after they are married or where a father has power of life and death has power of life and death over his children. This life is strange to them and they cannot easily become part of it. Many of them are forced to isolate themselves; many may be intolerably lonely.

How harsh and strange must be our college life for many students. It must be a jungle of tweeds and self-confident smiles and a bewildering number of clubs and lectures and movies and plays and discussion groups. These are all fine things, but for some people they present too great a challenge. When there is a dance it is these students who populate the sidelines. It is these same students who attend dance after dance, in the hope that at one of them, the wall between them and the rest of the world will disappear and they will become part of this collegiate world which the slick magazines tell them is so rapturously pleasant.

They may live in small rooms and cook their own food and they may not have much money to spend on entertainments and while people may live alone and not be alone, this happy condition is not for these students. They have only their books and their work—the icy beginnings of a warm vocation—and of these will be in the memories which they will carry with them when they leave here.

We may yell our yells and plan our activities and decorate our gymnasiums, but we should keep in mind that we are not the only students in this college. If there is not yet a real student community, we must try to create one. We are being unfair to those people who have come here and expect much from the school. We must not make them conform to us. We must accommodate their own solitary philosophies.

orientation

(WESTERN GAZETTE)

Call it orientation, hazing, initiation or what you will, we favor a little dash of something during Fosh Week which will:

1. Give freshmen some happy memories of their first week;
2. Let freshmen have a chance to meet upperclassmen;
3. Show freshmen that college life isn't all books and libraries and essays;
4. Help instill some tradition into the life of the university;
5. Provide some safe, sane release for youthful high spirits.

Dealing with these in order, we think the first few days at college are about on a par with birth, the first long pants, the first date, marriage and even death as the most important, memorable events in anyone's life. If nothing happens during the first week except the signing of an interminable number of forms and cards then Frosh Week will be remembered, if at all, as a dismal event.

Meeting upperclassmen can be a big help to a freshman. Hard-pressed faculty advisers, deans and registrars can't possibly spare the time, especially during the first hectic week to fill in the new student on the details that make college life more than an orderly, regimented stuffing of the brain.

During the last year at high school, the student about to enter university is constantly reminded by teachers about the stiff grind of study which lies ahead. During Frosh Week, there is an opportunity to correct this erroneous impression by showing that a proper balance can be struck between work and play.

Tradition is a vital part of university life. Without it, a university becomes a trade school or an education factory.

We think administration and faculty members who disapprove of Frosh Week hi-jinks, could easily look the other way when they encounter such activities, unless of course, such activities are injurious, destructive, or the result of intoxication. We think that most of this activity is just good, clean fun.

through the keyhole

by Pat McDonald

I received a very interesting letter last week. Here it is verbatim: Miss Pat McDonald, CUP Reporter, The Dalhousie Gazette.

Dear Miss McDonald:

We consider it complimentary to find various items from our paper reprinted or referred to in your column in the Dalhousie Gazette. It was personally gratifying to see an editorial which I had written included in your "Editorial Comment" Column.

However, we believe we have been slightly misrepresented in your column of November 6th.

There have been no "panty raids" at McMaster University this year. The Silhouette has carried no such accounts.

Besides, our girls would have been co-operative.

Very truly yours,
Sydney B. Chertkoff,
C.U.P. Editor,
McMaster Silhouette.

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to this piece of literature from McMaster University.

Dear Miss Chertkoff:

I am truly sorry for the misrepresentation of facts which appeared in the Dalhousie Gazette of Nov. 6. I really don't know what could have happened to make me say such a thing. Being a young and innocent girl, I must have gotten carried away. However, we girls must stick together in such times of error. Our universities, Miss Chertkoff, (or, may I call you "Cynthia") should strengthen their strong ties of friendship.

May I direct your attention to the Dalhousie issue of November 13. It contains a picture of yours truly on page 6. I am wearing a Christian Dior creation with plunging shoulder—pads. Yes, Cynthia, this can be worn to semi-formals, too.

Yours in the I.O.D.E.,
Patricia MacDonald

LOST — Blue leather purse.
Finder please return keys and papers to letter box, third floor, Arts Bldg.