

New director of physical plant

Clarence Sabean, a 35-year veteran of employment with the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and the New Brunswick Community College system, has been appointed director of the physical plant operation at University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

A native of Saint John, Mr. Sabean received a degree in mechanical engineering from UNB in 1957. During his employ-

ment with NBEPCC he rose from draftsman to plant engineer at the Courtenay Bay thermal station. In 1962, he joined the faculty of the N.B. Institute of Technology which became part of the Community College system. During his tenure there he served as co-ordinator of vocational training, trade and technical schools and executive director of educational services.

From 1980-82, Mr. Sabean was "on loan" from NBCC to

NBEPCC to manage the training of personnel for the Point Lepreau nuclear generating station. Prior to his appointment at UNB he was the director of plant management and technical services for the 10 community college campuses in New Brunswick.

Mr. Sabean succeeds Lloyd Dawson, UNB's first and only director of the physical plant since 1957. Mr. Dawson is credited with building the operation into what it is today—a complex

A staff of 132 people and a large squad of cleaners on contract look after some 2,162,524 square feet of buildings. Services provided to all university departments include welding, plumbing, cabinet-making, painting, masonry, electrical work, locksmithing and more. A fleet of 22 vehicles and heavy equipment is serviced and repaired in the UNB garage. The central heating plant located above the Aitken Centre provides steam to

campuses, the city hospital and the Maritime Forest Research Centre.

Other duties include plowing the 3.4 miles of road, 5.4 miles of walks and 16.2 acres of parking lots on the campuses; mowing 28 acres of lawn and filling 14,975 departmental work requests annually. The physical plant budget exceeds \$8 million per year.

Mr. Sabean views his new position as a challenging opportunity to combine his technical expertise with his administrative experience.

Political Perspectives

By R. HUTCHINS

A subject that is oftendiscussed in smoky bar rooms and the offices of T.V. sitcom executives is the image and attitudes that make up a "Canadian" identity. To many Americans we are stereotype Bob and Doug Mackenzies, polarized, beer-drinking Lumberjacks with matching Hudson Bay company boats and jackets. Although we as a Canadian public, do not pay much attention to this misguided, degrading imagery, I am sure we would have a tough time deciding an appropriate representation of our national character.

Is there really any such thing as a Canadian identity or do we suffer from regional fixations and preferences? To some a Canadian is a person who adheres to national custom and tradition. There are certain criteria that do apply from coast to coast. A true Canadian knows who Wayne Gretzky is, hates Pierre Trudeau and dutifully can remember the words to "O Canada", (with the exception of some Quebecers who are out of practice!). A true Canadian hates being called "Americanized" and belittles Anne Murray for moving to L.A.

Although to some I am making cynical attacks on our national pride and history, in reality I am! Confederation came about as a union of regional interests for mutual gain. In 1983, the Canadian nation is still a union of regions and many different interests, desires and perceptions are pursued through firstly, regional governments and secondly Ottawa's central circus.

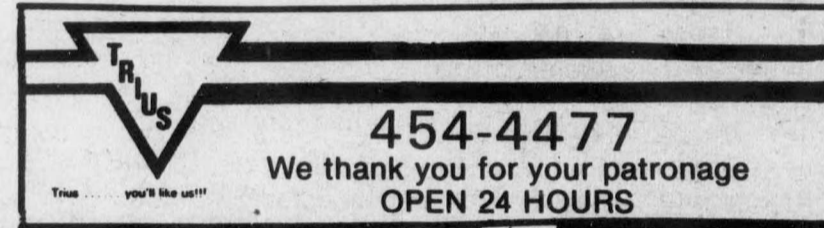
If many Maritimers asked themselves which came first, Maritime identity or national identity, the answer I am sure, would be lopsided in favour of regionalism. The reality of our federalist structure is that all things being equal the over-represented populace of Ontario is more likely to feel "Canadian" than the alienated hinterlands of eastern and western extremities.

This is what "Canadians" are! They are a grouping of regional interests tied together for convenience, security and economic benefit. What is un-Canadian is the way our central government has neglected and abused the spirit and intent of con-federation.

What we have pride in nationally is our historic nation-builders, the beauty and awesome potential of our land and a developed civilized community of individuals. What we loathe is the way our potential has been warped and retarded by centralizing forces. Reality dictates we will always be a society of regional interests. The true pride of Canadians is the unifying nature of being a French-Canadian or a Maritime-Canadian, the primary focus being the roots of regional pride.

So, if you are upset with the image portrayed by "Bob and Doug Mackenzie" or "Melvin the Mountie" don't fret. They can't possibly be real since they are neither maritimers, French-Canadians, prairie-dogs or west-coasters. What they are is nothing more than characters set in the wilds of the north with maple-leaves tattooed to their foreheads and a very real identity crisis!

organization responsible for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of buildings and grounds on the UNB and adjacent St. Thomas University campuses.



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