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### ELECTION ODDITIES

The tumult and the shouting are now dead but the memories linger on. Seldom if ever has a campus election provoked such interest and enthusiasm from all sides or aroused such a high tide of college spirit.

Printed pamphlets, colored placards and frenzied activity on the hustings contributed to a high election fever which reached unprecedented heights at last week's student-forum gathering. Packed house, ringing applause and loud heckling—all proofs of a rejuvenated college spirit at Dalhousie this year.

The election campaign was unusual in another respect. It brought the hermits of the Medical School out of hibernation and into the normal extra-curricular life of the university. Not one, not two (the usual count)—but some 50 meds turned out to cheer for the Gold and Black in recent basketball games, which (by coincidence) fell at a crucial period of the pre-election campaigning. Beaming broadly at the student electorate, the Forrest dissectors alternately warbled sweet nothings on the stage and distributed barrels of apples bedecked with pro-Sutherland streamers . . .

To which resourceful Martinites replied: — "Sutherland Gives You Good Applies . . . Martin Will Give You A Good Council."

"I suppose your turning out en masse has nothing to do with the election," said a sarcastic Martinite to a Med rooster.

"Well, it has nothing to do with the game," was the naive reply. Which goes to prove that an election campaign, like Rum and Coca-Cola, helps to accentuate the positive.

Bloc voting is a long-standing evil at Dalhousie although it was less apparent than usual last Tuesday. The common practice nevertheless is to vote not for the man but for the faculty, sacrificing the best interests of the student body for the selfish intrigues of campus monopoly. This election apparently proved an exception to the general rule with each presidential candidate facing the electorate on his own merits and not as the pawn or puppet in the game of pressure politics.

Sutherland's claim to the presidency is unquestionable. His accomplishments, both academic and extra-curricular, make him a logical choice for the highest student office, and the fact that he polled such a heavy vote at Studley, shows that the Meds gave their support to the right man.

There is always the risk however that a semi-moron or imbecile may be nominated by some group or faction and elevated to the Council presidency on the strength of bloc or pressure voting.

If we are to make proper use of a democratic franchise we must vote not as Meds, Law or Studley but as Dalhousians and in the interests not of a faculty or clique but of the entire student body of the university. In short, bloc voting is justified only when it elects the "right man" to the right post at the right time.

Even more despicable than the "bloc voters" are those hypocrites who openly support candidate "X", build up his hopes of victory, and then proceed to stab him in the back at the election polls. The Lily-Whiters of Shirreff Hall were the chief offenders in this department particularly in the vice-

## Ottawa Calling

("Inside" News from the Political Front)  
A CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS FEATURE  
By NEIL MacDONALD

### POLITICAL TENSION

OTTAWA.—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 is 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. If the war is over, the government may hope that the public feeling on the question of conscription will not run so high and that it may have a chance of re-election on the basis of developing a strong peace and post-war security.

#### Soldier Vote

Such thinking, however, neglects the consideration of the soldier vote, which will be a much greater factor in the immediate period after the war than it is at present. It is difficult for members of the armed forces to speak with a united voice under battle conditions, but let them be out of the battle area, perhaps in the process of being discharged, and they will begin to think more intensely of the postwar government. And if they have been exposed to some of the abuses which are apparently common in the discharge rehabilitation set-up, their vote will not go for the government.

No one can predict at the moment, on valid grounds, the results of the next election because no one knows yet when it will take place or what will be the issues. Two or three weeks before the election will be time enough to make predictions.

#### Anti-Government Feeling

Travelling across two-thirds of Canada, however, does give one a definite impression of the temper of the people, and it would not seem that that temper is very sympathetic to the present government. For every person who appeared willing to support the government wholeheartedly at this point, ten seemed diametrically opposed to it and 20 were inclined to give their support elsewhere, although their minds were not made up as yet.

When the campaign really starts, we may expect one of the hottest fights in the history of Canada. No party has yet revealed its secret

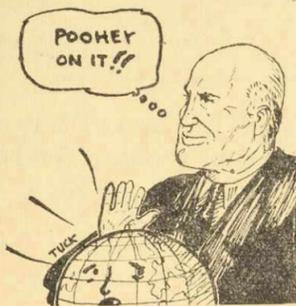
presidential race. These "Sweet Innocents" are apparently too fickle and immature to give OPEN SUPPORT to the candidate of their choice. Instead, they resort to secret intrigues and "behind the back" campaigning against a man whom they have always accepted as a popular member of their "inner circle." Such conduct is inexcusable and speaks none to well of Shirreff Hall or of its ironic motto: "ESSE QUAM VIDERI."

But enough of criticism, and now, some collective congratulations: to the winners, on their election; to the losers, on their "fair play" and good sportsmanship; to the student body, for its enthusiasm and interest throughout the entire campaign.

If it does nothing else, the new Students' Council must see to it that the graph of college spirit continues on its upward climb.

### Staff Sketches

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Dr. George E. Wilson, Dalhousie's Professor of History, was born an undisclosed number of years ago at Perth in Ontario. He attended high school at the Collegiate Institute in Perth. He attended Queen's University and later went to Harvard for post-graduate work. His association with Dalhousie has been a long one for he has been here ever since he left University. This year he is taking Histories 1, 4, 9 and 11. Despite his gloomy views on the world situation he maintains a cheerful outlook on life as well as a sense of humor. His hobby? Gardening.

weapons, and surprises will come from all sides.

But, in an all-out fight, the odds go to the attacker, and the government will be forced into a defensive attitude towards its war record. The advantage definitely will be against the party seeking re-election.

#### ON A PROVERB

World you are dark,  
Malvolent and cruel,  
Blindly we grope,  
Chaotic is our night;  
Yet how sweet the hope,  
How beautiful the flame,  
Where we take a candle,  
And light but one small light.  
"It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness".  
K.E.B. —Confucius.

#### LAW WINS FINAL DEBATE

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preferred the wedding march to "Beat me, Daddy," when approaching the altar. Hovey provided the climax by saying that he would have preferred to hear "Don't Fence Me In".

Following the debate, Mr. Fred Young of the C. C. F. spoke, reminding the group that the world faced a social upheaval created by the Renaissance. He traced the development of socialists from repressed serfs to the present day, always opposed by capitalists. He predicted socialism in most of the world after the war with the exception of United States. The time required for it to come to Canada depended upon the amount of education the people needed. When the CCF got in power there would be public control of banking, credit and the major basic

industries and corporations using the profits to increase incomes and improve living standards.

DAL DEBATERS DEFEAT MOUNT ALLISON TEAM IN M.I.D.L. Competition—  
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than a government plan," he said, "and would not involve the evils and weaknesses of bureaucratic control." O'Hearn concluded with some illustrative examples of the chaos and disorganization resulting from the regimentation of government-controlled medical services.

Purdy, first speaker for Mount A., maintained that government control would mean a better coverage of the rural areas by medical assistance. As doctors would have no financial dealings with their patients under state-control, all types — poor and rich—would receive the same consideration, the same high degree of treatment.

Williams, second speaker for the affirmative, foresaw higher standards of health under state control as well as a change in the doctor-patient relationship by which charity cases would be abolished and indigents provided with adequate medical care.

The next intercollegiate encounter sends a Sodales team of Fred Thompson and Clinton Harvey to Acadia.

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