



College Entrance

COLLEGE JOURNALISM

Every clever school boy loves to express his ideas and at times his grievances in print, and from very early days sporadic journalism abounded at Upper Canada College. In 1857 the hour and the man came together to found something more permanent. Toronto was in the throes of a real estate and building boom, and the College authorities determined to sell off the south end of the playing fields. John Ross Robertson, afterwards so prominent in Canadian journalism, politics, philanthropy and sport, was a day-boy at the time and in partnership with King Arnoldi and Henry Prittie, sons of well-known Toronto families, founded *The College Times* to protest against the sacrifice. The revolutionary tone of the first number brought the editors into conflict with the Principal, who forbade its sale within the College grounds. At once every boy became a canvasser, hundreds of copies were sold outside the King Street and Adelaide Street gates; and whether as a result or not, the "For Sale" notices were removed from the grounds, and the playing fields were saved.

Robertson left the College in 1858 and *The College Times* lapsed till 1871, since which date it has continued to flourish, though it has long since forgotten its turbulent youth, and arranged a *modus vivendi* with constituted authority. From time to time other College publications wax and wane and disappear.

Mr. Auden had had a brilliant career at Shrewsbury School and at Cambridge University, and the idea of making Upper Canada College solely a boarding school