

POLITICAL PHOENIX SPREADS WINGS

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In examining the platforms of both the Liberal and Conservative parties as presented in the last issue of the Gazette, one can only conclude by the meager turnout of voters in last Friday's election, that neither platform offered any new or constructive ideas. Last year's popularity contest had turned into apathy last week by the lack of publicity, and it was not until election day that either party was finally prepared to vanquish their opposition.

An informal poll taken before the election indicated that the majority was indifferent to its outcome, and statements to the effect in Atwood's Delicatessen included the following: Eric Rix, Engineering: "What election?" Neville Ralph, Commerce: "The whole system should be overhauled." Ken MacDonald, Engineering: "Couldn't give a damn." Eric Dean, undecided to what faculty he would permanently commit himself in future years, remained just plain undecided.

Some students wholeheartedly supported either one of the two parties, but these were few and far between, and even among those of the same party there was general disagreement on policies. All in all, the results were somewhat disappointing.

Most promises will never be fulfilled and during the remainder of

the term, politics will once again become a "silent partner" in university life.

Timbers in New Platform

This has given rise to the formation of a "New Independent Party" which hopes to be a strong contender for leading next year's model parliament. It was learned from reliable sources that the party proposes a platform including, among other things, the following new policies:

- 1 The nationalization of monopolies;
- 2 Investigation of the N.S. Gypsum industry, which at present processes their product in part at Boston;
- 3 Abolish Royal Commissions. They are not elected by the people and are out of date in modern-day society;
- 4 Strictly enforce the minimum wage bill. A great number of people today are working in large octopoid industries with on control over their salaries;
- 5 Transfer the CBC to private ownership;
- 6 Prohibit subsidization of the losing coal industry and enforce the subsidizing of ship building for commercial ships, establishing a strong N.S. ship building market;
- 7 Enforce the use of a distinctive national flag.

Dual Party System Ineffective?

One enthusiastic member of this "New Independent Party" stated: "Perhaps we don't need a new

party, perhaps the two party system is sufficient to satisfy most people on campus, but that just doesn't make sense after last Friday's election turnout. Apparently that only satisfies about 50% of them. The answer is that we must find new ways and try new ideas."

Whether the Liberals or Conservatives have lost their charm in wrapping their policies in a stately splendor of impressive words is not for me to say. Whether a new political party at Dalhousie would encourage more students to vote next year can only be made known through methods entailing experimentation. However, it appears that something must be done if future elections are to be more active and competitive, instead of becoming a mere college pretence.

Archibald—

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life, and that its pursuit "should never be curtailed."

Dr. Archibald said Communist countries believe passionately in the pursuit of knowledge, and suggested this pursuit "has a utilitarian tinge." He said science should advance rapidly where there was "ceaseless and unremitting toil."

In a system where children are engaged in work, he said, science was bound to meet with success.

Next lecturer in the series will be Father Labelle, who will consider the relationship of the Roman Catholic Church to Communism.

Portrait of Man

All green and soft, with daisies, buttercups, clover and
A field
In the country
In July
All green and soft, with daisies, buttercups, clover and
Stillness.

The sun
Way up high in the fathomless sky
Heat, rising through air in the
Stillness.

A lane
Through the field
In the country
In July
Dusty, and hot, and pot-holed and dry,
Lined with fence-posts, rotten and rickety
With rusty wire and pointed barbs
Stillness.

Out of the stillness,
A boy, a ball, a butterfly
Two lives.

The boy
On the lane
Six, with round eyes blue, big and soft and innocent
Soft hair, too, curly and fair and tumbling
Sturdy limbs and pink velvety cheeks
A bouncy ball, red, white and blue and innocent
In the
Stillness.

The butterfly
Free,
Flitting along
In the
Stillness
Going nowhere
But landing on a fence post
To quiver, and live
With purpose to be beautiful, tender and
Free
In the
Stillness.

Two beauties.
The boy stops on the lane
The ball stops in the ditch of the lane
He watches the butterfly,
Living and quivering and softening the scene
From his perch on the fence-post.
A stealthy step, an intook breath
A big round eye
And a darting hand.
Unfree.

Happiness and triumph and mirthful glee
For the boy who caught this quivering Free
Waving his arms and laughing and kicking the ball
Red and white, blue and bouncy.

Then
Stillness
The face turns impassive
And peers intently at the wonder of
Life
Flitting, and struggling, and quivering and fearful
In his hand.

Curiosity goes
A new Feeling enters
The face makes a grimace
The fingers tighten,
A spasmodic fist
The quivering stops
In the
Stillness.

"Billyeeee, Billyeee,"
Comes the cry from a house down the lane
It is lunch
The corpse is dropped on the dusty road
The ball is retrieved from the dusty road
The boy runs on the dusty road
Ice cream for desert.

A field
In the country
In July
All green and soft, with daisies, buttercups, clover and
Stillness.

Alone.

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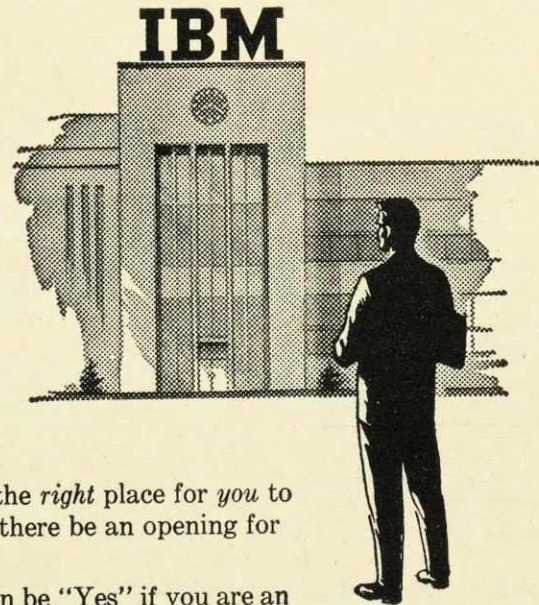
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