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## A FABLE...

Once upon a time, as most fables go, there was a large country across the seas known as Citizenland. It was a very large country indeed, although there were few people in it. Citizenland was right next door to another large country known as Homeofthefree, and there were indeed a lot of people in it.

Citizenland and Homeofthefree more or less grew up together, and except for a few childhood quarrels, they got along very nicely. In fact, whenever there was a war on, they almost always fought on the same side.

Now, Homeofthefree one day became a nation. It is hard to say exactly how they became a nation, but once they were one they were very proud of themselves. And all the people of the nation became citizens, and they were very proud of that too. They had their own flag, their own laws and courts, and even their own games, and although they were very young for a nation, and often boastful and a little self-entered, they were so strong and prosperous that all the other nations more or less reluctantly admitted that Homeofthefree was just about the BIGGEST country in the world; and they borrowed money from them, and read their magazines and newspapers, and saw their movies, and played their music and read their books.

Also, while all this was going on, some of the people of Citizenland (and don't forget there weren't very many) went down to Homeofthefree—and they stayed there. And if they stayed there long enough, as most of them did, they became citizens, which they thought was a lot better than being a subject, which was about the only thing they could be in Citizenland. This is very hard to understand, but it was true nevertheless. People from Citizenland were Citizens, or so they thought, but they really weren't citizens, but subjects. Do you see?

And then one day, once upon a time, a few subjects with the talent of making Law made a Law. The Law said that from now on everybody in Citizenland could be a citizen, instead of a subject. And, although I don't remember exactly how the Law went, it somehow gave the people the idea that from now on they would belong to Citizenland and that they would all have equal rights and equal responsibility and equal privilege, just like the citizens of Homeofthefree.

Now, in Citizenland there are nine states, and, this is odd, some of the people in some of the states really didn't have as many rights, responsibilities, and privileges as some of the people (and don't forget there weren't very many anyway) in some of the other states. For instance, once upon a time, the same people who made the fine law about citizens made another Law that said, although I don't remember exactly how it went, that the new citizens of the state of Woodfish were worth six dollars LESS, per head, than the new citizens of the state of Beezey.

And so, some of the little people of Citizenland (and there aren't many) began to wonder about this, and one or two of the people, known as Cynics or Pessimists, came to the conclusion that maybe they'd just as soon be subjects, because it didn't seem to make much difference anyway. But there's one thing about the subjects, or citizens, of Citizenland—they are very patient and and it's a good thing they are, and they are slow to move, sometimes, but when they do they can move mountains.

But right now, you understand, some of the people of Citizenland are doing a lot of serious thinking. They would like to be very proud of being real citizens, but they aren't quite sure that it means what they thought it would.

What do you think?

## CAMPUS NEWS

(By Andrew Fleming)

It has long been the opinion of the writer that we should have a column in the Brunswickan which can present to the students and other readers items of news, which do not warrant a complete article, but which are likely to be of interest to many readers. What I had in mind was something like this:

Wedding Bells were liberally intermingled with Christmas chimes during the vacation. Andy Fraser (For. '49) has returned to F'ton with Mrs. Fraser—the marriage took place in Ottawa. Keth Leighton (Civil '49) said "I do" in Moncton on Dec. 26th and is now living at The Windsor Hotel with Mrs. Jean Leighton (anybody know of an apt.) Gerry Bell (Alex.) was an usher at the wedding while Larry "I'll finish the punch" Carey (Civil '49) was also in attendance. The day after Bob Gander (Alex.) followed suit in the same town and now he and Mrs. Gander are in F'ton.

Mr. Stork has been busy. Everett Doak (For. '49) and Murray Brown (For. '49) were both promoted to the rank of parenthood here in F'ton while Murray Laird (For. '49) was presented with a baby boy on Dec. 26th at Moose Jaw. Frank Calssie (Alex.) headed Edmundston way to see the latest addition to his family.

Spring term open with Howard Fraser (For. '49) in hospital suffering from pneumonia. Gerry Warman (Pre Med) was operated on for appendicitis two days before the end of fall term. Dick Buhner (For. '49) who suffered from jaundice for several weeks has now returned to continue his studies. Dean Parr is confined to his bed.

Many enthusiastic remarks have been heard about the President's Christmas Party for the wives and children of faculty and students. 160

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were served and movies were shown.

Just in case some of you missed the dance after the Y. M. H. A. game, Dave Stohart is engaged to Patricia Ritchie. Bob Murray (For.) and his wife, another Ritchie girl named Betty, are at present visiting Lt. Col. and Mrs. Ritchie.

Dalhousie is reported to have burnt an effigy of Major Forbes, Athletic Director of McGill to show their displeasure at his handling of their tennis team. Do we do the same for Mr. Green of the Bangor 'Mohawks'? But then he appears in person in February for a return game.

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