

**Book review**

**Front Benches and Back Rooms available**

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Political events in the Maritime provinces, particularly since confederation, has always been the enigma of Canadian history, and in no province are historical events less written about than New Brunswick.

Alumni Director Arthur Doyle's book on New Brunswick politics from 1912 to 1927, opens up a whole new field of Canadian studies. No more will high school and university teachers be able to plead lack of written material for this period of provincial history and no longer will academics be able to write off the Picture Province as a lost cause. *Front Benches and Back Rooms* will be available at the bookstore Monday.

Say good-bye to Arthur Lower's "staid province" with its "sterile soils."

But this is not all that Doyle's book promises. In a rather intensive treatment of a twelve-year period (277 pages) the whole issue of elections and political corruption is attacked from a different light.

Instead of trying to speculate what might happen under certain circumstances according to certain long, drawn out theories, Doyle approaches the problem and answers the questions, "What actually did happen?" and, "Why did it happen?"

"The Liberals were determined to grasp the spoils, and moved with a swift and sure hand. Within weeks, the anticipated post-election purge of the civil service came with full force. While the Conservative press acknowledged with some resignation that 'nine years is a long time to go hungry for the fruits and emoluments of office', they nevertheless bemoaned that hundreds were being ruthlessly dismissed to make way for the followers of the 'Carterite Party', that 'the axe was being worked night and day to satisfy the hungry Grit partisans...', that it was a 'complete return to the spoils system'. True, there was a similar 'purge' in 1908, but now, the Liberals were carrying to a new extreme the principle that to the victor belong the spoils'.

This book will make good reading since it concerns the fathers and grandfathers of a

good number of present day New Brunswickers, who are still involved in politics. Doyle interviewed a lot of these people, and it looks like there will be a storm created among families who have a few skeletons in their closets exposed to the light of day.

This doesn't mean there is a grand expose, just that Doyle does not hesitate to mention all

pertinent information.

Dalton K. Camp, who started his political career in New Brunswick said of the book, "Fascinating stuff... and with a moral: the antidotes for political indiscretion, avarice, or irresponsibility in politics and government are not wishful thoughts of improving the human species but strengthened public institutions and a political system wide open to public scrutiny. Anyone who thinks, on reading of these events, that they are peculiar to New Brunswick, or to one or another party, is either a fool, a partisan, or both."

Fredericton writer Jackie Webster said in a review, "The high school years are a time when student interest in Canadian History atrophies for all time or accelerates. I would suggest that if *Front Benches and Back Rooms* was made required reading, it would go a long way towards promoting the latter process.

So, sit back and find out the truth of all those antics your grandparents talk about.

*Front Benches and Back Rooms* costs \$11.95 in hardcover. The paperback edition is expected next spring.



Devil seducing a witch

**'FRONT BENCHES & BACK ROOMS'**

by Art Doyle

Now Available

Beginning Monday 1 Nov. 76

UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

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**THERE WILL BE A MEETING** for all those interested in helping out with the sale of WUSC handicrafts "Caravan" from November 8 till - November 12 on Monday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the German Lounge (Tilley Hall). Have an hour to spare? P.S. The work is strictly voluntary and lots of fun!

**WANT TO HEAR** some great West Indian music and learn a little more about that part of the world? The movie "The Harder They Come" starring Jimmy Cliff is being shown on Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. in the STU auditorium. Admission 50 cents. Sponsored by WUSC.

**MIGRAINE HEADACHE SUFFERERS:** The Dept. of Psychology is conducting a Biofeedback treatment experiment. Open to students, faculty and staff. For details contact the secretaries in the main office of Kierstead Hall. Phone 453-4707.

**COMING YOUR WAY** - from November 8 **THERE IS NO TRUTH** to the rumour that a certain Student Senator has any photographs of a room hit which took place the wee hours of 27-10-76. B. Wade please take note - my garbage can is not wet! Is this worth a shovel of some semi-precious metal?

-An upholder of justice and general rumour distributor.

**BALLROOM DANCING** regrets to inform students that classes are full and there will be no more students accepted

**FOR SALE:** one pair of downhill skis with bindings. Good condition. Price negotiable. Phone 454-3903 after 6 p.m.

**LOST:** one UNB leather jacket at L.B.R. on Friday. Return to Allan at 301 Neville - 453-4938.

**DEAR LEVERNE** is back in full form -- Have a personal problem? Write it down on a five, and send it to "Dear Leverne" in care of The Brunswickan, Room 35, SUB.

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**WANTED:** Responsible young couple (students) searching for a "home away from home" - to rent starting the end of December or first of January. Preferably a nice homey apartment in an old house - please: a nice place with a reasonable rent. Call 472-5246 after 5:00 p.m.

**WANTED:** Storage space for small car for the winter. Phone as soon as possible 453-4938, Rm. 312.

**WANTED:** Two passengers to fly to Florida in 4 seat aircraft during Christmas vacation. Leaving Fredericton Dec. 26th. Tentative return date is Jan. 4th. Aircraft rental cost will be split evenly by all 4 crew members. [approx. \$200, each] Destination is within easy access of Tampa, St. Petersburg, Disneyworld, Sea World and Beautiful Clearwater Beach. This is an exciting opportunity you can't afford to miss. For further information call Bill [Jr.] after 6 p.m. at 357-8161.

**WANTED:** The organizers of engineering week want to uphold a long standing tradition. They request applications for the position of Lady Godiva. All applications strictly confidential. Financial arrangements will be discussed. Contact Bill at 454-4779.



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