



1954 - They Don't Notice The Steps Any More

Valuable Collection of Nova Scotia Stamps on Display at Archives

On display at the Nova Scotia Archives is a collection of early Nova Scotia Stamps, issued and used before 1867. This collection of N. S. Stamps is presented by the Nova Scotia Government with the purpose of acquainting the public and visitors to what extent this Province has contributed to the establishment of postal transportation before Confederation with the Dominion of Canada in 1867, when these issues were withdrawn.

There were four issues from 1851 to 1863. In 1851 there was an issue of 3 and 6 penny stamps and a one shilling stamp issue. It was found that without the 1 penny stamp, a considerable amount of inconvenience was being caused, so in 1853, a one penny issue was brought into use.

These were withdrawn in 1860 and cent issues were issued in their place. In 1860 there was a one, five, eight and a half, ten and twelve and a half cent issues. This was followed in 1863 with a two cent issue. When Nova Scotia joined Confederation in 1867, these were withdrawn and replaced by Dominion Government stamps.

It is interesting to note, that a great deal of work went into the bringing about of these stamp issues in the first place. Finally, after a great deal of correspondence with the Imperial Government in Great Britain the Post Office Act of 1850 was brought about. One section of the Act stated:

"7. The repayment of Provincial postage shall be optional to the sender."

In 1851 these stamps were issued. The Postmaster-General made a public announcement in the paper, The Halifax Chronicle, stating that before any stamps were used, they should be carefully examined so as to make sure that they would adhere to the envelope because if they did not, the receiver of the letter would be obligated to pay the postage required. Thus, on the 1st of September, 1851, there was issued the first Nova Scotia stamps.

A great deal had still to be brought to light in regard to the stamps of Nova Scotia,—interesting features that on discovery quickly engaged the attention of what may be called the philatelic world.

Law Notes

By ALF HARRIS

September 15 saw the opening of Ye Olde Lawe School and the beginning of another Dalhousie year. The young legal minds came to the old red building and after greeting one another, met the new members of the staff. To the regular staff of Dean V. C. MacDonald and Professor T. J. Feeney were added the names of Professors W. E. Lederman, J. H. Hendry, and H. G. Batt.

Some changes in the curriculum have been made, and despite cries from the present third year that Ye Olde Lawe Schoole is getting soft, it seems highly probable that second year students will survive the blow of having to choose between "Insurance" and "Bills and Notes."

Our school was very fortunate last term in playing host to the Canadian member of the International Court, Mr. Justice J. E. Read. Mr. Read gave a series of talks on International Law. The talks were well received and many students attended.

The Dalhousie Law Society, under President Slim Chisholm, Vice-President Bill Grant and Treasurer Jess Wentzell, have carried on our great society, and already have held three meetings this year.

It has done its usual work in organizing the printing of notes, choosing dance committees and drawing up legal student activities for the year. The meetings provide an outlet for the excess energy and vocabulary of the members.

The Law Ball, an annual affair, was held in the Ball Room of the Nova Scotian Hotel. The Ball was both financially and socially successful, and credit goes to the Ball Committee comprised of Bill Pearson, Stu Wallace and Al Trites.

Two third year students made coast to coast headlines when they ran against each other for the Richmond County seat in the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Mr. Earl Urquhart, the Liberal Candidate won over his classmate and Conservative opponent, Mr. Al Baccardax. Congratulations to Earl and Best Wishes.

One of the best sports events I have ever witnessed was held last

A.J.'s Second Address to Frosh

Well, my friends, though many have forgotten of your existence as a freshman class and have accepted you justly as Dalhousians, I have not forgotten and so must hasten to point out inherent dangers in your precarious but enviable position.

The second term begins. Your first great hurdle has for better or for worse, become an unpleasant memory now, and for three months you have been a part of our venerable institution. But now the most dangerous term of all is upon you. During this crucial period you make or break the enviable career that is open for all of you.

Perhaps you think you are wise beyond your years and know how to conduct yourselves, that advice from this writer must fall on unwilling ears. Well, here is the simple truth: those of you who in your vanity ignore my simple advice will not be here next year. So take what is given eagerly and free and insure your future.

As yet you are too fresh and green to know what lies ahead. The social whirlpool is about to subtly strike and without a pause for breath you will one day come out of the maelstrom of dances, parties, love and sports activities with the awful realization that Monroe Day has passed leaving you with far too much work to do and back themes to write.

And what have you achieved in extra-curricular fields? How many and what kinds of friends have you made? What have you learned? If you answer negatively to these questions it is time for an accounting. Perhaps you forgot that you are not here to cram enough for a 50% and then to forget it; or that this is a long-term foundation you are supposed to be laying. And in the blinding bliss of youthful ignorance you may feel that a moonlight walk and the kiss of love is worth more than earning a degree or handling some responsible student activity. Leaders of men are molded by the perfect blending of experience and knowledge and these ingredients are so easily within the reach of you all.

Don't be inane. A kiss, a drunk, are but fleeting things. Learn to value what is of use to you, something that endures. Learn that love betrays and leaves you with the empty debris of wasted days, days in which you could have built an edifice of experience and knowledge within yourselves that would be worth a million memories reckless levity.

It is not too late. If you at once schedulize work and play in the correct proportions and be consistent in your dealings with both, and if you are wise enough to think of this advice and follow it, then in September I will not be able to laugh, as you three-month old Dalhousians, perhaps, are laughing now.

Because you make up our College's future I beg you for your sincerity. The reason for your faith should be that I know too well the bitterness of wasted days and hopes that were shattered due to the infidelity of infirm emotions.

A.J.

November when the Law Rugby Team defeated the Engineers for the Interfac Rugby Trophy. Only the sportsmanship, grit, and perseverance of our boys, as they fought through ice, rain, and mud brought victory. The winning goal was effected by Jim Palmer after the two teams had fought an hour and forty minutes overtime.

Sam Peeps--

various persons to appear in their masque and not to speak any lines but merely to run about the stage in a mob and say "Ahh" or "Oh" at appropriate intervals. I have always desired to be an actor and immediately resolved to apply for such a position, for one must start at the bottom in such things. I do think that I shall ask to play the part of a Gentleman for I feel that I can do it nicely, if I do not have to speak.



The Campus Roundup

by Windy O'Neill

Dalhousie has the unique privilege of having one of its toiling undergrads representing his constituency in the Provincial House. It has been said that this country is run by a roomful of men who disagree—well, winning candidate Earl Urquhart should fit in quite well, for during his term as law representative on the Students' Council, Urquhart was no man to follow the crowd when his opinions differed. It was he who led the fight to preserve the Gazette's "Freedom of Expression" when some timid souls became alarmed at this paper's somewhat frank, but honest views.

The election was ably-contested by Al Baccardax, who sits, in third year law, within arms-length of the new member (no blows have been reported). The losing candidate drew an unprecedented number of votes in this somewhat silent election. Both students have been active in their respective campus political clubs and this may be a sign that our political fathers are beginning to consider youth no bar for entry into the legislative assembly. In wartime, there is no limit to the responsibility that may be thrust on a young man, but, after the period of crisis, such responsibility isn't considered safe.

We have often heard it commented by some unthinking malcontent that it is impossible for an honest man to remain above corruption when embroiled on the political field. Such an idea is patently ridiculous, for, although there may be some dishonesty in all governments, moral men must prevail or our democratic system will be overthrown. Each corrupt act is a blow to the liberty of the electorate, and a blow even against the freedom of the one committing the act. When "Every man has his price" comes true, we can prepare ourselves for a despotism.

Looking around the Canadian scene, we see some disturbing occurrences. Here, in Halifax, we witnessed the snowblower controversy which brought the administration of this city under a vile suspicion. In Cape Breton, recently, there was grave doubt cast upon the validity of a civic election. It is said that there was a heavy grave yard vote, or as one wag put it, "The candidate was elected by the best people in Cape Breton". In Ontario, now, when travelling over the Queen Elizabeth Highway, the work of each contractor is visible in the deterioration of the sections, and thereby, we see his former standing with those letting the road contracts.

In Quebec Province, which this writer currently calls home, corruption is most daring and most blatant. There is a group, numbering about two thousand smug souls, called the 'Society of Cheap Chisellers' who accept patronage in the form of a low license number, the owner of which, the highways department will refuse to disclose. This means that these good citizens are free from parking and speeding fines and the responsibility for some accidents. The Quebec City Police Department has found that the only solution is to drag the vehicle away until the fine is paid.

Though there are numerous worthy individuals in the country who are unselfish with their time, men of high calibre ability seem reluctant to enter public affairs and safeguard their heritage. It happens right here in this university. How many times have we seen meetings where nomination after nomination has been declined through no apparent reason? It is carried on into public life where citizens with administrative ability decline to carry out their responsibility and leave the field open to inferiors. If the men will not do it, why not turn it over to the women?

If men who cannot withstand the seductions of power are to predominate in the political life of our country, we would like to quote the advice of Carl Schurz, an American statesman, whose name remained unbesmirched through the most corrupt era of American politics—"We must not hesitate to denounce every member of our own party who prostitutes his trust and power by dishonest and corrupt transactions, as a contemptible villain. And not only that, we must consider and treat him as a traitor to his party. What we can and must do, is to make all dishonest and corrupt practices high treason, and to take every such traitor and pitch him overboard, and condemn him to political death without regard to person or station, and without benefit of clergy". Our liberty and honour and prestige cannot be preserved unless we raise the standard of public morals.

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