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### BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH ISSUES

The Provincial Elections are coming on apace. There has been a great deal of preparation for the big campaign, and the series of meetings of both parties are about to begin.

The men in the University, and particularly those who are in the Political Science course or who have a leaning towards politics and governmental problems can not do better than begin now to become fully acquainted with all the issues which are being raised. The Frupp Bill, which proposes local option in the matter of taxation of improvements is one of the more important. Then, too, the question of bilingual schools will doubtless be raised. This is a matter on which all progressive men should be informed.

On Tuesday night, in Massey Hall, a large meeting will be held to discuss these issues. The Varsity urges University students to attend this and as many others of the meetings of both parties as time will allow.

### TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN EUROPE

#### Best Research Work Is Done With Small Models Says Professor Angus

The first regular meeting of the "University of Toronto Electrical Club" was held Wednesday evening in the Chemistry and Mining Building. The president, Mr. F. C. De Guerre, made his inaugural address and called the attention of those present to the objects of the club. He pointed out that in these meetings the members have excellent opportunities to improve themselves in public speaking and debating and urged the members to prepare papers on engineering subjects to be read before the club.

The speaker of the evening, Professor Robert W. Angus, was then asked to address the meeting. He was very enthusiastically received. The subject was European Laboratories, Workshops and Power Plants. Professor Angus, by means of lantern slides, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Engineering Education and Work in Germany, Switzerland and the British Isles. The speaker's remarks on European railroad customs were very interesting and amusing.

Dealing with Engineering education the speaker mentioned the fact that in the Technical Schools of Germany there were engineering models of almost every conceivable thing, but that, as far as he could learn, the students very seldom saw them. He also stated that in some of the schools experimental work was carried on by the use of very large machines but he was of the opinion that much more instructive work could be accomplished by the use of smaller machines as is done in our own laboratories; the principles being the main things to learn.

One remarkable thing noted was that most important and authoritative engineering research work was carried on in Munich with the aid of very simple apparatus in an old building.

The remarks about the immense size of the manufacturing shops and the size and the fine quality of the work turned out in Switzerland were of great interest.

The address proved most instructive and the thanks of the meeting were extended to Professor Angus.

The president announced that the next regular meeting would be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, when Mr. P. W. Sothman, Chief Engineer of the Hydro-electric Power Commission, would address the club.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### FOSTER COLLEGE SPIRIT

To the Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir:—Let us hope that all this discussion on "gowns" prove not abortive, and that the Lit may very soon bring matters to a definite head on the question. There seems to be practically little open opposition to their reintroduction, and if the somewhat apathetic endorsement of their use were only lent a particle of the enthusiasm of our Rooters' Club—well, the result would be a foregone conclusion.

The gown lends an additional touch of dignity to a student's apparel; and if it were regarded strongly enough in its proper light of a garb of honor and tradition, its use should do much more in fostering a deeper and sincerer "college spirit" of the noblest type, than all the pennants and class yells in captivity.

Moreover, there is an additional point in favor of gowns that has not received sufficient notice: the great economical and practical uses of the garb. Leaving aside the freshman's reasons for adopting the gown, which probably might be due to a coming feeling that they would both warm his heart with the glow of being a real live college "man," and would also distinguish his noble self from the "hoi polloi" of the town—all these aside, the reasons of economy and utility are strong factors.

Think of what manifold purposes gowns would serve in cleaning pens, flicking off dust and pencil-shavings, as cushions on the hard, hard lecture-seats—not to speak of considerably hiding the shiny elbows and other parts of that last year's suit! To what unholy uses the Meds could put the garb, let us not venture to surmise; but the School could employ their gowns in a legion of ways,—from strangling a freshman to stuffing the cracks in the door of C 22 when the Orchestra practised.

Then, too—but peace! From many points of view gowns would be useful, valuable and (in some cases) highly ornamental (?) Let us hear more on this topic.

Truly yours,  
O.D.S.

### REDUCE CAR FARE FOR STUDENTS

Editor of The Varsity:

Dear Sir,—

You would confer a great favor by allowing me a little space to discuss a subject which I think most students are interested and that is the item of carfare. To some this is of little interest but to others who ride the cars four times a day it holds more concern, for now that we are not permitted to use 'School' tickets and are either too late or too early to use limited tickets, it amounts up considerably.

The majority of students have not an inexhaustible treasury to dip into, and I am sure would welcome a reduction in the car rates.


My suggestion as to how this might be brought about is to have the matter brought up in the students' parliament and a deputation or a petition be sent to the Street Railway Co.

The steam railways give the students a cheap rate, why not the street railway? The business and laboring man who rides the cars twice a day has his ticket, why do not the students who ride the cars four times a day have theirs?

Some member of the parliament who really wants to do something would bestow a great favour on student kind by bringing in a bill to this effect.

Yours very truly,  
N.B.T.

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The gymnasium was nicely decorated with blue and white.

Dancing began promptly at 8 o'clock. Refreshments were served after number six. The music was of high class. It was given by Fralick's orchestra.

The patronesses were: Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Malcolm Wallace, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Pakenham, Miss Salter.

The committee which had charge of the arrangements consisted of Prof. M. W. Wallace, H. L. Bryce, G. R. Sneath, R. L. Campbell, E. M. Rowand, J. F. McLay.

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