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## THE ALARM CLOCK RINGS BEYOND THE PALE

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The leading article in this, the second issue of the Alarm Clock, is by Professor L. C. Marsh. In this and the subsequent issue of the magazine the author proposes to deal with much-discussed subject of technocracy. After a long, laborious and mostly unnecessary introduction Mr. Marsh states the case for technocracy in a clear and competent manner. He reviews the technical survey, defines the term, technocracy, in all its possible senses, and reserves the second instalment of his paper for his stand as an economist.

"The New Republic of Consumerland" by Fred V. Stone is a highly amusing and satirical proposal for the establishment of a republic of people solely by consumers, a state without tariffs, the constitution beginning with the declaration that "all men are created with consumptive desires; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable wants; and that they have a right to pursue without restriction the satisfaction of these wants.

Timothy P. Slattery in an able, lucid, but too elementary an article puts forward the stand of socially enlightened Catholicism, which holds as its ideal "the principle of private property and an equitable distribution of that property." The Catholic Social Order can thus be seen to strike a middle course between catch-as-catch-can Capitalism and the Marxist state ownership of property. It is hard to understand however the inclusion of religion into the purely economic scheme of society. It does not explain anything, nor does it help in the planning of a new social order.

The editorial discusses the sale-on-the-campus ban and appeals to the Student's Council "to take up the cudgels" on behalf of the magazine, since it is published by a recognized campus club. A supremely humorous suggestion.

Genosse reviews political and economic incidents of the month in a light and interesting manner, especially the profound and soothing remarks of our leading bankers on depression remedies.

From Oxenford cometh the well-known voice of Comrade Lewis in a letter reviewing the activities of the University Labour Club.

"The Rhymes For a Bourgeois Child" live up to the title. They are very childish.

Technically, the magazine presents a better appearance than the first issue. There is still, however, much room for improvement. (R. L.)

## Social Reconstruction

The Editor,  
McGill Daily.

Dear Sir:

Not long ago it was my fortune to hear a very able address given by Professor Parkinson under the auspices of the League for Social Reconstruction. The speaker first painted a doleful picture of Canada's present condition of the indecision and incompetence of her statesmen, of their parsimonious financial policies and of the ruin which awaits Canada if the present state of affairs be allowed long to continue. Then in a fairly technical discourse Professor Parkinson outlined several simple yet efficacious steps which must be taken if prosperity is ever to return to our country. This discourse, though apparently appreciated by all, was without a doubt understood by few of the audience outside of young students of economics. It is a well known fact that economists as a class understand everything, can prove nothing, agree on trivialities, disagree on essentials and accomplish nothing. A few exceptions may be found among the more seasoned warriors of the tribe who are not quite so sure that they understand everything when they begin to realize that their life time has been devoid of proofs for their theories.

A very definite impression was however left with the embryo thinkers of the audience that a quiet half-hour's talk between Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Bennett would settle everything. With Mr. Parkinson's brains and theories, and Mr. Bennett's energy and parliamentary majority, much might be accomplished. We have great faith in Mr. Bennett's energy.

It is however very amusing to see how much profound interest is taken by the youthful intelligentsia of McGill in the fashionable question of social reconstruction. One is forcibly reminded of the group of savants who sit around a stove in the village barber-shop and settle decisively the perplexing points of politics, religion and science. Yet this is a stage through which every young college student must pass at some time and for that reason must be condoned.

When however the brilliant intellects of these students, after mature consideration, produce a publication something more might be expected than a reiteration of the opinions of radical economists, a collection of socialistic catch-words, meaningless verses, sarcastic excerpts from speeches snatched bloodless from their context, and unconstructive criticism.

Perhaps by the next period of depression the minds behind the "Alarm Clock" may have attained to some original thoughts fanciful and impracticable though they may, and probably will, be. We can only hope.

Yours ghtefuacabe i-mthN  
Faithfully yours,  
R. U. H. Haslam.