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EDITORIAL



College Clubs. ON looking over the McGill Calendar or the Y.M.C.A. Handbook, the casual reader is at once struck by the number and variety of clubs that are found at McGill. There is the Western Club, the Prince Edward Island Club, the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Club, the Glee Club, the Historical Club, the Aviation Club, the Reader's Club, and the Electrical Club, to mention but the principal ones.

The great majority of these clubs explain their purpose by their titles, and what is more, stick to it, but there are unfortunately others who have ambitious dreams and who are inclined to push themselves forward at the expense of the College. This provincial spirit is greatly to be deplored, and it has certainly called forth much adverse criticism from many McGill men. When a man comes to the University he should live for his College alone, and while we do not wish for a moment to suggest that he should not join a club composed of men from his own section of the country, he ought to have sufficient College spirit to sink his province and his club and work for the University as a whole.

Yet there are Clubs here that seem to be unable to realize this, and who use every opportunity to push forward their own candidates whether they are suitable or not. This may be "party patriotism," but it is to be hoped that it will be dropped, and that the broad spirit that is the breath of the University may soon take its place.

Society Reports. As we have heard some adverse comment upon a report of the meeting of one of the College Societies, we have this week written ourselves an account of the Lit. Society meeting last Friday. This we present as being along the lines in which we would wish to have future meetings reported, as we believe that it is a criticism and not a mere account that is wanted.

The old reports never interested anyone save those who had attended the meetings, whereas it is, or should be, the accounts of past meetings that attract men to future ones, and if such reports as the one in this issue succeed in this, we shall feel that we have been justified.

THE SAME OLD SONG.

We've fought with many men 'mid other scenes,
 We've fought 'em on the field and on the track.
 There's 'Varsity and Ottawa and Queen's,
 But the Faculty 's the 'ardest nut to crack.
 We never get an 'aporth change of they—
 The information comes from other sources,
 The work we do ain't all our people say—
 But let those others come and try our courses.
 So 'ere's to our dear old Faculty—booms every kind of game.
 Yes, no matter how you take them, boys, they're mostly all the
 same.
 "We want to see the manly sports, they're very good we know,
 But you mustn't miss your lectures or—we're sorry— out you go."

We've suffered nearly every kind of ill,
 Our football teams are beaten by a mile.
 We must confess it's not a pleasant pill,
 To see the others dish us up in style.
 And all we ever get from such as they—
 Oh! don't it make you 'ot beneath the collar—
 Is just because we 'aven't time to play.
 Say, fellers, do you wonder if we holler?
 So 'ere's to our dear old Faculty, thaw out a little more;
 Oh! you won't speak out your mind to us and that's wot we deplore.
 For give and take's the maxim, and we'd call your actions fair,
 If you'd give us your confidence and treat us on the square.



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THE UNKNOWN.

We are under a solemn oath not to reveal the subject of this article, and it was only upon this condition that we were able to gather any facts concerning our hero's life.

He was born at a very early age in Canada and was educated in the usual manner—partly by a stick, partly by books and partly by a slipper.

After attempting his Matric. some four or five times he at length entered one of the Faculties of McGill, where he still is climbing the painful road that leads to the Degree. When he should have graduated is a secret we dare not reveal, when he will graduate, GOD only knows.

In the Athletic world he is well known. He has a small "M" for forming the second poker team of the University, and as a fancy skater he holds the record from Theatre-night to the last Y.M.C.A. reception.

As to his social triumphs—who can hope to emulate them—the eye of the Janitor of the R.V.C. lights up as he approaches, for never does he tip him less than ten cents, and his flowing locks, oiled, parted and waved cause devastation in the hearts of Senior, Junior, Soph. and Freshette.

With the Professors also he is well-beloved. Whenever they are inclined to pat themselves on the back, they think of one that they were unable to shove through, and a proper feeling of humility creeps through them and makes them better and nobler men.

With the religious life of the University he was once closely identified, but since the day when he was caught throwing the Y.M.C.A. sandwiches out of the second story window, and these broke up the pavement beneath in such a manner that the Association was put to great expense to renew it; since then, I say, he has been a persona non grata, and Bible Classes and Sings know him no more.

In the Lit. he is a powerful speaker, and oft has his voice been raised on the burning question—"Was the execution of King Charles I. justifiable?" while his views on the reduction of the tariff on foreign beer are well known.

In the Philosophical Society he has read a brilliant paper on the "Influence of the Collar stud on the Human Emotions," and at the Delta Sigma tea he has lectured to a crowded hall on the poetry of Mr. Dooley.

THE STUPID MAN AND THE CLEVER JUG.

(Concluded.)

"Good!" said Mary, "I like people who answer promptly. Will Wednesday do for you?" Yes, Wednesday would do for him. "And for you, Mrs. Faith? (I ask you second, as of course a man's time is so much more sacred than ours). Yes? then let us say Wednesday." They all said Wednesday with the proviso on the part of the chaperone—"If my husband does not want me." "Tut-tut," said Mary, "of course he won't want you; a doctor never has time to want his wife."

"By the way," said he, "how **is** Faith?" "You don't deserve to be told," replied the loyal spouse. "If it is only **by-the-way!** You have grieved me from the first to-day by not asking for him. I never saw you so absent-minded. I have eaten up everything in sight, but no thanks to any interest **you** took in my nourishment. I had to help myself or starve. Oh, it's all very well to raise your eyebrows and wave your hands about like a China Mandarin man." He ceased his deprecating gestures while she continued. "My husband will weep over your decay. He always says you have the brightest brains he knows."

At this startling announcement he groaned, while Mary laughed aloud, then murmured reassuringly, "Never mind Dr. Faith! my brother never says anything like that about your brains, and he ought to know them to a fibre, considering you attended his lectures for years and years!" Moved to self-defence, he replied, "Not more than the usual number of years." While Mrs. Faith, ignoring these asides, proceeded: "And my husband has not often much praise for McGill men." "Was Dr. Faith not a McGill man?" exclaimed Mary in surprise. "No, indeed, neither was, nor is, nor would be. He always says he thanks Heaven he escaped **that** taint. But, good gracious! how rude that sounds, here of all places! in such a hot-bed of McGillicuddyreeks!! Mary, my dear, we must go, or I'm doomed. This old crocodile is pretty tame, but I believe some of the other wild beasts would tear me to pieces if they heard me!" "Fortunately for your integrity (I use the word in its derivative sense, Mrs. Faith), the other wild beasts are still out (and inwardly, 'may they remain so for a while'), and though my feelings are sorely wounded, as your host I am. bound to protect you from their violence, if your heresies are reported." "I don't trust you. You are beginning to look vindictive. Come away, child, before he breaks out. Say good-bye, good-bye!" And she had opened the door and escaped while still speaking. "Good-bye," called Mary from the steps. "Don't forget Wednesday; and you must be in a mood to admire my clever jug."

"Your clever jug," piped up Mrs. Faith shrilly from out the dark. "How absurd it sounds. I'd like one clever enough to bring forth cream when you had filled it with milk. It is usually the other way, milk when you'd like cream! Oh! I say, Solomon," she walked backwards as she spoke, nearly running down two young men who regarded her with astonishment as they turned towards the doorway where stood 'Solomon' obviously flurried and distraught, "I am not allowed to make puns at home, but, I thought that was rather good about McGillicuddyreeks! It was a delicate allusion to the vague elusive aroma of tobacco smoke that pervaded your den!" Then triumphantly to the chagrined Mary, who had vainly tried to check her eloquence and make her move on, "I think I have had my revenge for 'By-the-way, how is Faith?'. "You know our late host never seemed to know that a girl existed until he met **you**, and those two men who have just gone in are the other wild beasts, and they will chaff his life out." And they did. They plied him with stimulants, patted his back, felt his pulse, and finally laid him out on a sofa, and departing, left him, as he hoped, in peace. A moment later, however, a head reappeared at the door, and a sympathetic voice exclaimed, "I wish you luck, old chap. She is handsome, but rather corpulent and flamboyant for me. All right for a steady goer like you, though."

The "old chap" started to his feet, and was on the point of repudiating the corpulent flamboyant one, but merely changed his mind, and replied instead in a slightly constrained tone, "You express an unsolicited opinion very frankly, but I suppose something must be allowed to friendship. I cannot argue on such a subject but you must remember that these things are entirely a matter of taste." Then smiled complacently, saying to himself, "There, I have completely taken him in," and the Stupid Man really thought he had.

Wednesday came at last, with "shining morning face" and, with further resemblance to Shakespeare's schoolboy "creeping like snail unwillingly" to the appointed goal, which in this case was the hour of five in the afternoon. It arrived at last, and with it punctually, the Stupid Man, from whom all doubt and diffidence seemed to flee away, and cover as with a garment the blushing damsel who gave him greeting. Ringing in her ears were the words, "You know, he never seemed to realize the existence of a girl until he saw you." And that he realized her existence keenly and with satisfaction was plainly felt in the firm lingering handshake and seen in the tender glance that steadily met her own. A crisis had come, but, as usual with crises, passed unnoted at the moment.

The tea table was set, the water bubbled in the urn, and the most bourgeois of cream pitchers stood upon the tray. But none of these things moved him, for the Stupid Man had actually forgotten why he had come, or rather the reason why he had been asked, or perhaps, more correctly speaking, the osten-

sible reason for his coming. For who can discover the true motive of one's own or another's actions?

The ostensible reason, however, was recalled to his mind by the alert and penetrating Mrs. Faith, who had followed him quickly, but not too closely, into the enchanted presence. "Well, Mary! Where's the superior jug we were asked to meet? This is the same pottering old pot your brother has had all his life." Mary, only too glad of this descent into the normal, apologised for the absence of what might be called the "raison d'être." It had gone and left no trace. No note of explanation was found in its vacant place, no dishonourable secrets come to light accounted for its flight. I questioned Jane tactfully but gained nothing. She was very peculiar about it. She vowed she had never so much as clapped eyes on it since the day I gave a luncheon for certain high officials of the R.V.C., and mentioned something about **them** professor ladies taking a **mortal** fancy to it. I think she wants them searched! That (turning a flushing face to Him) was the day of tea with you." Mrs. Faith stared fixedly at the table during this recital, then a light of intelligence broke over her face, but her thoughts were not imparted. "Um! I must say I am disappointed! Give me my money back! Fancy coming here only to meet 'old Solomon' again, instead of an agile piece of porcelain, or delf is it? that bows to the company, and stands on its spout without spilling anything. Say, Mary! what stunts can it do?" "None," said Mary, dejectedly. "But it has an original air, and is the best balanced jug I know. Nothing upsets it." ("I wish I could say as much for myself," she thought.—) "Well, we will not be balked," said He, with decision. "We must persevere in coming until we see it." ("And if it gives me an excuse for coming often I shall believe in its cleverness indeed," this inwardly.)

The next afternoon, clear and bracing, He, walking briskly in an easterly direction met Her, a small parcel in her hand, going westward. The clock over Birks' door opposite to which they stood (for they stopped) pointed to four or thereabouts. The clock in the Cathedral spire struck something, presumably also four or thereabouts. "Just the time and the day for a walk," quoth he. "Let us turn up Union Avenue, and try to catch the sunset glow from Fletcher's Field." And she had neither the will nor the wish to refuse. "Let me carry your parcel." (Last year a girl might have been bowed down with parcels and he would not have known it.) "Oh, no thank you, it's far too precious. What do you think it is?" Mrs. Faith would have known a block away, but the Stupid Man did not waste his imagination on parcels. "I can't guess. 'But—brilliantly—"I know it is not a hat!" "Ah!" said she; "your brains are bright indeed! I shall give you a clue. Yesterday after you had gone I had an idea. It came to me with the name of one of Charles Reade's novels. **Now** do you know?" Charles Reade's novels, how long was it since he had read one. He thought hard and from a far away cell produced, "A Woman Hater." Good

Heavens! is that what she thought him! But no! that shed no light on the parcel. Another search through the catacombs of memory, "The Cloister and the Hearth." Marvellous! Does she know how earnestly he longs to change his cloister for a Hearth (in a manner of speaking). He turned to look into the merry face that to-day had shown no fear of him. She was companionable, sympathetic, charming, restful. They seemed wholly "in touch." What a Hearth theirs would be? His thoughts must have been written on his face, for her's was quickly turned away. "I'm afraid you are a stupid man," she said. "Don't try to think any more. A light may break in later on." The walk continued. "Shall we go up Law's Lane?" he asked. "No, please! I always think Law's Lane is stuffy. We'll go up Durocher St., then across the Common, and up the side of the hill to Friar's Path. I like the upper reaches of Durocher St. I mean to write a poem about it some day. I have two rhymes ready, **Frats and Cats!**" He applauded duly, and conversation proceeded in spasms. They paid perfunctory tribute to the sunset tints, the autumn hues, the exhilaration of the wine-like air. He knew that the next half-hour must decide everything, and gloried. She knew it too, and trembled. As they began the steep ascent with silence all around, she decided to turn and flee, and never see him again. And he decided to lead her to a certain point on the Mountain side, whether his solitary rambles had often taken him, sit down among the ghost-like silver birches, and there secure his Paradise. The point gained they sat them down as he had planned, and Mary, trying to keep Fate at bay, returned to the original subject. "You have not remembered that title yet," she said, holding up her parcel. "Well, I must help you. As I told you, I had an idea, and it was proved correct. Last night Jane was very ill, or she thought she was, and confessed. The day of my luncheon party, she dropped my little jug into the pantry sink, and broke its nose. As soon as I had gone, she scampered off with it to Never Too Late to Mend (Mrs. Faith saw her, you remember) and there it has been ever since. Look, don't you thing the design unusual?" She unwrapped it as she spoke, and the Stupid Man, moving as in a dream, took it from her, and without looking, placed in on the rock beside him. But on a slant, down which it rolled, performing a series of somersaults to the edge of the bank on which they sat. Mary, seeing its peril, quickly leaned forward and caught it, but losing her footing wavered and would have fallen, had not He, remorseful, risen and flung his arms around her, exclaiming, "Darling, are you hurt?" "No, of course not," she replied, staying where she found herself, "And," in tremulous tones, "I saved my poor little jug!"

"And I have saved you," said he boldly "for myself! What a clever little jug it was to 'do stunts' just at that moment!"

She could think of nothing wiser to say then "Yes," as she dropped a tear of happiness on the rough tweed shoulder of the Stupid Man.



McGill 20, McGill and Ottawa College met for the last game to be
Ottawa College, 0. played here this season. The ground was in awful condition after the rain of all the week, and as neither of the teams had been doing much practice all week, the football was not of the highest class. The McGill line-up was the same as for the game in Kingston last week.

The game opened up with a rush for McGill. In about the first three minutes, Johnson got over for a touch. McGill failed to convert. The game now played was a kicking one almost entirely, Billington doing most of the work for McGill. In the second quarter, Gillmor got a nasty kick on the head, but after a few minutes, he was able to continue in the game.

The first half ended with the score 8 to 0 in McGill's favour.

In the second half, Billington's kicking was splendid. On every chance, he outkicked the Ottawa halves by yards. Murray in a fine end run got over for McGill's second touch, which was not converted.

McGill from now on took chances with long passes which increased the interest of an otherwise rather uninteresting game. Murray got over for McGill's last score, a touch. The final score was 20 to 0 for McGill.

Billington is especially to be congratulated on his playing. For only his third game of Canadian Rugby, it was splendid. His kicking is equal to any man playing in the Intercollegiate league and we hope to see him back at McGill playing the game next year to his own credit and with benefit to the University. All the men played good football and it is hard to single any one of them out for special mention.

Two onside kicks were worked very nicely by Murray and Brydon-Jack, Murray kicking and Brydon-Jack running up and getting under them in good style. There was a very fair sized crowd at the match considering the weather and the fact that very little depended on the result of the game.

The game in Toronto resulted in a win for 'Varsity with a score of twenty five against Queen's nine. This win clinches the championship for 'Varsity and we congratulate them on winning it for the second year in succession.

The teams in the McGill-Ottawa game were as follows:—

McGill.	Position.	Ottawa.
Murray.....	Full	Kennedy.
Billington.....	Half	Quilty.
Brydon-Jack.....	"	Nagle.
Forbes.....	"	Sheely.
Paisley.....	Quarter	Letange.
Turnbull.....	Scrimmage.	Whibbs.
Irwin.....	"	Lafters.
Waterous.....	"	Leahy.
Gillmor.....	Wings	O'Halloran.
Goodeve.....	"	Harrington.
Johnson.....	"	Breen.
Rogers.....	"	Ardouin.
Bignell.....	"	Gilligher.
Gartshore.....	"	Sumner.

Referee.—T. Y. Foster.

Umpire.—Mr. Coghlan.

McGill Junior vs. Grand Trunk. On Thanksgiving Day, the McGill Juniors were defeated by Grand Trunk on the latter's grounds, which are about the worst imaginable. During the first three-quarters the game was very even, the half score being 6 to 0 for Grand Trunk, and at three-quarter time, 7 to 6 for McGill. In the final quarter the home team started in to "rough it up", encouraged by the crowd. The result was that three McGill men took the count; Dempster being badly dazed, in this period the Grand Trunk centre half kicked the ball which struck the McGill goal post, the full back following up, fell on it behind the line. Whether he was onside or not neither referee or judge of play could say, so the touch was awarded to Grand Trunk giving them the game.

The McGill team was practically the same as on Saturday, Dempster and McFarlane replacing Brown and Parkins. On the Grand Trunk line-up were four intermediates who played in Ottawa on Saturday.

Referee.—Mr. McBrearty (Grand Trunk.)

Judge of Play.—Mr. Cockfield (McGill).

McGill Juniors vs. M.A.A.A. The McGill Juniors were practically put out of the running for the championship by losing to M.A.A.A. at their grounds on Saturday. The score, 4 to 3, just about indicates the play, which was very close throughout. The tackling by both teams was good, so there were no long runs. The backs were steady but the Montreal boys cleared a little quicker than McGill. McGill was a little weak on team play which is probably due to lack of practice during the week.

The scoring consisted of a drop goal for Montreal in the first quarter and a drop goal for McGill by Brown in the second quarter making the score 3-3 at half time. In the last minute of the game Williamson was forced into touch behind his own line in trying to run out a punt, giving Montreal the winning point.

The teams and officials were as follows:—

Montreal.	Position.	McGill.
McPherson.....	Half	Stevenson.
Hodgson.....	"	Brown.
Brennan.....	"	Williamson
Abrahams.....	"	Taylor
Jones.....	Quarter	Vallance.
Scott.....	Scrimmage.	Walbank.
Tatem.....	"	Lindsay.
Charlton.....	"	Kirkpatrick.
Blaiklock.....	Wings	McBeath.
Kelly.....	"	Wickson.
Drew.....	"	Reid.
D. Scott.....	"	Tinling.
Dawson.....	"	Parking.
Draper.....	"	Armstrong.

Referee.—Mr. Prince (M.A.A.A.)

Judge of Play.—Mr. Valiquette (Ottawa).

On Tuesday, teams picked from Arts and from Law met **Arts vs. Law.** on the campus in a football game. The final score was 7 to 8 in favour of Law.

In the first half it was all Law, but in the second, thanks to the work of Harry Smith, Arts was able to score seven points.

The bright particular star on the field was Macdougall, who played quarter for Law. His tackling and bucking were worthy of being used for a better object than helping Law to win. He also had a very intricate set of signals, which he seemed to understand himself.

Lemesurier kicked well.

For Arts, Smith put up a good game but his costume was most abbreviated. As the Gazette put it "the flying tackles of Mr. Pud Argue" were the envy of all beholders.

Prunes Roberts, the other unit in that heavenly couple, played good football.

Gil Fletcher played centre scrim. for Arts with all the stolidity and efficiency of a good Presbyterian divine.

Mr. Hugh Patton, of Quebec, refereed.

McGill On Sat., Oct. 5th, the McGill "Round the Mountain" **Cross-Country** grind took place under very adverse conditions. The recent **Run.** rain rendered the course slippery and muddy in the extreme.

Nine competitors lined up at the start. Macdonald College sent in only one man although several were expected. The race began at the corner of Pine Avenue and Peel St., a good fast clip being set up by Davidson and Murray. The slippery mountain trail was negotiated in fine style with the runners well bunched. Then followed the stretch along the Westmount Boulevard to the Golf Links. A hot pace was maintained over this section and excellent time was made by the leaders Davidson and Murray. The first four miles were done in 22.15. The runners began to string out at this point but no long intervals developed. About the fifth mile mark Pearce came up within the leaders and the trio ran the rest of the race together. The sixth mile was rather slow but after the beginning of the seventh the leaders did some fast work. Towards the end of this mile it was seen that a hard race for individual honours would be a close and gruelling affair. In view of the intercollegiate run being so near the first three competitors resolved to ease up and finish together. Notwithstanding this the time for the eight miles was excellent and dangerously near the record established last year. The clock read 46.12 as the tape was broken. Just 4 seconds later S. M. Sproule crossed the line after putting up a fine race. J. F. Grant and J. T. Wall were close on the heels of the fourth man. The contest was eminently satisfactory from the point of view of team prospects for next Saturday. McGill is particularly fortunate this year in the new runners that have developed. G. H. Davidson is an Ottawa athlete of considerable fame and should show up well in Kingston. The surprise of the day was the fine showing of Pearce who entered as an entire novice and finished right in front.

The team consists of the first six finishers: Davidson, Murray, Pearce, Sproule, Grant, Wall.

McGill's showing compares very favorably with that of Toronto's who held their run on the same date.

Rifle Club On Saturday, Nov. 5th, the McGill Annual Shoot took place at the Pointe aux Trembles Ranges. The attendance was not as good as in previous years, due to the fact that there has been a big slump in the membership owing to the bad weather this fall, but the shooting showed a marked improvement. There were twenty-five scores of 75 and over, no score below this securing a prize whereas last year with the same prize list, 55 succeeded in forcing an entrance.

The top score of 102 made by Gougeon would be creditable at Bisley, and is doubly so considering the time of the year and imperfect weather conditions, while the average of the Intercollegiate Team—chosen from the eight best scores—is six points ahead of last year's.

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This is very encouraging and we hope that this year at last the Cup may come to McGill.

Following is the team and scores:

H. D. Gougeon.....	102
Tohill.....	91
J. H. Atkinson.....	90
R. L. Hollinsed.....	89
A. A. Anderson.....	88
M. Baker.....	87
Robertson.....	86
K. Reeder.....	85

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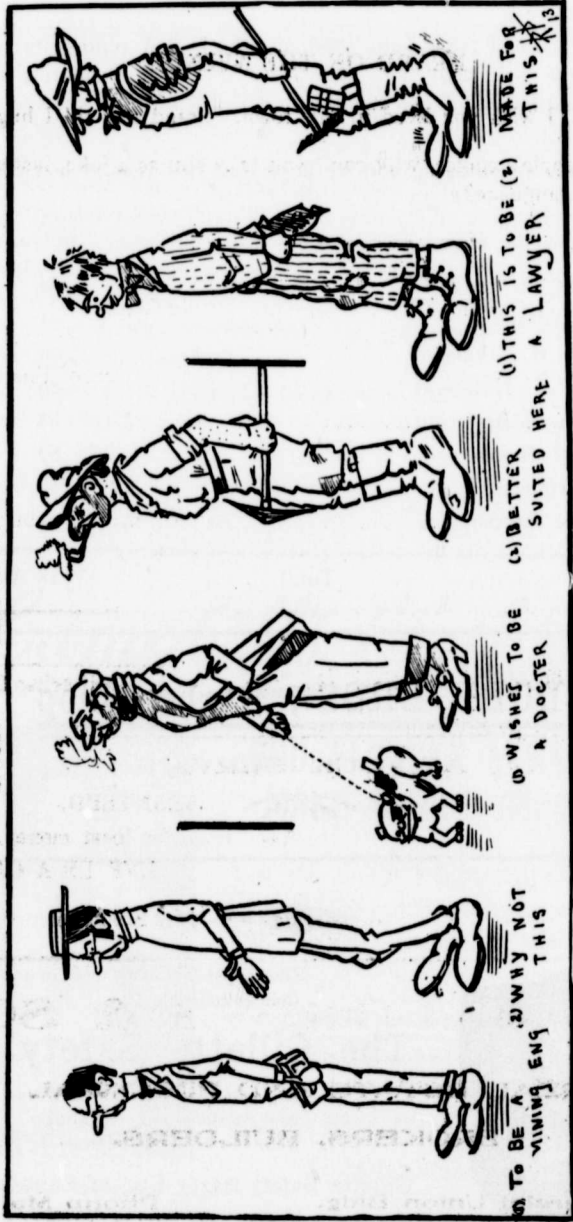
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COLLEGE SOCIETIES

Arts Undergraduate Society. A meeting of the Society was held in the Strathcona Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd of Nov., at Strathcona Hall. It formed a happy combination of business and pleasure, but it was with difficulty that everything was accomplished in the allotted time.

Mr. Weir, the chairman, opened the proceedings by announcing a change in the order of programme, so that the speakers who were present might not be unduly detained.

Dr. Barnes then spoke a few words about the Rush. He gave his opinion of the old style Hill Rush, and told of his exertions to have it changed, and how, thanks to the generous co-operation of Mr. Millen, he had succeeded. He concluded by saying that he had been anxious for a Sophomore victory, but congratulated the Freshmen heartily on their success. Senior supervision was the keynote of Dr. Barnes' address. Mr. Millen, donor of the Arts Rush Cup, deprecated his share in the reformation, and presented the Cup to the President of the first year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to both Dr. Barnes and Mr. Millen.

Dean Moyses next addressed the meeting. Difficulties arose in College, he said, because of the fact that, as everyone deemed that he held the office of keeping everyone else in order, each accentuated too sharply his own point of view. He was of the opinion that we ought to do away with this and present a united front. The Dean then touched on the Rush, the Scholarship scheme, to which he gave his warm approval, and the question of gowns, saying that in his opinion it was more fitting that the Arts Faculty should wear them.

Professor Macnaughten was the speaker of the evening. He gave an interesting account of his summer's trip with the Governor-General and his party to Hudson's Bay and the north. It was, said the speaker, partly a holiday trip, but at the same time Earl Gray wished to form his own independent opinion

as far as possible of the potentialities of the Hudson Bay region, the very existence of which we have almost forgotten amid the great reports of the development and prosperity of the North-West. The natural resources of the country are not very evident as yet, but no one can tell what they may prove to be. The Bay, however, has great opportunities as a point for exporting the produce of the West, being almost as near Liverpool as Montreal.

The Professor continued to follow up the steps of the party, and at the conclusion of his address a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him and the Dean.

The meeting then proceeded to the business of the evening, and the President first read a letter from the Martlet, describing the present position of that paper. The students of the college have only supported it in a very lukewarm fashion, there being only six hundred subscribers. Mr. Weir, in commenting on this letter, said the question was not whether the Martlet had justified its existence, but whether it had a chance to do so. In this matter, said he, the reputation of the College was at stake and that steps should at once be taken to improve conditions. The motion was made and carried, that the Executive be authorized to act as they saw fit.

The question of gowns was next brought up, and it was moved by Mr. Beckwith that the Faculty rigidly enforce the gown rule. An amendment was moved by Mr. Angus that the question be post-dated to year of Arts 2000. This was voted upon and lost, and the original motion also met the same fate.

The President next brought up the Scholarship Foundation Scheme, laying stress on the fact that it was an ARTS and not a year movement. It was strongly urged that the idea would attract first class men from outside the University and also would show the benefactors of the College that the undergraduates were anxious to do all they could for their Alma Mater. A motion was made that the Arts Executive be authorized to add to its numbers as seen fit, to constitute a committee to be known as the "Scholarship Foundation Committee" and that they should proceed at once to work upon the undertaking, conditions of the award and tenure of the office to be laid before the Society at the last spring meeting.

A dinner committee was elected and refreshments were then served.

The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic that has been held yet, there being over 150 members present, and it is a most hopeful sign that the Arts Undergrad. Society is on the look up.

The Lit. We regret that the report of the first debate of the series arranged for the purpose of selecting intercollegiate speakers did not reach us in time for publication last week. At this meeting the question of Tariff Reform in Great Britain was thoroughly thrashed out by Messrs. Newcome and French for the affirmative, and Hugesson and Angus for the opposition.

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Messrs. Percival, Emming, Timmins, H. Griffith, Anderson and H. R. Griffith also spoke, but history does not state on which side the laurels finally came to rest.

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At the second meeting of the series, the attractions were Messrs. W. E. G. Murray and J. B. Clearihue to support, and Messers. S. Bruneau and McNaughton to oppose the cause of annexing Canada to the United States.

Mr. Murray in leading off for the affirmative apologised for being obliged to express sentiments which might appear unpatriotic. He contended that the natural trend of trade between the two countries is north and south rather than east and west, and condemned the retention of an artificial boundary which has only survived so long through the political interest of capitalists in both countries. He cited the case of the general prosperity in Germany which followed immediately after the commercial federation of the various States. and concluded by advocating the annexation as part of a wider scheme of universal Anglo-Saxon federation—i.e., that Canada should annex the States. Mr. Murray is a very good speaker, clear and concise, and if the proportion of rhetoric to facts in his speech was unduly great, it was probably owing to the limitations of the subject.

Mr. Bruneau, who led the opposition, commenced in a satirical vein, but made the unpardonable mistake of reading the greater part of his speech. He paid more attention to hard facts than his opponent, and ably presented the attitude of French Canada to the question. When Mr. Bruneau has learned to speak without the assistance of copious notes, as we suspect he can, he will make an extremely good debater—but his standard is not yet intercollegiate.

Mr. Clearihue's attempt was disappointing. He drew a lurid picture of Canada groaning under the burden of English misrule; of national aspirations continually disregarded by an amateur Colonial office; and employed many similar mis-statements which enjoyed a transient popularity (and were perhaps true) some forty years ago to prove—nothing—for everything could apply equally to government from Washington. These were once excellent arguments for independence—never for annexation—and eight and a half minutes were thus wasted in irrelevance. He then advocated annexation in order to obviate all chance of war with our American neighbours; quoted the result of the Drummond-Arthabaska election as conclusively proving that French-Canadian opinion is favourable to annexation, and completely misquoted Sir John Macdonald to prove that exceptionally loyal statesman similarly disposed. Mr. Clearihue must learn that irrelevance and misquotation are equally fatal when speaking against time and practised opponents.

Mr. McNaughton began rather aggressively, and quoted some hard facts about hard wood. He perhaps laid too much stress on the present importance

of the events of 1865 and 1812. His matter was good and well arranged, and he spoke extemporaneously, but he failed to take advantage of the gross misstatements of his opponents. Mr. McNaughton is gifted with a powerful voice, but greater moderation of it would make him a much more effective debater.

Mr. Murray, in closing the debate, emphasized the desirability of throwing the country open to exploitation by American capital, and asked us to believe that the Canadian artisan would receive the entire benefit of such exploitation.

The meeting was then thrown open to a discussion which proved to be far from edifying.

Mr. Coote did not think that annexation would destroy or divert our trade routes. In the case of flour, for instance, "Canada has the largest flour mills in the world—at least there may be a very few larger ones in the States, but —."

Mr. Walsh asked us to look at the question from the broad point of view of personal interest. His ideal also seemed to be the rapid exploitation of our natural resources. Mr. Walsh has the makings of a very good speaker.

Mr. Babcock foresaw an increase of prosperity analogous to that of the Southern States since the civil war. He was greatly depressed by visions of black and yellow hordes advancing on Canada, were we to continue refusing the shelter of Uncle Sam's beneficent arms.

Mr. Dewey resuscitated the spirit of parochial nationality and decided against annexation.

Mr. Johnston assured us that our nationality is doomed anyway through immigration of Russian Jews, etc.

Mr. Beckwith dispensed humour and the milk of human kindness to the meeting for five minutes. At least so it seemed, for he considered Mr. President of much more importance than the audience, and we heard nothing.

While not acquainted with the inner workings of the Literary Society, we do not altogether approve of the selection of such threadbare subjects for such important debates. It must be a severe trial to the good debater to find himself dependent upon arguments standardised by his grandfather, while the mediocre man can, to a large extent, cover his deficiencies without possessing even a suspicion of originality. We hope that this defect will be remedied in the near future.

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 And she took me unsuspecting, in a room she sat me down
 Where electric lights, red shaded, glowed upon the maidens fair,
 They pianoed "Cuddle Closer," but we really didn't dare;
 The presider said the speaker was a feather in her cap,
 We think she meant a turban, but we will not stop to scrap.
 Then we heard of modern poets all uncertain in their heads
 And they blamed it all on Science—rather odd 'twas not the Meds.
 We heard of granny sailing downward on a river on a leaf,
 Soliloquizing on the baby and expressed a horrid grief
 He'd become a little scouter and maybe have to fight
 Crazy armies battling blindly in the middle of the night.
 He drew a fancy picture—in some hollyhocks he found
 Maiden Nature décolletée sleeping out upon the ground,
 Her shoulders sparkling frosty—really quite a classy kid,
 But think about bronchitis if she ever really did;
 Then there'd be a little coffin with a tombstone over that,
 Telling how with vows all tongueless she would enter Dead-head's Frat.

Can you fancy your man genius with an ill attempted grace,
 Tea and sandwich in his fingers—sickly smile upon his face,
 Bowing introductions, and between them try to make
 A man's appetite be happy with a milligram of cake.
 There, of course, are compensations—so we stand it if we can—
 And we have the satisfaction "I'm a literary man."



R.V.C. '11 have been so busy lately preparing for history R.V.C. '11. "quizzes" that they haven't had time to do anything but elect their debaters for the Senior-Junior debate. There were elected unanimously: Miss Edith L. Paterson and Miss Hazel Murchison.

This must, alas, be a "svarabhakti" report—evolved out of R. V. C. '12. nothing, like the evolved vowel in Anglo-Saxon. But when our learned and formidable editor towers over us and announces, with an imperious note of finality, "You must write a class report this week," what can we do? True, in the retirement of our room we beshrew the editor for her slave-driving and the class for its sloth, but we nevertheless proceed to record the events of an uneventful week. (The word "beshrew" from a lady's lips is quite permissible—at least in the Elizabethan age. Authority, Dr. M-cm-ll-n.)

One night last week our learned and formidable editor had a nightmare. Through the dark and silent halls there suddenly rang a blood-curdling cry, and immediately swiftly gliding, white-robed figures filled the passages and entered the room of rejected manuscripts and overflowing waste-paper basket. Sitting upright in bed, with wide-staring eyes, and with menacing finger pointed at the invaders, the maker of the commotion shrieked "Halt! Advance! Shoulder arms! Conscription is advisable throughout the British Empire!"

Then one brave maiden stepped forward and shook her, saying, "Wake up, wake up! You're dreaming about your old debate!" Rubbing her eyes and looking around, the editor explained sheepishly, "I thought I saw the ghost of Hamlet's father, but I suppose I only had a Midsummer Night's Dream."

After this little Comedy of Errors the company retired, grumbling that there had been "Much Ado About Nothing," while the editor slept peacefully

until morning and was actually in time for her first lecture. Thus "All's Well that Ends Well."

At the French Tea the other day we one and all distinguished ourselves by our brilliant efforts at conversation. One fair demoiselle (a Junior) spoke French for ten whole minutes to a Parisian visitor, who, wishing to pay a compliment, exclaimed, "Do you know, my dear, after a few days I should understand you quite well!!"

Another Junior, Miss Br—r, speaking to Mr. Gr—n of the Freshies' habit of mistaking Seniors for First Year people, said in all simplicity, "Has anyone ever asked you if you were a Freshette?" It was not until she saw the twinkle in Mr. Gr—n's eye that she realized her blunder.

Sitting for photos at Notman's is just now our most absorbing and exciting occupation. "Look a little pleasanter," pleads Mr. Notman daily, with gentle intonation, and we smile blissfully at nothing, with such seraphic countenances that it is a wonder we do not flutter off our chair and wing our way to the ceiling.

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SCENE.—Meeting of the Martlet Board, with Deus ex Machina in the shape of representative from Students' Council.

STAGE-SETTING.—Members of the board arranged in haphazard fashion about a long table. Editor-in-Chief at one end, gentleman industriously twirling pen-holder at the other. Each member who can beg, borrow or steal a piece of paper and a pencil is sedulously engaged in scribbling. Associate Editor assiduously keeping silent.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (introducing Deus ex Machina).—"Here is Mr. W— who, we hope, will influence the Students' Council to give us a **large** sum of money. For me, I think, judging from the support the Martlet receives, we should advise the Students' Council to drop it next year."

Chorus of assorted objections.

While objections are being stated, there is an excited confab. between the Editor-in-Chief, and one R.V.C. representative which culminates in the Editor's time-honoured joke re appointment of Freshette to Martlet board.

Deus ex Machina expresses desire for figures concerning the Martlet's financial difficulties.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.—"We must await the arrival of our hopeful business manager. He has collected three hundred subscriptions in three weeks and therefore he expects to get three hundred more in two days—optimistic man, our business manager."

(Gentleman at the end of the table stops twirling fascinating plaything long enough to make cheering remark.)

Business Manager bursts violently into the room, knocks down two chairs, greets the assembled board with a confused smile and subsides into his seat.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (announces).—"Our Business Manager, who has all the figures at his fingers' ends, will now give his report.?"

BUSINESS MANAGER (still rather confused).—"Er—do I stand to address the Board?" (Does so without waiting for information.)

—Torrent of facts and figures from the Business Manager.—Deus ex Machina performs miracles of computation on a slip of paper.

R.V.C. representatives both try frantically to calculate what per cent. 80 is of 125 and fail miserably. Timely assistance of Deus ex Machina reveals the fact that it is about 70%.

Business Manager beams approvingly at Deus ex Machina and says "We will equal that this week."

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (gloomily).—"Well, if it isn't equalled I shall have to recommend the Students' Council to drop the Martlet next year."

Touchingly earnest speech from Business Manager, who declares that he would be ashamed to belong to a college which had no college paper.

Athletic Editor here makes rhetorical speech (more or less listened to), winding up.—“And what makes McGill better now than ever before? College Spirit. And that makes College Spirit? The Martlet.” When the Athletic Editor gets through asking himself questions, someone volunteers the information that a certain University not far off has a worse paper than ours. An R.V.C. representative suggests the brilliant plan of buying up one thousand copies of aforesaid papers and distributing them gratis to the students, saying “Here is something worse than the Martlet.”

Board frowns on this child-like levity, with the exception of giggling Med. in the background.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (returning to an old grievance).—“Well, whatever you decide about the nomey, we must have more copy.”

MEMBER OF BOARD.—“Can't you get up discussion by means of letters?”

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (witheringly scornful).—“We have written slams on everything in college and no one responds. When we criticize the Faculty they won't answer through the paper, they just come and attack us personally. (To Deus ex Machina).—I ask you, as a friend and a brother, if we attack the Students' Council in the Martlet, will you respond—will you? We must have copy.”

Deus ex Machina discreetly non-committal.

More desultory conversation, during which the voice of the Editor-in-Chief is heard at intervals demanding copy.

DEUS EX MACHINA.—“I will do my best for you with the Students' Council I hope some of your suggestiions will be of value.”

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (still ably performing the part of a Greek chorus).“We need copy.”

Confused finale; Exeunt Board; Business Manager still cheerful; Med. still giggling; Associate Editor still saying nothing; and Editor-in-Chief stil praying mournfully for copy.

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 We do, we do, we dearly love our tea.
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 Just whisper that there's things to eat
 And watch us up and run."

This also is a gem:—

"Are we there?
 Where?
 Dances, Football Games, Pink-teas,
 Rawther.
 Who are we?
 Fluffy little fairies of the R.V.C."

This also has some swing:—

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"THE HARVARD LAMPOON" is one of our most welcome visitors. Fortnightly the joke man hails "Lampy" with delight, and proceeds to lay up a store of material for future use.

"THE LAMPOON" is more than a college paper; it has become a Harvard institution with traditions. The cover design is that used in '79 and the paper itself is in its 60th volume.

When we consider how "LIFE," with power to draw from the whole continent and ability to pay well for its copy, "falls down" upon occasion in its weekly issues, we are forced to wonder at the high standard of the fortnightly "Lampoon," which, by the way, claims paternal relations to "LIFE." "LAMPY," under cover of its humorous cloak carries the time honored privilege of jesters, and from time to time expresses opinions in an open manner which is denied to more sober suited publications. Continued success to "LAMPY!"

"VARSITY" has twice come back on us lately for a prophecy which went wrong. Once there appeared a well drawn cartoon of a Toronto football player and the score board of the last game. We can hardly blame Toronto for being jubilant, but a great number of McGill men are beginning to suggest that there is more in the horseshoe superstition than this practical age dreams of.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE MARTLET:

DEAR SIR,—Every one of us who was here at the end of last session will remember the scheme put forward by the graduating class of 1910 to raise \$250,000 for a gymnasium. It was acknowledged on all hands that the present gymnasium is quite unfitted for a University of the size of McGill, and many of the Faculty gave their personal support to the new project. It was enthusiastically received by the great body of students, and large sums of caution-money were voted away to pay for the preliminary expenses of organization. Rarely before in the history of Old McGill has such a spirit been shown, such a determination to do something for our Alma Mater.

Two years ago the Executive of the Union saw that with the existing means of support the building would fall into ever-increasing debt. Such has subsequently been the case. They therefore set on foot a project for raising a substantial endowment fund, the interest of which would help to repay all expenses.

Both of these projects were blocked, and by the same obstacle. The powers that be said that they were about to start a big financial campaign for McGill, and that any previous collection would lessen their chances of getting the money they wanted.

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That may be so, we do not complain. But so far there has been no sign of Olympic activity; we have waited for two years and now we are informed that we shall have to wait indefinitely longer. We have not even the satisfaction of knowing what we are waiting for. In such circumstances is it to be wondered at that hope deferred maketh the heart sick?

Let me suggest, with all possible respect, that the governing Body tell us what they are going to do, and in what way we can prepare ourselves to help them. I am bold enough to think that they will need our help; or, failing that, that their campaign will not be nearly so successful as it otherwise would be. We have shown very lately—as witness the Arts Scholarship Fund Scheme—that we are eager to do something. Let them tell us how we may all cooperate for the glory of Old McGill.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

SEMPER SPERO.

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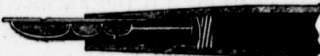
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DEAR SIR:—

Now that the football season is drawing to a close, it is natural to look back upon our efforts and to appreciate our shortcomings in order to guard against such next year. In many ways the past year has been remarkable. You all know the difficulties under which the team at times laboured, but few of you realize how real some of these difficulties were. Never in the history of College sport has such ignorant mis-statement and misrepresentation of fact been so frequent in the daily press, in spite of the existence of the Publicity Board sanctioned by the College authorities whose function it is to report our doings correctly. Such has not been the case. In its stead we have in our midst budding journalists who write up our affairs as they see fit without regard at times to fact or reason. It is especially noteworthy that most of our severest critics are those who have never been known to don football clothes even for a practice, let alone a game. It is not necessary to point out specific instances of the senseless rot that has been published as coming from our football club, but on their behalf may I here deny absolutely that they have given any information to any reporter or reporters concerning our club, with the possible exception, upon a few occasions, concerning the line-up.

As to the support of the team by the students we are more than satisfied. While at times the rooting has been a trifle weak, weather conditions have been enough to dampen any enthusiasm. At the same time a repetition of last Saturday's baiting of officials should not be tolerated another instant by lovers of true sport. Some of the remarks were positively disgusting and all were wholly uncalled for.

One can hardly see how referees can be induced to come here in the future if they are to be subjected to such treatment as was meted out to them last Saturday. It is the football club who accept the officials that should make any necessary objections to decisions, not over-excited members of the student body.

This letter so far has largely been in the manner of the usual knock. It certainly is such but with a desire to boost.

We can have a good football team at McGill even under existing conditions as regards time for practice and the like. How good our team can be depends entirely upon ourselves. Whether we get enough time for sport will always be a debatable point with some of us even if the Faculty do make things easier for us. In the meantime we have got to have the best team we can and besides every last one of us has got to think that it is the best team. If we can swing all our critics (?) over to that line of thought, we will have the best team even in spite of discouraging conditions.

I am,

Yours truly,

H. R. LITTLE.

Nov. 4, 1910.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MARTLET.

DEAR SIR:—

The McGill Annual is so often spoken of in our Junior Year at present that the question frequently arises in my mind as to the history of the Annual. When did it first appear? And under what circumstances? etc., etc.

Please pardon me for trespassing on your valuable time.

Hoping you will be able to satisfy my curiosity in this matter.

I remain,

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A. B. C. '12.

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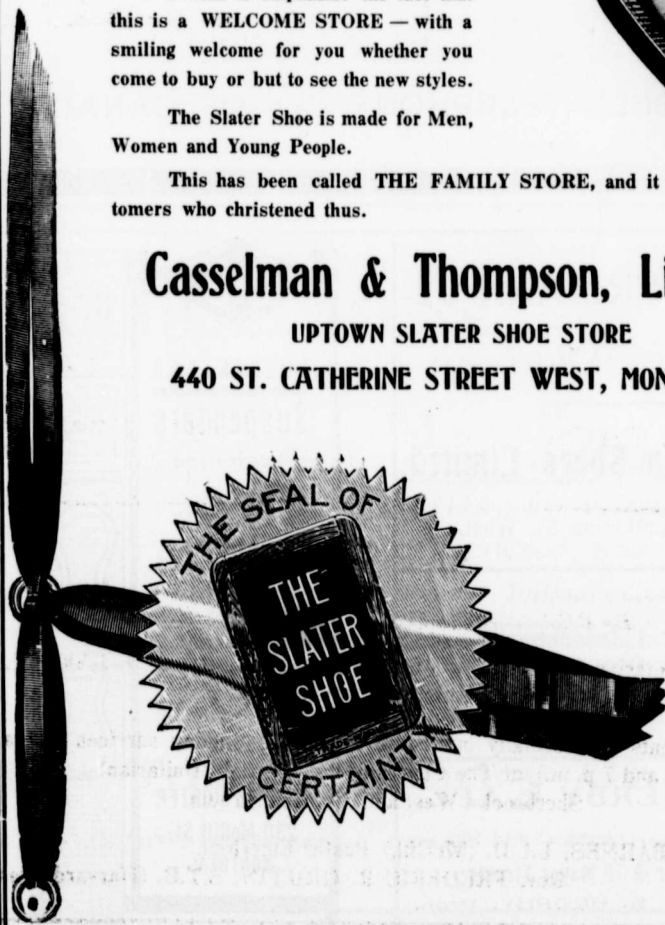
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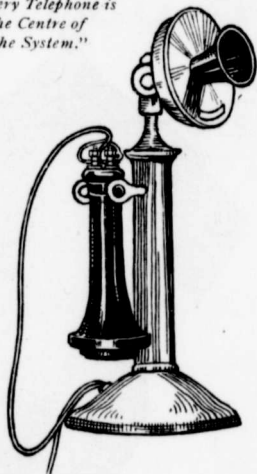
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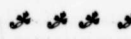
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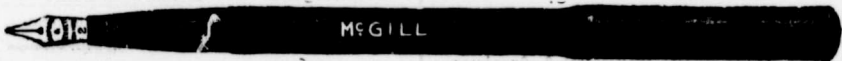
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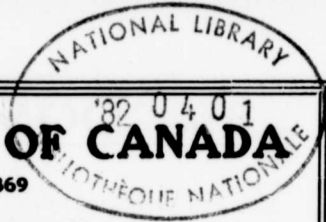
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