



"Weighed in the Balance and Found Wanting."

Dear Mr. Editor:

A recent issue of the *Gazette* contained an article entitled, "Has the Students Council the Confidence of the Students?" which contribution while purporting to be one of constructive criticism, did not contain either an assertion or a statement of fact which warranted such a heading. With the choice of phraseology and diction I have nothing to say, but at the same time I feel that it is incumbent upon me as an officer of that body to dispute the asserted inference and endeavour to demonstrate that the article in question was unjustifiable and unwarranted, and in respect to most of the assertions contained therein was without a scintilla of truth in substance or in fact. I do not charge that the author was wilfully untruthful, but I have no hesitation in declaring that the entire composition was grossly unfair, and at absolute variance with the facts as regards the administration of the affairs of the students of Dalhousie University, by their elected representatives. I will take up seriatim the criticism and assertions made by the writer, and attempt to show, and I think with some degree of success, that these are inaccurate, misleading, and in many cases pure fabrications.

1. "The present Student Council is too large." Admittedly so. It was the original intention of the founders when the council was formed that it should always remain a compact and at the same time flexible body of approximately 17 members. Unfortunately the unusual and desirable growth in numbers of Dalhousie was unforeseen by the framers of the original constitution. The inevitable result was, and it is admitted, that the number of representatives comprising the Student Council based on the ratio of 1 for every 25 students, as at present, composes a council too large and cumbersome. It may be said however that the larger the body the more representative it becomes in voicing student opinion. This is a matter which deserves serious consideration and which moreover is a debatable question.

If the Students Council is too large and unwieldy an executive body, its numbers could easily be reduced by increasing the present unit of representation and the adoption of a sliding scale with the understanding clearly set out in the constitution that the council should never exceed 17 in number, and the rights of the minorities to be zealously guarded.

The suggestion of a fixed number of representatives for each faculty is absurd and ludicrous. At one fell swoop would be cast aside the principle of representation by population over which our ancestors bickered for generations but which principle is now acknowledged to be the bulwark of every self-governing nationality. To give Dentistry 2 representatives for their present 20 students or one representative for every 10 while to Arts, Engineering and Commerce would be assigned 9 representatives for their 500 students or 1 representative for 50. Truly "the times are out of joint" and the author of such a suggestion would have some difficulty in explaining to an Arts man why he would make one-fifth as valuable a representative on the Council as a fellow student from Dentistry.

Therefore while I agree with some reservations with the author of this statement when he states that the Students Council as at present constituted is too large a body I also have endeavored to point out how nonsensical and puerile is his suggested method of reforming the representation of the Council.

2. In reply to the second assertion, "That when an acute problem arises between these two bodies i. e. the Senate and the Students' Council, that the latter is wholly inefficient," this statement is either made through misinformation or shows lamentable lack of knowledge of the activities of the students of Dalhousie University. It will be superfluous for me to answer this charge since the managers of the teams in the three major sports of the University and the Sect'y of the D. A. A. C. will confute this statement in the same issue of the *Gazette* in which this letter appears.

In reference to "the committee of a permanent nature chosen either from students or Alumni to be on hand to act in disputes between the Senate and the Council" if the pamphleteer had had diligence enough he would have found out that we have at the present time just such an advisory committee. This advisory committee to the Students' Council is appointed by the Senate, and has done and is doing a great work for the Dalhousie Students. Its personnel

consists of Prof. G. E. Wilson, representing the Senate and H. E. Mahon and H. E. Pyke representing the Alumni. These gentlemen are at all times available and willing to act in any disputes that may arise and also carefully go over the budgets of the Council before the money is appropriated to the various societies under the jurisdiction of the Council.

Apparently Mr. McInnes is unfamiliar with this fact and how any gentleman of his attainments and activities in our college life could attend our University for six years and be ignorant of this I am at a loss to understand.

It might be stated in passing to dispute the suggestion that the Students' Council does not meet early enough that last year the first meeting of this body was held on the first day of lectures in the Arts and Science Faculties, i. e. Sept. 28th. This being the earliest meeting of the Council in the history of the University.

3. Whether or not the Dalhousie open air rink should have been built is a controversial question. The fact remains that the rink was left as a foundling on our door step by last year's outgoing Council. The initial capital expenditure on the rink was tremendous and to help meet this cost last year's Council borrowed \$300 from the Board of Governors of the University on the credit of the incoming or present Council. This year's Council was forced to meet this liability of \$300 as a first charge before the University would part with the fees collected from the students for the Students' Council.

Whether or not the rink would be erected this year was a question which was inquired into by a committee from the Council consisting of Miss G. Messenger, Messrs. Owen Armstrong and Jarvis McCurdy. On their recommendation and investigation, the Council was unanimously of the opinion that the rink should be set up again during the present winter.

Concerning the statement "that the building and upkeep on the rink for the present year will be some hundreds of dollars above the estimates which will result in a curtailment of funds for many societies and an undesirable check on their activities" this is entirely misleading. The only item spent on the rink which was not estimated in the original budget was the need of a new shack. The rink manager last year at the end of the season sold for a pittance the shack which was then in existence. This was not known when the rink budget was drawn up at the beginning of this year, but as soon as it was ascertained the matter was brought up by the rink manager in a Council meeting and it was decided that a new shack was a necessity and it was built at a cost of about \$88.00. Even then the estimates were reduced by the sum of \$65.00 (\$40 on erection and \$25 in installation of lights). In regard to curtailment of activities of other societies through a scarcity of funds it is well known that the Council this year is laboring under a Herculean financial task brought about not by the extra \$23 (\$88 less \$65) as above spent on the rink but by

1. Faculty financing of previous Councils which has forced us to pay about \$400 in bills contracted by last year's Council.

2. A decrease of about 50 in the enrollment of this year.

3. \$300 mentioned above borrowed from the Board of Governors by last year's Council and repaid this year.

4. Wretchedly bad weather during the football season which made good "gates" an impossibility.

5. The poor showing so far of the hockey team. In other years we received as high as \$200 a game. This year on one game we received \$56, and on another \$18.

Personally I am of the opinion that the Council should spend as much as they can on activities which are open to the entire student body such as the rink, the Glee Club and the Gazette.

4. The fourth point mentioned seems to be rather a contradiction of the second point. One minute the Council is being blamed for doing too little for the D. A. A. C. and in the same breath we are confronted with the charge that we are doing too much for the D. A. A. C., that it is a mere "passive" body.

Permit me to go into the history of the formation of the Council and of the D. A. A. C.'s position in regard to the Council. Some 15 years ago, before the Council was formed, all the societies at Dalhousie were on their own footing. They had their own separate officers and collected their own fees. Having diffi-

The Law Dance

The annual Law Dance was held on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall and was a great success. About two hundred people attended the function and enjoyed the reunion with all the gusto of former years.

Under the management of a highly capable committee headed by the efficient "Tookie" Murphy this dance was destined from the beginning to be a success. "Tookie" and his cohorts spared no pains to make the dance function properly and if the expression of supreme satisfaction on the faces of the dancers was any indication of the accomplishment of that desire they did achieve their aim.

The music for the occasion was supplied by MacLean's Orchestra and was of an unusually high standard featuring all the creations of Jazzdom. Those present were profuse in their praise of the splendid quality of music rendered and showed their appreciation by continually desiring more.

The chaperones for the evening were Dean and Mrs. Read, Prof. and Mrs. Macdonald, Prof. and Mrs. Read. They performed their duties in true Law School manner and once again cemented the feeling affection and good fellowship always existing between the members of the school and those of the staff.

Amongst the guests were many of the graduates of recent years who took advantage of the annual reunion to renew acquaintanceship and reforge the bonds of attachment formed with the old school in days past. They too forgot the troubles of the day and for a fleeting space lived once again the days when they took H. E. L. from Dean MacRae and carved their names in the back seats of the Mot Court Room whilst the lecture in Real Property was in progress.

The dance hall was very artistically decorated and was a credit to the artistic taste of those who did the work. Dalhousie's colors were used for the decorative effect and the gold and black under the lighting scene gave a pleasing appearance to the Terpsichorean artists as they glided over the excellent floor.

The members of the Law School are deeply indebted to the many Halifax concerns who so generously helped the committee in their work. They wish particularly to mention Phinneys, Ltd., I. J. Wallace, The Nova Scotia Furnishing Co., as well as the Halifax Shipyards and Willis' Piano Co. These firms very generously supplied all accessories required and the Law Society is very grateful for their kindness.

culty in collecting these fees, they were continually short of money, and were in debt to practically all the firms in Halifax. It was then that the idea of a general Students' Council was formulated which should act as a medium between the student body and the University Authorities and the general public and have complete control over the different societies in the University. The Senate on their part agreed to collect from every student a sum, the amount of which was to be fixed by the Council of the year preceding that, for which such sum was to be collected, before such Council retired from office. The amount so collected was to be apportioned as the incoming Council saw fit for the encouragement and support of the various college organizations. This scheme was put into operation and has been a complete success, so it is seen that at least during the last period of years mentioned, the D. A. A. C. has never had control of their own funds, and has always been a subsidiary organization under the absolute control of the Council.

Mr. McInnes has suggested that "five years ago, the D. A. A. C. had its own funds and carried on its own activities." This statement is absolutely incorrect. But supposing that his suggestion was carried out and we returned to the system in operation before the Council was formed how would he override the difficulties which existed then, and would certainly be a grave source of trouble to-day, namely the independent collection of fees. On the other hand, if the Council were to collect and pay over a fixed proportion of the fees collected to the D. A. A. C. what guarantee would he had that this money would be properly spent, and that we would not have the D. A. A. C. returning to the Council for more money. The whole question in a nut shell is who should be the governing body of student affairs, the D. A. A. C. or the Council?

Mr. McInnes further says that since the D. A. A. C. now "has neither funds nor revenue with which to operate it is forced to become a passive body." This statement is absolutely incorrect. The D. A. A. C. has funds; without them (Continued page 2, col. 3.)

Dalhousie Wins

Defeat Dartmouth 5-0.

Dalhousie won their first victory of the year by defeating Dartmouth in a clean fast game, but before a very small crowd about twelve of whom came from Dalhousie. They scored five clean goals and in addition missed several wonderful opportunities of further boosting the score, particularly on one occasion when Nutty Wilson broke through everything and then with an open net in front of him down he fell. So once again the score was not indicative of the playing. Dalhousie should have won by a far greater margin than they did. The combination has improved wonderfully and the last goal was scored by a wonderful bit of team play. To say that one man was the best is a hard thing to do for every man on the team played his best and that best was brilliant. Lewis was air tight, so were Wilson and Ernest. The last two checked heavily all through the game for the first time this year. Ernest was a whirlwind and it was he who dented the draperies for the final score on a beautiful pass from Bates. Nutty was the fastest he has ever been, scoring two goals, one of them the nicest piece of individual work seen this year, and Friday night he passed the puck. Bates also netted two and his rapid rushes almost netted him several more. Creighton was back checking and skating in his old time form. He was probably the steadiest man on the team. Coleman who has been rapidly improving excelled himself Friday night. He was right there all the time. Not a penalty was handed out to either team and they deserved none.

Line up:—Lewis, Ernst, Wilson, Bates, Creighton, Coleman, Waddington, Landstroth.

Intermediates.

Dal Intermediates also beat the Harbour town boys 5-4. They certainly deserved their victory, for they worked hard and played well without a single let up. Two men Godsoe and Wickwire were forced to retire at different stages of the game to get their injuries doctored, but under the skilful ministrations of Con Upham they were able to continue. The game was fast throughout particularly in the final period when with the score 5-4 Dartmouth was battling vainly for victory and Dalhousie was battling tenaciously to retain their margin of safety. The first period ended 3-1. The second 5-4. The final went scoreless and incidentally produced the best hockey of the game. McIntyre was the best, scoring two goals, one an assist from Taylor and the other from Godsoe. Taylor scored one in a nice individual effort. Wickwire did likewise and the fifth was got during a mix up, the puck glancing off one of the players sticks. This game was also very clean no penalties being handed out. Doull who was hurt in the Interfaculty game was unable to play, so his place was taken by Wickwire, who paired up with McCann the long defence man who also played a remarkably good game. The whole team passed the puck and time after time swept down the ice, three and sometimes four abreast.

Line up:—Goal, Jakeman; Defence, McCann, Wickwire; Forwards, McIntyre, Taylor, Andrews; Subs., Godsoe, Grant.

Law loses to Arts 2-1 Godsoe stars

In the first game of the newly organized InterFaculty League the Arts team defeated the Lawyers who were minus two of their players, Moore and Bissett who for some reason refused to turn out. The game was managed by "Big Jim" Macdonald who handled the whistle in a very competent manner. He handed out one penalty to Redmond for tripping. Except for this incident the game was clean throughout. Ross scored both goals for Arts on wing shots and McInnes got the lone Law tally. Both teams started out at a good clip and rush after rush was made while the spectators, who numbered about thirty, cheered wildly. Only two faculty members witnessed the contest Dean Read and another member of the Law faculty being present. It is gratifying to see the interest the Law pros. take in their teams both Law and Senior Dal teams having among their supporters always one or more of the professors from the North End of the Forrest Building.

Both the goal tenders were very weak but as the defences on both sides were correspondingly strong the score remained at a low figure. For Law, Godsoe, Doyle, Gibbs and McInnes starred while Ross, Wickwire and Redmond were Art's best.

Taking everything into consideration it was a very good clean game, between two evenly matched teams. One or two rather doubtful checks were handed out on both sides but as the offending party fell himself immediately afterwards it was more a case of "have to" than deliberate illegal checking. There were three 16 minute periods with a short rest between. The first was scoreless the second ended in a tie 1-1 while in the third Arts won the game by a single goal. The Interfaculty games look as if they were going to be very popular this year, and it is entirely due to the work of Bill Hewat of the D. A. A. C. assisted by the different managers that it is in its present state of efficiency.

Manager Outhit had the following men out Goal Richardson, Defence Godsoe, Fairbanks; Forwards, McInnes, Doyle, Gibbs; Subs, Hudson, McKay. Manager Creighton lined his up as follows:—Goal, McKenzie; Defence, Murray, Wickwire; Forwards, Ross, McLean, Redmond; Subs, Foley, Mcdonald, Referee, Jim Macdonald. Time Keeper, Bunker Murphy.

The students of King's College will present their annual play at the Majestic Theatre on Feb. 10th, under the direction of Prof. C. L. Bennet. The play chosen is Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell"

Commerce Defeats Engineers 1-0

On a disgraceful sheet of ice the Millionaires filched a 1-0 victory from the tired Theodolitians last Thursday at the Dal. rink. It was a funny game to watch but it was not hockey. That would have been impossible under the circumstances. The two opposing teams ran, skid, slid and scrambled from one end of the ice to the other and then back again. It was hardly possible to say they skated considering the condition of the ice. Though the balance of territory goes to the Traders yet the scales tipped but slightly in their direction. The game started with Grant and McColl doing some rapid mental calculation which ended up in front of the Engineer's net. Beaton by the aid of his slide rule pointed out to them their mistake and Doull grabbing the loose rubber took a quick survey of the rink, calling out to Duvernet his findings in miles. By the time Duvernet had brought them down to inches, MacDonald had gently but firmly relieved him of the puck. And so it went on. Rush after rush; calculation after calculation, some balancing others out, figures flying in all directions both human and numerical, until both Beaton and MacDonald were working feverishly on the same problem "How many blue beans make hve"? At last MacDonald with a triumphant flourish of his war club yelled "Fore" gave the rubber a terrific belt and Beaton went down struggling gamely with an Intergral Calculus clinging around his neck.

In the second period Miller had considerable trouble balancing up his book but with the assistance of Doyle and Snow managed to make both ends meet. It was in this period that Bob Doull came into contact with Snow and quite accidentally got his nose broken. He was forced to retire and Brown, who had just returned from the University Office with his number, took his place. The period ended with the Millionaires taking the gate receipts over to the Counting House. In the final period the Commerce team showed great strategy by hiding, both the puck and the player behind the high ice hummocks that had by this time appeared on the rink. The Engineers hunted valiantly but the game ended just as Bob Falconer discovered Jim Macdonald and the puck behind a particularly large ice boy. Line ups:—Commerce—Goal Miller, defence, Doyle and Snow; forwards, McColl, Grant, MacDonald; subs, Harris, McDuff.

Engineers—Goal, Beaton; Defence, Doull, Falconer; forwards, Robinson, Duvernet, Lowe; sub, Brown. Henry Godsoe refereed.

Work has begun on the erection of the new Arts Building at McGill University.

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The Students' Council.

We shall not endeavor to rise above our fellow creatures and, looking down, fairly survey them. It might be inferred that we were placing ourselves on a higher plane, which is of course impossible. Nor shall we attempt to mingle amongst them and thus discern their ways. We fear that our difficulties would be as great as the unchosen one essays to attend a meeting of the Council of the Students. Rather, let us stand off at a distance and regard them as an aggregate.

It is admitted by all that the aggregate is a cumbersome one and we hope that before it disbands this term, steps will have been taken to make its successor more compact. The present Students' Council is, however, efficient; the most efficient that has held office in many years. Possibly we should use the term "Executive" because it is that more select body which has been carrying the greater part of the burden on its shoulders. We are moved to admiration at the successful manner in which the Executive has borne its tremendous financial strain. The council of the previous year had left many and large unpaid debts. For all of these atonement was made. And still there was money enough to support the rugby and hockey teams in two of the longest trips they have ever made. It is true that these trips were carried out with much smaller expenditures than in previous years. But is there any reason why the expenditures were smaller, or rather why, in other years they were greater? It must be due simply to lack of economy. Or we might call it extravagance. When a group of college athletes spend their fellow students' money with utter disregard to interests other than their own, even extravagance becomes a very mild word.

In future years there is no reason why the travelling expenses of our teams should not be just as low as they have been during the present session. And then there will be money in reserve which may be invested to bring really profitable returns. We shall be in a position to hire capable professional coaches for our teams, a most outstanding need, the fulfilment of which would be of far greater value than the most luxurious equipment, the most delightful trips.

Larger quantities of money should also be devoted to the organizations which are of the greatest general interest to the student. The Gazette was probably more severely curtailed than any other college utility, this year. This was simply because the bounds of the demands and requirements of The Gazette are the most elastic.

Its funds can be reduced and still further reduced, and it will continue to exist. But it is also capable of greater expansion if its finances permit. This also applies in almost the same extent to the Glee and Dramatic Club.

We cast neither insinuations nor discredit upon the present Students' Council when we say that had economy been unnecessary it might have gone on as did the Councils of previous years. Frugality was a requirement and it has been admirably coped with. But we have learned a lesson, one greatly to our own advantage, which we should heed again and again in years to come.

The Year Book.

Dalhousie is at last to have a year book. Through the endeavors of a few enthusiasts the project has developed from a vague possibility to the stage of a near certainty. A staff has been particularly formed and work is already begun.

There is no necessity to dwell on the desirability of such a publication. Its advantages are both manifold and evident. It will be a volume of about one hundred and thirty pages. The workmanship will be of the best quality obtainable and the book will be profusely illustrated, both with line cuts and half tones.

If the labor involved in the production of such a book is evenly distributed among all the students—as it should and must be—it will prove a light and enjoyable task. Nobody will be expected to do a great amount of work. But if you are requested to do your bit do it willingly and to the best of your ability. And remember that "tomorrow" is not any longer than today. In fact it often seems shorter when it arrives. So do your share promptly and deliver the editors and yourself from worry and trouble.

The Year Book will sell for the moderate sum of two dollars (\$2.00). It will be of interest to every graduate and student and it is confidently expected that on its appearance Convocation Week a copy will find its way to the hands of every Dalhousian.

Read Your Own Writers

Last year in a play contest open to all Canada, ninety plays were submitted from all parts of the Dominion. The prize was won by Marjorie Reynolds of Vancouver with a one-act play, a comedy, entitled—The Connoisseur.

It has been said that in proportion to her population and short history, Canada has produced more poets than any other country, (let us admit that some of them are very minor poets), and the fact that ninety plays were entered in competition last year surely means that she is beginning to find herself in the field of Drama also; and both facts should silence the "wet-blankets"—too often Canadian born—who keep on telling us that Canada hasn't a literature.

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they would be unable to carry on college sport. Admittedly they have not absolute control over their funds, but the Council has never yet refused a reasonable grant or budget presented by the D. A. A. C. Just how "passive" the D. A. A. C. is or is to be rests entirely with their officers.

I think I am fair in saying that this year the D. A. A. C. has received more than their fair proportion of funds. It is regrettable that the Council felt that they did not have sufficient funds to meet the complete demands for Badminton, fencing and track but a start was made by getting approximately \$30 each to these respective sports, but the Council were unable to make any appropriation for a swimming team, since funds were not available.

The present Students' Council cannot be blamed for the mismanagement of some of last year's officers. "In taking a basketball team to Truro when the funds of the Council were almost nil which resulted in putting that Council in a more hopeless financial condition." It is not on the system that the blame should fall, but on the former administration of the system.

5. Mr. McInnes states that the Board of Governors were forced to look into the finances of the Council. This is somewhat misleading. If there was inefficiency, in this matter, it was due, not to the accounting system, but in the use made of it. The same "proper accounting system" has been in existence for years, but the present Council have seen that it is strictly followed, and the Board of Governors were not "forced to take action." Furthermore, the present Council took the initiative with the help and advice of the advisory board and Mr. Harper, business manager of the University in inaugurating an independent audit by persons not connected in any way with the Council. Thus, whatever justification there might have been for Mr. McInnes' statement in the past, it is no way applies to the present Council.

6. It is suggested that each student should be assessed \$10 instead of \$7 as at present. Were such a suggestion to be acted upon I think it would result in a great abuse. To begin with, it is, in my opinion, very poor policy to add to the burden already incurred by each student. Were a fee of \$10 required then the suggestion might be practical—but such is not the case. It is unnecessary for any governing or financial body such as the Students' Council to have more money paid into its coffers for a definite purpose than is really needed. If such a state of affairs should become existent, there is sure to be wanton wastefulness and indiscretion in the disposal of surplus funds. I have gone over the allotment of funds with the finance committee, and we are convinced that a fee of \$7 per student is sufficient for all purposes in a normal year. I think perhaps, a fee of \$10 might have been charged this year, in view of all the liabilities falling on our finances, but "it easy to be wise after the event."

I do not intend to indulge in any re-primation or in any bitter personalities, but I have written this solely as a refutation of charges made against the body of which I am President, which charges I think are unfounded and for the most part without justification.

Mr. McInnes, or for that matter any student of the University, has a perfect right to criticise the Students' Council, since it is composed of fallible human beings who are on some occasions apt to err, but may I suggest that when one feels tempted to criticise, that he or she will be positive of their facts and fair in their assertions.

Sincerely yours,
A. BLENUS MORTON,
President of the Council of the Students of the University.

Mr. Editor:—

My attention has been called to the fact that the letter signed by Mr. Donald McInnes, President of the D. A. A. C. regarding the "efficiency" or "inefficiency" of the present system of Student Council government has been construed by some students as reflecting on the management of affairs by the present officers of the Council.

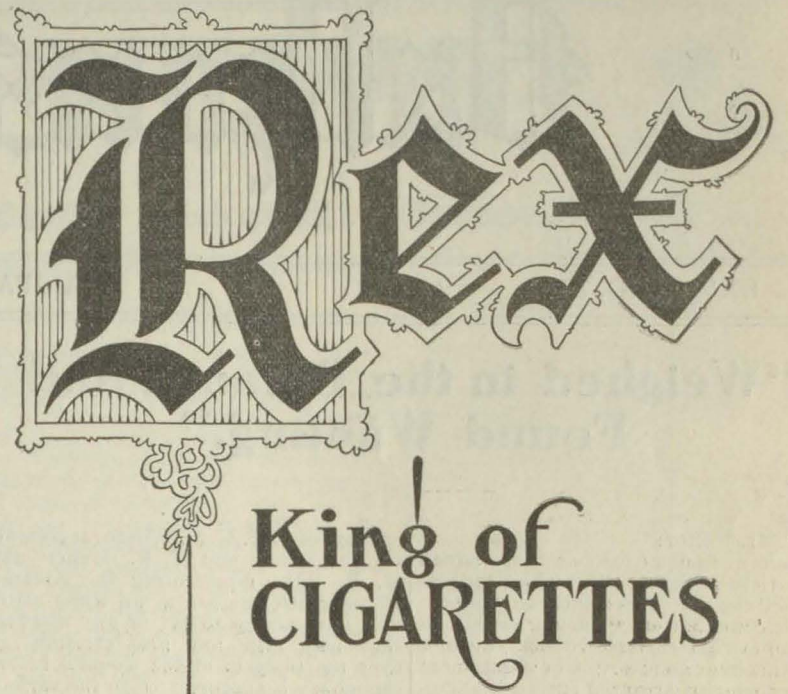
It is unfortunate indeed that such a construction should have been placed upon the letter, as I know that nothing was further from the mind of the writer. However on reading the headlines "Has the Students' Council the Confidence of the Students?" one must realize that such an impression could easily be created in the mind of a reader.

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DALHOUSIE BOOK CLUB.

A minute but promising embryo in the form of a book club is in its first stages of development at Dalhousie. The membership is unlimited and is open to professors, students and public alike.
Each member pays an initial subscription of five dollars and with the sum thus collected books are purchased as the club desires. The books are reserved in the Studley Library for the use of the club and after a certain period of time, possibly a year they become the property of the University.
Some time ago the need of a literary society was stressed in the editorial columns of this paper. This club will be very similar to the type suggested and if the students become interested they may derive great benefit from it.

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For that reason, and due to the fact that Mr. McInnes refers to an occurrence during the past football season when quick action was necessary, I feel that I should state that Mr. Morton, the President of the Students Council was present at numerous interviews with members of the Senate during the football season, and was always ready to cooperate with the managers, when necessary. On the special occasion to which Mr. McInnes refers, I was notified three days before our first City League game, while two of the members of our team were on the injured list, that certain prospective members of the team would be ineligible owing to a Senate resolution of the previous day. I at once called the Presidents of the Students Council and of the D. A. A. C., we interviewed President Mackenzie within an hour, had a special meeting of the Senate and as a result played the men in question for the first game. The action of the Senate in refusing to allow us to play those men in future games of football and now reversing their decision and allowing them to play on the teams is a matter of history with which most of our students are familiar, but a matter which is hard to explain.

I simply wish to state through the columns of the Gazette, in answer to the headlines which appeared last week, that in my opinion there is absolutely no question but that the officers and members of the present Students' Council have the confidence of the Students. What discussion there is to be on Mr. McInnes' letter, let it be strictly understood that the criticism invited is with regard to the present "System" and not the "Personnel" of the Students' Council.

Yours truly,
C. N. BISSETT.

Halifax, N. S.,
January 29/26.

Editor Dal. Gazette.
Sir:

In your issue of January 28th there appeared a letter, written by Donald MacInnes, in which he stated, inter alia, that if I "had waited for action on the part of the Students' Council the hockey team would be without the services of some of her most valued players."

I wish to state, in reply, that from the beginning of the hockey season I have had the co-operation of the President of the Students' Council and in fact I think

it is due to his efforts that we have the players, of whom Mr. MacInnes, speaks, on the team.

When the question of the personnel of the hockey was first being discussed in the fall, the suggestion was made that the name of the team should be changed. Resolutions, to this effect, were passed by the D. A. A. C. and the K. C. A. A. A. and the suggestion was acted upon.

After the Christmas vacation I was informed that certain members of the team could not play because they were not bona fide Dalhousie students. A meeting was arranged and those present at the meeting were:—Professors Macneil and Wilson; Messrs. Morton and Godsoe, representing the Students' Council; G. W. I. Creighton, Secretary D. A. A. C. and the writer. After about an hour's discussion the meeting adjourned without anything definite being decided upon. That same evening, after this meeting, Messrs. Morton, Godsoe and Creighton went to the President's residence and had a long interview with him. This was on January 4th and on January 7th the Senate gave an interpretation of the clause in the constitution of the Council, by which we could play the men in question. This interpretation has since been concurred in by the Council.

I may mention that during the interval between the football and hockey seasons, Mr. Morton had several conferences with members of the Senate, in an endeavor to determine ways and means by which we could play these men. This was done quietly and few in the University knew that these meetings were being held.

Mr. Morton has co-operated with me since the hockey season began and I think it is due to his action, much more than mine, that we are able to play Ernest and Coleman on our hockey team this season.

Yours truly,
J. F. McMANUS.

To the Editor of the
Dalhousie Gazette;

My attention has been called to a letter in the last issue of the Gazette, entitled "Has the Students' Council The Confidence of The Students?"

I may say that as far as the basketball management is concerned, the Council thru its present officers has done everything possible when asked to cooperate, with matters concerning basketball. Necessarily owing to the lack of funds there was a curtailment in our grant this year, but I feel that we re-

ceived a just appropriation, and with the same, will be able to carry on the basketball activities to as great an extent as has been done in past years.

To those students who have not been following the results of the games as clearly as they might have, it may be of interest to know that the intermediate team has so far won the three games in which they have played. As for the Seniors they have lost but one game by the narrow margin of three points. This I believe is a very creditable showing and augurs well for a most successful season.

Yours very truly,
J. A. TUPPER,
Manager of the Dal. Basketball Team.

To the Editor of the Gazette;
Dear Sir:

In the Gazette of last week there appeared a letter with the heading, "Has The Students' Council the Confidence of The Students?" This is not a question for me to answer, but in the second section of the letter are some slightly misleading statements to which I am rather inclined to reply.

The dispute which arose between students and the Senate over the playing of King's men on the University hockey team is well known to everyone, but is better known to those of us who were so unfortunate as to take part in it. At a special meeting of the D. A. A. C. called for the purpose it was proposed by the President of that organization to change the name of the Dalhousie Hockey team to Dalhousie—Kings, on motion and approval of the meeting this change, in so far as the D. A. A. C. was concerned then went into effect.

Immediately after the holiday the Senate intimated to the Council that they were opposed to the action of the D. A. A. C. and at a meeting attended by the President and Secretary of the Council, Prof. Wilson, Prof. Macneil, the manager of the hockey team and myself, (The President of the D. A. A. C. did not attend) the matter was considered, and Prof. Macneil pointed out that under the interpretation of the constitution of the Council of the Students a King's divinity student was not eligible to play for Dalhousie and that the Senate was not pleased with the change in name which they considered merely a subterfuge.

After meetings with President Mackenzie and with members of the advisory committee it was agreed that the Senate should consider the interpretation to be put on Article 8, Section 12 of the constitution of the Students' Council, which section reads, "No person shall compete in any contest as a Dalhousie representative unless he is at the time a registered student at the University."

Following the meeting of the Senate the Secretary of the Council received a letter informing him, that with approval of the council the Senate would interpret this clause to allow that divinity students from Pinehill and Kings to represent Dalhousie. The Council agreed to this new ruling and notice to this effect was forwarded to the Senate.

Thus it may be seen that the Council has played its part and to my knowledge its officers have had to do the work which should ordinarily have been done by those in other organizations.

It might also be well to add that there is in existence a very active advisory committee to the D. A. A. C. consisting of Dean Reid and Prof. Wilson, both members of the Senate, the result of whose efforts to read improve athletics at Dalhousie are evident to all.

Yours very truly,
WILFRED CREIGHTON,
Sec. D. A. A. C.

Glee Club Committee Chosen

The members of the committee who have consented to take charge of the Glee and Dramatic Society Play this year, are—Prof. C. L. Bennet, Chairman; Mrs. G. F. Pearson, Major P. E. Prideaux.

The Dramatic activities of Prof. Bennet are well known to Dalhousians. Last year he produced an evening of Drama by his English 9 class with gratifying success. This year, in addition to the Dalhousie Play, he is producing the King's Drama, and also planning for another English 9 evening. As an actor he made his debut before a Dalhousie audience last night and added to his already high laurels. The Glee Club committee are very pleased that Prof. Bennet is able to find time to act as Chairman of the Committee of Production.

Mrs. G. F. Pearson comes to us as a tried and true friend. Coach of the last two Dalhousie theatre productions; Honorary President and Adviser of the Glee Club, during two of the most successful years of its history; her name on a Committee of this kind is well known by all the students, to stand for a production of dramatic and musical excellence. As an advisor Mrs. Pearson will be of inestimable value to all concerned with the production of the play.

Major P. E. Prideaux is outstanding as an amateur actor and producer of plays in Halifax. He has proven himself one of the truest friends of the Glee Club throughout the whole year in many ways. The thanks are entirely to him that the Glee Club is able to dispense with mats as stage fittings. The Major's remarkable ability as a coach will be one of the biggest factors toward the success of the play.

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society have decided to play Sir Charles Hawtree's "The Private Secretary" during convocation week.

Engineering Notes

The Class Party.

C. P. R. reports on the class party as follows:—

Well! our sleigh drive is over, and while with the majority of people we used to believe that "Anticipation is greater than realization", we now claim that in regard to Engineer's parties at any rate, realization beats all.

We set sail from the gym about 8 p. m. on January 28th and while it may not go down in history as did the sailing of Columbus, yet Albert says we were more comfortable than Columbus, because even if Columbus did have a fur coat, he was the sole occupant of it. Two sleighs were used during the trip (both at once) and both were packed like into the sardine can but in spite of the fact, joy reigned.

After a drive to the Wayside Inn, we returned to Harry Bell's home where coffee and sandwiches were served by Mrs. Bell assisted by Mrs. Copp and Mrs. Theakston, not to mention the able assistance given by Prof. Theakston. Then the fun started, some of us or I should say most of us danced, others listened to the radio in spite of Harry's sworn declaration "its no good to-night," but Albert suggested that it might be better with the light out and supported by several others the deed was done. Walter even managed to get a stiff neck through too much craning over the dials (?). And thus the dance went on until 11.30 when ice-cream and cake were served. The music supplied by Norm. Fraser, "Johnny" Thurrot, and Bud MacLennan improved as the evening went on, and at the close due to the magnetic effect of their art everybody was happy.

But as all good things must end, so did our party, and, thanks to Mrs. Bell and Harry, there is no doubt in the minds of all the exponents of the drafting art that it was the best party in the society's history.

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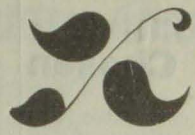
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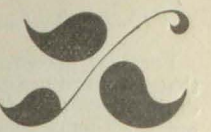
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Dal second Team Wins

Girls Beat Trinity Church 25-2.
Alice Atherton Stars.

Dal completely outclassed the Trinity girls in a fast game at the "Y" Wednesday week. It was not till near the end of the final frame that Trinity scored, in fact they had hardly more than a dozen shots at the basket all evening. The good work of the Dal centers and backs was partially responsible for this, but it was the two forwards that had control of the ball for the best part of the game. Dal's shooting was badly off for with the number of chances that the Dal got the score should have been closer to 50 mark. Though they played a remarkably good game and are deserving of praise, they will have to speed up and tighten up their play and in particular improve their shooting, if they hope to beat the Y. W. C. A.

In the second period Dal played her two subs. Miss Phinney and Miss M. Thompson. The first named as side center played remarkably well, but was a little too anxious at times which resulted in her passing the ball to a well guarded team mate while the other one was completely free. Miss Thompson as sub forward appeared a trifle nervous and was consequently slower and more erratic in her passing that night, when compared to her playing in practices. The rest of the team require, like every team does, more and constant practice. Miss McCurdy at center would be far more effective if she jumped a little higher. A good team however, looking very pretty and striking in their new yellow and black uniforms, and capable of upholding Dal's name is this league.

Line up:—Atherton 15, Thompson 10, McCurdy, McVail, Freeman, Wood, Phinney, McKay and M. Thompson.
Mrs. Sterling refereed.

Interfaculty Hockey

Medicine 2—Dentistry 2.

The Medical-Dental fracas ended in a tie at the Dal Rink last Saturday afternoon. While territory was about even Dentistry showed the better form, and should have held the lead which they established early in the game. The first period was all Dentistry. Tupper on the defence being particularly effective in fact, he was the most outstanding man on the ice. He scored the Dents first goal and a few minutes later Sullivan his team mate followed his example. The period ended 2-0 for Dentistry and found them trying hard for another counter.

In the second the Meds came to life and led by Manager Beardsley they gave the Dents a hot bombardment. Beardsley ran in two counters at this part of the game and the score was tied. But the Meds didn't let up at all and Oldfield was given plenty of work to do for the rest of the time. In the third the play was about even; both teams finding the pace too fast for them. The game slowed up, but nevertheless remained exciting. The whistle found the two of them fighting grimly in center ice. No overtime was played so the game stood a draw. Beardsley and Tupper were by far the best and most hard working men.

Line up:—Med:—goal, Morash; defence, McLean, Doull; forwards, Beardsley, Murphy, Townsend; subs, Grant, Giddings, J. Macdonald.
Dents:—Goal, Oldfield, defence, Tupper, Macdonald; Forwards, Sullivan Taylor, Cragg; subs, Duxberry, Isreal, Sproule, McLeod.
Bill Wickwire referee.

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"There was silence supreme—
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Which just about describes the rooting squad at the Dal-Dartmouth game. We might mention that someone in last week's *Gazette* made the statement that the D. A. A. C. "is forced to become a passive body." We are not in a position to state whether they are "forced" or not, but we can truthfully say that as far as rooting is concerned they are passive. It is the D. A. A. C. that makes arrangements concerning cheer leaders and so on in football but as the year passes they become more and more staid. It might be well to state here also that the rooting squad which turned out for the Dal-Wand's game, and was incidentally the largest that has witnessed a hockey match for years, has not encouraged them by any efforts of the D. A. A. C. True the name was used and permission was granted for that, but beyond this the entire burden of interviewing the Arena management, making terms for a reserved section, getting tickets and arranging for their sale, signs printed, tickets marked, ushers, etc., in short the entire work of such an undertaking, and it is by no means a small one, fell upon the shoulders of the Editor and Sports Editor of the *Gazette*. It was an experiment and proved more than successful. Since then the *Gazette* has simply waited and watched the attendance at the next two hockey games. The difference is astounding. At the Dal-Crescents game there were not more than thirty, at the Dartmouth game a round dozen. Twelve students, when two games before there was over 150. But when twelve students are all that will turn out to a game then there is something radically wrong somewhere. The team must have support and should get it, even though they are beaten in every game. The rooters are there to cheer their team on to victory and it is no argument for staying away because Dal has been unfortunate this year. It shows poor sportsmanship to say the least, for nothing is easier than cheering a team that is piling up victory after victory. It is when the team is defeated that the good sports come into evidence. And surely there are more than 12 sports at Dalhousie. Every student at Dalhousie prides himself on his good sportsmanship, but not every student, sad to relate, practices what he preaches. If you don't want to support a College team get together and withdraw it from the league.

But that is the last thing the students would think about. All the same they act as though it is the very thing closest to their mind. To say they are uninterested and discouraged is untrue. They are only too anxious to read the paper account the next morning and as for being discouraged, what about the team. Hasn't the team found more grounds for discouragement than anybody else? But if they were discouraged they didn't show it against Dartmouth the other night. They showed them that they are a team to be proud of. Not a winning one perhaps but a game, sporting team that should be supported even if the students have to crawl on their hands and knees to see them play. They go out on the ice and battle their way to a well earned victory, take hard knocks, but come up smiling, get terrible tumbles but still keep on playing. Not for their own honor and glory (because this year there has been a little) do they do this, but for you, for every Dalhousie student, for their College. And only a few loyal students turn out to encourage them and show their appreciation and College spirit.

It is no use begging you to come out. If that is necessary Dalhousians hide your heads in shame, for you have then shown you are indeed unworthy of her name. But thank Heaven it is not necessary, for the Dal-Wanderers game showed that. What is necessary is organization and advertisement. And it is here the D. A. A. C's duty begins. They must, simply must, do something about it, for it is the crying need at the present moment. They should take over the work the *Gazette* started in their name, organize their rooting squad, see that the cheer leaders are there and that there is, most important of all, somebody to lead. Empty benches don't as a rule go far to encourage a team.

Next to the students in laxity or rather more so comes the professors. As well as we can remember there wasn't a single one at the last two games. There is not a Professor in Dalhousie that wouldn't feel proud if he was told that he was the most popular one in the University. Considered so perhaps by students, but those students are the men and professors of tomorrow and such a popularity seldom dies. We don't intend to mention names but the fact is that the Professors who are most popular today are those who turn out to the games and support THEIR teams. And what is more it doesn't lower their dignity one iota. On the contrary they are respected all the more for it, for what student won't raise his hat respectfully to a good sport, and what student won't work his head off when he is taught by such men. To take one concrete example. The Professors in the Faculty of Law are 100% good sports. When the results of the Christmas Exams, came out what did we find? Not more than two students failed in two exams, none in more, and in one year there wasn't a single soul with a pluck in any subject. The best average results in the College. These are facts, not propaganda. These Professors also get as much respect as is possible to give any man, professor or otherwise, and whole hearted respect at that.

As we pointed out before a good sport is one who plays and works in a sportsmanlike manner. And if you can't play, the next best thing is to encourage it. So let us all make, as our New Years Resolution, somewhat late perhaps, but better late than never, "I am going to play every game I can and play it well for in that way will I become a man, but if I can't play I am going to watch MY College play and cheer her on to victory by at least my presence."

SPORT TIME TABLE.

Fri. 5th Dal. vs. St. George's, Pine Hill vs. "Y" at the "Y", 8.30. Intermediate Basketball.
Sat. 6th Dal. vs. Wand's., at the "Y", 7.30, Senior Basketball. Rooters needed.
Interfaculty Basketball and Hockey in the afternoon.
Tues. 9th Dal. vs. Wand. at the Arena, 8.15. Boost the attendance and help Dalhousie.

Interfaculty Basketball

Law 18—Commerce 9.

Law won its second game of the Interfaculty league in a rather convincing manner. It was an interesting game to watch, but was inclined to lag a bit at times. Bill Richardson, though he was high man for Law, spoiled a lot of chances for his team by persistently trying long shots which usually missed the basket. Coughlan celebrated his birthday by playing a very steady game on the Law defence. Line up:—Law—Richardson 8 Doyle 4, Mitchell 2, McInnes 4, Coughlan, Outhit.

Commerce:—Snow, Grant, Harris, McColl 2, Miller 3, McDonald 2, Matheson 2.

Dentistry 12—Arts 28.

Arts completely swamped the Dental boat and it was only after Arts had secured a substantial margin and let up in their playing that Dentistry were able to score. The first period ended 14-0 in the Studley men's favor.

Line up:—Arts: Ross, 12, Keating 8, B. Clark 6, Hoskins 2, E. Clark, Jardine, Hood.

Dentistry:—Oldfield 6, Sullivan 4, Duxberry 2, Godsoe, Dobson.

Med. 17—Eng. 20.

In the final and best game of the afternoon the Meds fell before the Engineers but only after a hard saw-saw fight. Hewat was the outstanding player on the floor while Brown and Curry of the Engineering Squad ran him a very close second. It was a very exciting game and the outcome was in doubt until the last second.

Line up:—Medicine. Baird 1, McLean, Eaine, Phillips 2, Hewat 8, Doull 4, Beardsley 2, Grant.

Engineers:—Brown 10, Curry 6, McKeagan 4, Lowe, Allen, Roper.
Mr. Stirling refereed.

Majestic Notes

"Three Little Maids" is proving a most popular entertainment. A good musical comedy is, unfortunately, a distinct innovation in Halifax and all lovers of light opera, should not fail to see this production. Every member, from start to finish is pretty. Some are light and snappy, others more winsome but all most delightful as rendered by the capable principals. "Three Little Maids" will run the balance of the week, only.

The first three days of next week the Majestic presents "Lover of Camille" from the stage play "Deburan," by Sacha Guitry. It stars that inimicable couple, Monte Blue and Marie Prevost. Monte Blue play the part of a clown and the play, in place reminds one of Rigoletto

Senior Basketball

Dalhousians over St. Georges 48-16.

Forwards Star.

Dalhousie Senior Basketball Team had it all over St. George's like the proverbial tent last Saturday night at the "Y". Bradshaw of the "Y" refereed in his usual efficient and impartial manner. Dalhousie excelled in every department of the game and were at no time in the slightest danger. If the Fenete raises the ban on the members of the team, even if only on Brown, then there is not the slightest doubt that Dal would capture the City League title, the only one she has a chance to gain this year. Dal's combination was good, her blocking was good and her shooting was excellent, but she is still sadly in need of a center. If she gets Brown then it should be Dalhousie's night against the Wanderers on Saturday night. For Dalhousie the two "MacS" were by far the best, collaring 45 points between them. The work of Smith and Doyle as guards was of the best and the small score for St. George's is entirely due to this pair.

Line up—Doyle, Smith 2, Moore, Wilson, McLennan 24, McLeod 21, Langstroth 1.

Intermediate Basketball

Dal Trims R. C. A. 17-14.

Dal Intermediates remained unbeaten by winning 17-14 over the fast R. C. A. team at the Military Gym. Tuesday week. The game throughout was fast and clean, but the pace lagged towards the end, as the size of the floor began to tell on the speed of both teams. The high floor told particularly on Dal, since they are forced to play with only one sub. The first period opened fast and continued so throughout. The closeness of the play in this period can be easily seen by the fact that Dal emerged with only .02 point lead, the smallest they have had this year. Brown and Jones presented a stone wall defence to the attacking soldiers, repulsing attack after attack and meeting every one of their strategic moves with others more strategic.

Sperry at center played his usual game and while not getting any baskets scored 3 points out of a possible four on fouls. Hewat who is going better every game collected 6 points and was thereby high man forcing Bill Clark to play second fiddle with 4 points to his credit. Both Hewat and Clark were rather lost on the big floor, but under the circumstances played excellently. Miller as sub, found the floor much more to his liking his lightning speed standing him in good stead and netting him the other 4 points of the Dal total. The baskets in the Military Gym are very unsatisfactory being on movable standards which were anything but stationary and had to be continually adjusted. This fact coupled with starting defence work on both sides kept the score down.

Line up—Hewat 6, Clark 4, Miller 4, Sperry 3, Brown, Jones.

Dalhousie Loses to Crescents

Ernst and Lewis star.

Showing considerable improvement since their last appearance the Dal Kings team fought a game uphill battle which did not however end in victory but neither could it be called a bad defeat. Not once throughout the game did they cease trying and their combination showed vast improvement. Time after time the puck was passed across the entire forward line, but their efforts were too often blasted by the referee's whistle calling an offside play. Taking the merits of the game into consideration the score should have been in Dalhousie's favor. Not by much but in her favor nevertheless. It was just a matter of who got the breaks and who were quickest to take advantage of them. No doubt in the world but that the Crescents had more than their share and it was their capacity to take advantage of them that gained the victory. Dal's forwards were a little weak in shooting and it here that they miss Haslem whose bullet-like drives have more than once sagged the draperies for a Dalhousie score. Their failure to try and break through the defence before shooting, throughout the game and particularly in the initial frame, lost them many chances of scoring for Hanrahan is practically impregnable on shots from outside the defence.

The defence while they turned in a stellar game are still a little shy on the checking. Lewis played wonderfully, though six goals were scored on him they were almost impossible ones and he more than did his share. Nutty also played well. His rushes and shots would have netted him several goals if he had been playing against anybody but the Crescent goalie. Ernst is going faster every game. The big King's man opened up a brand of hockey that night that has boosted his stock 100%. His checking is also becoming more apparent. Bates was good. He always is for that matter, but Tuesday found him with a pair of poorly sharpened skates which cut down his speed considerable and caused him to fall several times. Creighton is getting back to his old form once again and played a remarkably good game, checking and rushing with all he had in him. Coleman though somewhat slow more than made up for this fault by his game willing style of play. Art was always on the job. Langstroth and Waddington were both fairly effective when they got on and deserve credit along with the entire team for the game fight they put up. Fabie Bates scored Dal's lone tally on a beautiful pass from Creighton about half way through the second period.

Line up:—Lewis, Wilson, Ernst, Creighton, Bates, Coleman, Langstroth, Waddington, McIntyre.

Intermediate Game

Dal's Intermediates fell before a Crescent onslaught to the tune of 7-0, after the senior game last Tuesday night. Like the Senior team they were the victims of many breaks which their opponents were by no means slow in taking advantage of. Dal had the margin of territory throughout the game particularly in the final period when it was only the excellent goal tending of the Crescents that saved them. The Dal combination was rather weak and the comparative strength of the Crescents in this respect gained for them the victory.

The first period ended with a score of 2-0 against Dal. Dal opened the second with a bang and gave the Crescents a few unpleasant minutes. But here as in the first they lacked combination and had two more goals scored on them. In the third Crescents played a defensive game, but still managed to win in another tally. In this period Dal was attacking continuously and had easily the margin. Bob Doull who was elected captain played the most consistent game for Dal, but Taylor and McIntyre gave him a close run. Godsoe also played a fair game but like the rest of the team that that night was weak on the passing.

Line up:—Goal, Jakeman; Defence, McCunn, Doull; Forwards, McIntyre, Taylor, Munroe; Subs, Wickwire, Grant, Godsoe.

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