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Marquis of Zetland Speaks on the Life of Lord Curzon

Last Friday evening, the University and the local committee of the National Council of Education were hosts to a distinguished visitor, the Marquis of Zetland, who spoke to a large and appreciative audience on the subject, *Curzon, the Man and the Statesman*. His Lordship, who is, perhaps better known as the Earl of Ronaldshay, has had a very distinguished career as a traveller, writer, administrator and public-spirited citizen. Upon completing his education at Harrow and Cambridge, he travelled widely. In 1900 he joined the staff of Lord Curzon who was at that time Viceroy of India. After the War he served as Governor of Bengal for a five-year term. In 1928 his biography of Lord Curzon, which is already a classic, was published.

In the course of his address, the Marquis of Zetland stated that the late Lord Curzon was grievously misunderstood and grossly misrepresented. His critics thought him haughty and pompous; but he was in reality a very humble man and a great believer in the power of prayer. Opinions derived from superficial knowledge of him were almost always wrong.

Lord Curzon's tremendous capacity for hard work, a remarkable memory and strong character made of him a truly great man. George Curzon was an ideal companion, possessed of a high sense of humour, essentially human. His courage and strength of mind were extraordinary.

Asiatic travel was part of his education; the necessity of concluding the program of travel which he had set himself caused him to postpone his marriage for several years. He published several books on Asiatic countries and the political problems which centred there.

In 1922, as British Foreign Secretary, Lord Curzon, in a mid-night conference averted a critical situation then pending in Franco-British relations and, incidentally, averted war with Turkey.

Curzon approached his work as Viceroy with a humility akin to reverence and with a keen sense of his responsibility to the millions of the Indian people. One of his great achievements in India, along with the reorganization of government and the institution of irrigation and improved agricultural methods, was the restoration and preservation of some of the great examples of Indian architecture.

George Curzon's married life was supremely happy. He never completely recovered from the untimely death of his wife, to whose memory he built a beautiful chapel at the Curzon family seat.

Lord Curzon was a man of great ambitions; and his greatest ambition was to serve his country. He was a great public servant.

After his address the Marquis of Zetland showed on the screen some pictures of Indian scenes, concluding with the Taj Mahal, which Lord Curzon had restored.

His Grace, the Primate of All Canada, Archbishop Worrell, and President Stanley expressed the appreciation of the audience.



MARQUIS OF ZETLAND

Seniors Win In Bennett Debate

The Seniors, opposing the resolution "That the Dominion Government should enter into Trade Agreements with Russia," defeated the Juniors in the first inter-class debate of the season which was held in the Munro Room last Thursday night. The Seniors were represented by Eirene Walker and Flint Cahan, and the Juniors by Dot Vernon and Don Archibald. The debate was a very close one, and old-timers say that it was the best debate which has been staged in the Munro Room for a long time. The judges were Dr. Ronald Hayes, Prof. Pearson, and Don Grant.

After the debate, the meeting was thrown open and Messrs. MacCarthy, Dubinsky, Rogers and Sutherland spoke briefly. MacCarthy spoke on politics (as usual), Dubinsky on poker playing, and Rogers on trade agreements in general, while Sutherland took as his text the irrefutable statement that no man should argue with a woman. He should know.

The size of the audience was very disappointing to all concerned. It may be comforting to the vast majority who stayed away to know that they missed a good entertainment. If the "Aspiring President of the Anti-Feminist League" had been present, he would have found further proof of his statement that the women students at Dalhousie are not interested in intellectual matters—there was not one co-ed in the audience.

The Book Club at Dalhousie

How many Dalhousie students have visited the Book Club in the Gymnasium, and realize that for a trifling fee they may have access to hundreds of recently published books on a great variety of subjects, which are not to be had elsewhere in Halifax? Those who join get the highest value for their fee from the outset; they also have the satisfaction of knowing that their contribution will immediately be used for further purchases, and that at the end of the year all these books are added to the main library shelves. Get your money's worth and be a philanthropist.

Debate Team For Acadia Chosen

The men's debating team to represent Dalhousie in a debate with Acadia was chosen on Wednesday. The team will consist of, Mr. Ernest Richardson, Mr. Raymond McCarthy and Mr. Donald Archibald. There was some very good material to choose from so it is hoped that the debate will be of a very high calibre.

The judges were Prof. Wilson and Prof. Nichols.

Alumnae Bridge

Plans are being made for an Alumnae Bridge to be held at Shirreff Hall. The tentative date is February 21st. Miss Eileen Burns, the President of the Alumnae Association has been working very hard to arrange this evening of "Bridge"; she would like to have one hundred tables at the price of two dollars per table. The Alumnae Association hope that the students, the citizens of Halifax and members of the Alumni will find it possible to keep this date open. The proceeds from this Bridge are to go into the Loan Fund.

President Corrects Error Of Press

A man would be ill advised who would set about correcting the reports and headlines of modern newspapers. But as the Editor of the *Dalhousie Gazette* has received an unusual crop of reports about a remark I made to the students some time ago, he has asked me for a correction to be published in his columns.

I was appealing to the students to apply the remedies which lay in their own hands to improve their physical condition. And I said that students, more than others, needed to be "in the pink of condition." Reading then, from a report which Dean Grant had put into my hands showing the results of this year's medical examination of students, I pointed out that "more than 11% of the present student body were reported as being not in good physical condition"—some for one reason and some another. Some one must have related this, or an echo of it, to a reporter, for in the local papers, next day, I was represented as having said that only 11% of *Dalhousie students were in good physical condition*. My attention was drawn to these reports by one who heard me speak, and who said to me, "the newspapers got hold of the figures the wrong way on." Later I was informed that the same garbled report had been broadcast by the Canadian Press.

While I am speaking of the subject I should like to add that it is unfortunate that the itch for publicity has spread to the universities. On occasion we are glad to welcome interested outsiders into our midst. But one should be able to discuss matters of importance to the students, *with the students*, freely and frankly, and keep the discussion in the family so to speak. The microphone has its uses, but one does not set it on the domestic breakfast table.

February 6, 1933.

CARLETON W. STANLEY.

Coming Events

- Wednesday—7.45—C. O. T. C. Parade in University Gymnasium.
- 7.45—Mock Parliament, Liberals and Conservatives—Moot Court Room.
- Thursday —12 a. m.—Address by Dr. H. F. Munro on "The 13th Assembly of League of Nations," in the Chemistry Theatre.
- 8.00 p. m.—N. F. C. U. S. Debate.
- 8.00 p. m.—Dr. Archibald MacMechan speaking on "Nova Scotian Ships and Sailors" at the Church of England Institute.
- Friday —4.00 p. m.—Delta Gamma Tea at Shirreff Hall.
- 8.15 p. m.—Lecture, "Influence of Roman Law on the World today" by Dean Corbett.
- 9.00 p. m.—Class '33 Party—Lord Nelson Hotel.
- Saturday —7.15 p. m.—Law Banquet—Nova Scotian Hotel
- 8.00 p. m.—Dawson Club at home of Prof. Copp—
- 8.00 p. m.—Haliburton Club at King's College.
- Tuesday —12.00 a. m.—Liberal Club meets in Room 3.
- 7.30 p. m.—Parliamentary Procedure Club.

Comedy Presented by King's Players

On Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 3 and 4, the King's College Players presented A. A. Milne's Comedy "Mr. Pim Passes By" at the Theatre Arts Guild Playhouse. The play was light and humorous and was extremely well-received by the audience. The playhouse was filled nearly to capacity each night, which speaks well for the ability of the players.

Miss Anne Allison and Mr. F. Keble were the outstanding players and the acting centred around their pleasing efforts. Miss Winifred Scott, Miss Cecily Kirby, Miss Elizabeth Hood, K. Dyer and H. Wainwright were the other members of the cast, and they carried out their parts to perfection.

The comedy was one hinging on the fact of a dead husband being reported alive. The confusion that followed before this report was proven false, was the cause of two marriages being performed,—one of a young romantic couple hitherto denied that ceremony, and the other the reinstating of the second husband as legally married. The humour of the situation was in evidence throughout.

McGill Defeated in Debate by Team From Nova Scotia



MISS BETTY MARCH

Dean Corbett Of McGill to Speak

The career of Dean Corbett, who is to be the next lecturer in the Dalhousie series, makes interesting reading. Though an "Islander" he received his education in Quebec. Winning an Entrance Scholarship of one thousand dollars he studied Classics and History at McGill, and became a Rhodes Scholar. He was an officer at the front and saw long service in the War, winning the Military Cross. He is the only Canadian who ever became a Fellow of All Souls, Oxford. He was one of the legal advisers of the Labor Office, League of Nations, 1922-24. He is now Professor of Roman Law, and Dean of the Law Faculty in McGill University. For several years he was Chairman of the Institute of Politics, Williams College. Two of his books have been published by the Oxford University Press. Having spoken to Halifax audiences in the past, Dean Corbett is known as a clear and forcible speaker, with definite views about public affairs. His subject next Friday evening will be: "How Roman Law still influences the World."

Notice

To the Student Body:

The Senate has asked for the co-operation of the Students with regard to smoking in the corridors and halls of the various University buildings. The regulations covering this matter is apparently not common knowledge, or it has been forgotten by the Student Body.

There is a smoking room in every building where smoking is permitted and signs are posted where smoking is prohibited. The Council of Students therefore requests the Student Body to fulfill the wishes of the Senate by observing this regulation.

It is a time honored legislation that any infringement of this ruling is reported by the University Faculty to the Council of Students and a fine of Two Dollars (\$2.00) is imposed on the offender.

W. C. MacKENZIE,
Pres. Council of Students

All those who have not yet paid their subscriptions to the Gazette are urgently requested to do so at once, as the Gazette needs your support.

All Dalhousie ought to be very pleased to hear that Betty March Dalhousie and Margaret Leonard, Acadia, who debated with a team at McGill, Friday night won by a unanimous decision of the judges. The subject was "That Canada is over-governed." Miss March, who is leader of the team has had a short but colourful debating career. She was a member of the team that went to Mount Allison last year. She has spoken several times at Sodales and was this year made Girls' Debating Manager. We are glad she was given this marvellous opportunity and hope her success continues throughout her trip.

The debate at McGill was rightfully won by the Nova Scotians. They were debating the affirmative of the resolution and in one sense a difficult subject to debate. Their main points were that there are too many legislatures, and too many legislations. They both spoke exceptionally well and showed the true Maritime spirit.

Dal Defeats Mt. A. In Exciting Game

The Dal Tigers playing under the inspired leadership of Captain Sam Fairstein decisively defeated the Mt. Allison hoopsters 35 to 29 in an exhibition match last Thursday night. Playing in the new Studley gym before a crowd of over two hundred the Dal team put on a marvellous second period spurt that overcame a six point lead and turned what looked like certain defeat into a glorious victory. Mt. A. with the veteran outfit that won the intercollegiate crown a year ago completely outclassed Dalhousie during the first half and with Austin, Brodie, Andrews, and Smith working pretty combination plays, built up a well deserved 17 to 11 lead before the first half ended.

The second half was another story. With Anderson and Musgrave playing a stellar defensive game, with very pretty back-checking assistance from the forward line of Bauld, Crease and Fairstein, the Dal team completely smothered the Mt. A. attack holding it to four field goals during the last 20 minutes. On the other hand the fast breaking same forward line got the jump on the Mt. A. forward line time and again to catch the two Mt. A. guards alone and to work the ball in close to score. Fairstein with a tricky overhead shot was especially effective dropping in five baskets while the other two corralled three apiece. Five minutes after the second half started the score was tied at 19 all and after that Dal forged ahead to stay. Five minutes to go Mt. A. put on a spurt and came within one point of Dal at 29 to 28 but the Tigers last drive that netted three quick baskets was too much for the Mt. A. team which had slowed up considerably and Dal walked off with a well deserved victory. The lineups:—

Mt. Allison — Welsh, Brodie 5, Austin 5, Hyiski, Smith 2, Andrews 8, Brist 2, Kerr, McIntosh 7.

Dalhousie — Crease 8, Stoddard 2, Bauld 6, O'Brien, Fairstein 15, Green, Anderson 1, Mandelstan 1, Musgrave 2.

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THE PRESS AND SENSATIONALISM.

The Press—right or wrong; when right, keep it right; when wrong, set it right. The Freedom of the Press is too often construed by certain editors to mean the right to feature news which strays far from the truth. The harm thus done is irrevocable; an erroneous impression is created concerning the source of the so-called news; this impression is lasting and nation-wide. Newspapers do not consider retractions of statements of sufficient importance to give them the same publicity accorded the original item. A reporter gathers some erroneous facts, either through carelessness or inefficiency, and the paper features the story—features it because it is startling—it is startling because it is untrue. President Carlton Stanley made the statement that eleven per cent of the students at Dalhousie were not eligible for military service. The papers quoted him as saying that only eleven per cent were eligible for military service; this story went from coast to coast, doing Dalhousie and the students an enormous amount of harm.

THE GLEE CLUB.

The progressive decadence of the Glee Club is becoming the subject of increasing concern both to those students at Dalhousie who are interested in amateur histrionics and to those who believe they should receive some amount of good and inexpensive entertainment from this organization which they supported through their student council fee. The whole matter is especially one of chagrin to seniors and professional students who remember Glee Club activities in the old days of energetic leadership and sound selective policies.

The Glee Club entered its present period of depression in the Autumn of 1930. From the beginning of the 1930-31 term its presentations have grown fewer in number and poorer in quality. Last year the absence of a gymnasium for a large part of the term was an extenuating circumstance, but now all the facilities desired are afforded by the new building at Studley, and the present failure of the organization must rest squarely upon the shoulders of the Glee Club executive. The criticism that may be levied upon them has already been indicated. Each student contributes to the support of the Club when he pays his student Council fee. He expects and ought to receive in return more than the infrequent and indifferent performances that have characterized three dull years during which the Newman shows of 1931-32 was the only outstanding contribution. Some time ago a great ado was raised by a well-meaning element of the University about some students who spent more than they could afford at downtown dances and by their patronage also put college dance functions beyond the means of many other students. Had the same august body devoted its endeavour to a stirring up of an almost defunct organization and to assuring the same students of the entertainment they had already paid for, its efforts would have been more appreciated by the Student Body at large, and something of worth ought to have been accomplished.

To come to the point, the situation is this; that the Dalhousie Glee Club has been an important cultural and, entertainment factor in the life of the University. There is at Dalhousie an abundance of talent, and willing talent of the necessary kind. The holding of a Glee Club office is discretionary; it ought not to be undertaken except by a student who recognizes its responsibilities and has the necessary time to give it, and it ought to be immediately relinquished when the student sees that he cannot spare the time or fulfill the responsibility.

In case this editorial should incur the stigma of purely destructive criticism, we shall outline briefly what we think the policy of the Club ought to be.

First, the Club ought to return to the policies of the old days when Kelly Morton in the "Valiant" or Len Miller in "Two Gentlemen of Soho" gave the audience a quality of dramatic and comic entertainment often unattained by current stock companies. Who, remembering "The Moonshiners", "Barbara's Wedding", "The Rabbit's Paw", "The Twelve Pound Look" and many other such, can fail to realize the ineffectiveness of the performances of today? There is no paucity of good short plays suitable for presentation in the Gymnasium, as may be discovered by a casual perusal of the works of *Nash, Munro, Barrie, Schnitzler, Wilder, Jacobs, Dunsany, O'Neil, Herbert* and other playwrights.

Secondly, home talent ought to be encouraged and locally written plays produced where they reach a decent standard.

Finally the suggestion contained in a recent letter to the Gazette might be followed, and a reading committee appointed whose duty it would be to have always on hand a number of suitable pieces.

COMMENT

Mr. Lloyd George on Liberals

A Communist Compromise

General Gordon

Mr. Lloyd George on Liberals.

The other day, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, Mr. Lloyd George was asked a rather suggestive question—namely, what, in his opinion, was preventing the Liberal leaders from crossing the floor of the House of Commons. The reply was characteristic of the man: "I am afraid it is because nine-tenths of these members are dependent on Tory votes for their seats. They are apprehensive lest they should forfeit the support of the Tory electors who recorded their votes for them at the last election. They might never be returned to the House of Commons again." This reminds one of the men who, as Macaulay said, take a 'deliberate' view of the state of the country; they satisfy themselves as to the leaning of the public mind—and they choose their side. But one must not accept such a statement without question. Mr. Lloyd George has never had much of a reputation as a compromiser or as one to whom extreme views are objectionable. It is true that the Government steadily outrages one Liberal principle after another. So called ties of honor, or at least what are supposed to be such is the more likely explanation for the continued adherence of what should be a free, progressive force, to the Conservative party.

A Communist Compromise.

Malthus, in his *Essay on Population* used to speak ironically of the professed economists who could believe that it was "in the power of the justices of the peace or even of the omnipotence of parliament to alter by a fiat the whole circumstances of the country." The plan which the President of the Council of the People's Commissars in Russia announced regarding a fundamental change in the Soviet agricultural economy for the first year of the second Five-year Plan, shows that they have realized the justification for the irony. Ever since the first Five-Year Plan was started there has been a continual clash between the peasant's individualistic instincts and the attempt to force him to yield up his grain to the State when the force applied was excessive, as it often appeared to be to the ignorant peasant, not versed in the subtleties of Communist theory, he simply stopped raising more grain than was necessary for his own needs. He had no incentive to great effort. Why waste his labour in raising a surplus quantity of grain, when the only result was that the produce was immediately seized by the collectors? This system is to be replaced by a fixed tax in kind, and the produce remaining after this tax is paid is to be left at the producer's disposition, thus providing him with incentive to increase his productivity.

General Gordon.

On Saturday the centenary of the birth of General Gordon was celebrated in London. This famous general, whose statue in Trafalgar Square is one of its 'sights', has been the subject of much controversy, and it is doubtful whether it can truly be said that he has now emerged from the fury of controversy as a great and stainless hero. Of course, commemorative eloquence will not linger over his faults, except perhaps to explain them away. His life was certainly a spectacular one, and the memorable event of January 28, 1885, when the relief expedition burst into Khartoum, too late to save him did not detract from this

The Waste-Paper Basket

"unconsidered trifles"

The Oldest Subscriber rang up the Able Editor,—

"There's a misprint on the first page of your last issue."

"What is it?"

"Rule the roast—for 'rule the roost'."

"Do you want to bet on it?"

The O. S. declined the offer and was referred to the omniscient and magisterial Fowler, who lays down the law, as follows:—

Rule the roast (roost). The O. E. D. gives no countenance to *roost* and does not even recognize that the phrase ever takes that form; but most un-literary persons say *roosts* and not *roast*; I have just inquired of three such, and been informed that they never heard of *rule the roast*, and that the reference is to a cock keeping his hens in order. Against this tempting piece of popular etymology the O. E. D. offers us nothing more succulent than "None of the early example throw any light on the precise origin of the expression".... Writers should take warning, at any rate, that *rule the roast* is the orthodox spelling, and that when they have written it the compositor must be watched."

What a useful work a Dictionary is! What a necessary work, the meaning of words! Without Dr. Johnson, or somebody of that sort, we might have been at this present moment calling an Italian "iron a bedstead."

Mrs. Markleham.

Whoever saw Hilaria walk down the Cuckoos' Street

Saw a slim tree of brown hazel

pass on silver feet;

Saw the white moon of April on her slight thin day;

Saw green waves dance, as queens dance, into Galway Bay.

Bind Rafferty.

PRO ARCHIA.

THE DALHOUSIAN AND BOOKS.

By B. Lebasi.

How many Dalhousians have any true appreciation of the value of books? How many know how to use books? How many do use books?

That there are some Dalhousians who do know how to use, do use and do appreciate books is undeniable, but it is equally undeniable that the vast majority do not.

To most of our undergraduates books are simply texts, the contents of which have to be read studied and memorized in order to pass examinations. That the MacDonald Memorial Library contains over 30,000 volumes and MSS. is a fact which causes most of our, so-called, students to shudder and tremble from the fear that some professor should be suddenly seized with the idea of making them study a large number of them. It would never occur to these "students" that such a fact should fill them with joy at the opportunity offered of gaining some understanding of the thoughts of the great writers of the past and present; at the facilities offered for gaining some knowledge of human pursuits problems, institutions, successes, failures, hopes and ideals.

characteristic of the Gordon saga. But, despite all assurances to the contrary, it is difficult to reconcile oneself to the statement that the account of many of his less worthy habits, given wide publicity by the late Lytton Strachey in his *Eminent Victorians*, originated wholly in malicious gossip. Nevertheless, some men are great despite an occasional indulgence in a bottle of whiskey.

Scanning Our Contemporaries.

Know Dalhousie.

A group of South African students is at present visiting McGill University. During their visit one of their number had occasion to inquire the way to the Medical Building on the campus. Approaching a third year student he put the question to him and was amazed to receive the reply, "I am sorry I do not know." This reply, coming from a junior is typical of college students in general. The majority of them are in blissful ignorance of any building on the campus exclusive of those in which they attend lectures. Dal students are no exception to this condition. This University has nearly a century of tradition. Each student should know not only the physical location of the various buildings but should be a sharer in her history and traditions.

Editorials.

"Editorials are of four kinds, explanatory, social or political, congratulatory, and those of essay form." This statement was made by Mr. George Wright a Montreal newspaperman. Of these four only two, explanatory and political were believed to be of any material value. "The explanatory editorial, which is used solely for the purpose of explaining in more detail, certain articles appearing in the publication, should be written by a clear and calculating mind."

In Mr Wright's opinion the political editorial is particularly effective when used by a paper voicing political views. Even when criticising Blistering Bonfire Bennett, the paper should nevertheless point out faults in a bill brought up by its particular party, which is all very idealistic, but sad to say seldom done.

The social editorial readily recognized at Dalhousie, but seldom heeded, is to Mr. Wright of no avail. "The reforms suggested are naturally agreed upon by everyone anyway, but at least, it has the advantage of keeping them constantly before the reader's eyes." Congratulatory editorials are futile. In most cases they are hypocritical. "Newspapers have the reputation of being incessantly inconsistent. Such is usually the case with this type of editorial. A paper might be highly praising a man one day, when, previously, the same man had been attacked." Mr. Wright places the essay editorial in the same category as the social. He believes it exercises no influence and should be used rarely.

These views do not correspond with the ideas of the average editor of a college paper, which should be and usually are impartial with regard to political affairs. Social, congratulatory and essay editorials are the three most useful to such a paper, as they are intended to influence the readers and should be put before them in a way that expresses their own feelings on the matter.

S. C. M.

The Canadian Student Christian Movement is affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation and it makes every effort to meet with students of other countries and to understand their backgrounds and points of view. The students are, perhaps, the most internationally minded group of people in the world. This is possible because they are free to meet and to express their opinions without the restrictions which political responsibilities impose upon statesmen, or which financial responsibilities impose upon business men. The S.C.M. makes the most of this singular advantage. It has been described as "an undenominational forum for courageous thinking."

Annes Labiuntur

"The Dalhousie Gazette a Half Century Ago."

"Ha there! The Freshies who engage in window flirtations must stop it at once, or we must put names down."

"Women are women, and it would be decidedly unwomanly to walk or drive to the polls and drop into the ballot box a piece of paper. They are entirely too delicate and tender for such tremendously trying work, it would rob them of all their sweet, dignified, retiring modesty. Such lovely, precious bunches of humanity exist only to be petted, caressed, protected, loved and ever guarded by a manly form from every care and trouble in life. Being man's helpmate and equal is an amusing absurdity. A woman's chief aim in life should be to marry and ever after attend to cooking and household matters. The question of voting should never enter her mind. A woman is not a person, not legally; she is an inferior creature. The brain of woman proves her inferiority. Woman has no reasoning powers, her's are intuition, not judgment. Can you imagine the effect of such a living creature having a vote and regulating the laws of our country? And have we not the authority of Paul when he says women should be silent in church?"

"Probably the largest literary prize ever offered is that of \$1,000,000 to be given in 1925 by the Russian Academy for the best work on the life and reign of Alexander I. In 1825, shortly after the death of Alexander I, the sum of 50,000 rubles was offered by one of his favourite ministers, to be given as a prize a century after his death, and this at compound interest will amount to \$1,000,000."

"A young man asked the lady of his affections how she liked his standing collar. "Very nice indeed," she replied, after looking at him and the collar for some time, "It looks like a white-washed fence around a lunatic asylum."

"There is a project on foot to wine and dine the graduating classes."

"Our sanctum was invaded by the infuriated victims of last issue. We were unarmed. Since then, however, we have purchased the following offensive and defensive weapons:—A crooked barrelled gun to shoot around the corners; A Nordenfeldt to bring down the Freshmen multitudinous." (And now fifty years later, for the self-same reason the Gazette staff have bought a sawed-off shot gun and a splendid machine gun.—Ed. Note).

"It is currently reported that Dalhousie College is to suffer the loss of one of the ablest and most active of her teaching staff."

"The latest is a letter addressed to Miss Eugene Co.—'You should be a woman, Eugene and yet your mustache forbids us to interpret that you are so.'"

"We regret that so few of our students are inclined to give any active support to the Gazette in the way of contributing to its columns. A college paper, in order to attain any degree of success, should be warmly supported by the students whose interests it professes to advocate."

NOTICE.

The Hart House String Quartet will give a concert in Halifax, under the auspices of the Halifax Ladies' Musical Club, at the School for the Blind, on Wednesday, February 15, at 8.15 p. m. The price of the tickets is \$1.00, but a special price of .75 has been arranged for students.

The Students' Forum.

AN EXPLANATION

The Editor,
The Dalhousie "Gazette."

Dear Sir:
You speak in your columns of the characteristic apathy of the students, their disinterest in college activities, their avoidance of lectures, their individual isolation, and their complete aloofness from affairs which directly concern them, yet although they read of their shortcomings, they withhold comment. This in itself is typical. Students of Dalhousie are interested not in its activities or in its doings, they merely attend the classes, and then each goes his way to his boarding house. The student many times knows nothing of any games, show, or lectures, for he has no one to talk them over with, no one to urge him to "join the rest of us and go," and no common meeting place where he and his friends may discuss going places. The faculty itself shows a study in aloofness. They completely disregard the students, bother not a whit about their affairs or interests, lend no helping hand, and set a splendid example for the rest of us not to follow. The fraternities are the only exception to all this. There everyone can congregate and meet as a group, and incidentally vote as a group. Until Dalhousie can give us a meeting place, we will continue to be oblivious to college.

Very truly yours,
"ROOMER".

MR. BENNETT

Mr. Editor:—
The writer of "Comment" had an amusing article on "Mr. Bennett and Russia" in a recent issue of the Gazette. It showed an utter lack of knowledge as far as the real truths of this barter is concerned. It showed only his unwarranted prejudice against a remarkable man, Premier R. B. Bennett. The inference that Mr. Bennett was secretly approving the so-called barter between Canada and Russia is a joke. In the first place it isn't a barter but what one may call a "flim flam." In the second place it is not an agreement between Russian and Canadian governments. The proposal was made to the Russian Government by a Winnipeg

syndicate that Russia's need for cattle be met by the sale of Canadian cattle and hides for Russian oil and coal. If that proposal had developed into a real transaction it would have constituted a barter. But it did not.

The Soviet system has impoverished the country of its food supplies leaving Russia in a great need for cattle and food products. Her requirement for cattle therefore is an urgent one. Although it is necessary to import anthracite coal in Canada Mr. Bennett has already arranged for a good deal in Welsh coal—a deal which is most agreeable to England and Welsh producers. The anthracite coal stipulated in the exchange is so small that it cannot be regarded as a vital consideration by Russia. The acceptance of Russian oil would strain the government's Russian policy to the breaking point. It might be added here that the Russian embargo policy was first implanted by the late government.

It was proposed that Russia pay, immediately, with short term bonds, redeeming these bonds before the close of the year with oil and cattle. The syndicate wanted the government to finance the transaction, advancing credit for the purchase of the cattle for export to Russia. This would be done by obtaining a guarantee from the government up to 60% of the bonds, hoping the banks might take a chance on another 25% thus giving the syndicate the necessary cash to proceed with the purchases.

The government objected because she is taking all the burden of the transaction upon herself. In the second place Mr. Bennett was probably skeptical about the bonds, and in the third place he was able to see that demands of other industries for similar financial assistance in sales to Russia would be irresistible. It is easily seen, then, why Mr. Bennett was doing the only sensible thing; that is, to treat the proposal with little enthusiasm. The Canadian farmers, on the pretence that it is to their own interest, are really being asked to assist the Soviet government.

It did not take Mr. Bennett and his Cabinet long to come to this decision. There has been a great deal of criticism of the Bennett government, but the character of attacks on it is such as to emphasize its strength than to expose its weakness. It was a lucky day for Canada when the "humbugged" Mr. Bennett came into power.

Yours sincerely,
R. C. F.

Whiskey Jake

At last there has penetrated into the thick skulls of the poltroons who edit the local compilations of stale news the idea that their miserable wastes of good pulp are not "two of Canada's hotcha newspapers"

Just why the originator of that ridiculously puerile boast has not been gaoled for libel by real newspaper editors is not at this time quite clear; perhaps they don't like to discourage the journalistic aspirations of others, however rotten and hopeless they are. Anyway, they seem to have realized the futility of striving to attain the standard of the newspapers of Canada by shearing bits of week-old news from them, and are now content to shear news from their real and only contemporary, the Dalhousie "Gazette". May we extend our congratulations to them on their new-found modesty, and our wish that there shall never be any professional jealousy between us, rank and lousy as the lot of us are?

It is the jackasses and loafers, who block traffic on the city streets, who can run the government, the town, and the Press better than those now doing it. They spend their speech in criticising the actions of others and running down their efforts. The same state exists on the campus. The local paragons gripe about every college organization, telling just what in their useless opinions is wrong; their criticism is omnipresent. They bray at faculty errors, scoff at the student council, and dismiss constructive efforts of others with the word "lousy" These down-at-the-heel slouchers disregard the remarkable advantages offered them, such as lectures and cultural courses, content to revel in the slime of their own ignorance. Like their civic counterparts, they are in the street because they belong there. They could remedy any fault they see if they had the brains or the initiative, but they haven't. So the old order changeeth not.

Dr. Stewart is firmly convinced that animals cannot speak. Equally certain that they not only can speak but write as well is a certain Professor Jewett. In fact did he not recently strongly urge his disciples to go to the library and read the animal poets. The doctor is palpably weak on his literature. And he's such a nice man.

Those window niches are really pretty cold these days, and how can even a councillor get warmed up to the subject with the cold wintry breeze blowing off the Arm—

Prof. William Scott, Nectocracy expert is holding a class every Friday afternoon at 4.30 p. m. in Room 3, Arts Bldg. Come everyone and bring your partner as there will be no charge for this class and the greatest knowledge will be obtained. Prof. Scott believes that nectocracy is the cause of many unhappy marriages.

Bobby MacKintosh after a heated argument with his lady friend left the hall for home. While passing her room he yelled "Come out and fight" and he began to throw snow in her window. Such actions! Tut! tut!

Moot Court.—The last session of the moot court was held Thursday afternoon, the appeal of Langer v. McTavish being heard before a bench consisting of Fairbanks, C. J., Rosenblum, J. and Pratt, J. Counsel were Dubinsky, K. C., and Kitaef, K. C.

Ruth Crandall after reading "Whiskey Jake" last week had the hiccoughs for twenty minutes. There's certainly a "kick" in that column and in more ways than one.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Prof. Martin: What is the number of your seat?
Randolph Cousins-Hix: No, eight, sir.

Prof. Martin: I thank you. It's so long since you have been here that your seat is covered with dust.

I might add that Randolph Cousins-Hix is the originator of that quaint old expression, "Brother, can you spare a dime."

Short Scene — Time 1945— Place—Anywhere.

Mrs. Baldy to husband entering door crying: What is the matter dear?

Mr. Baldy: The depression is over, I just landed a job.

Wayne McKee on Telephone: Who is speaking?
Voice: Rex.

Wayne: Rex who?
Rex: Rex Lecocq of course, whom did you think?

Wayne: Well, I know lots of other wrecks around here.

Young Freshette watching the Tigers perform for the first time: Why don't those fellows with the whistles dress like the rest of the players?

Bright Co-ed: Oh, they are the referees.

Freshette: They should be, they play a nice game.

We wonder if the "wandering tribe of the desert" will put out another edition of "Thunder".

Girl to Hugh McGlashen during game.—Do you play in the Dal hockey team.

Hugh.—No.

Girl—Gosh, you must be lousy!

I guess this girl can't pick winners for even Observer feels that this year Dal is represented by one of the strongest teams ever turned out here in years.

Observer wonders if it is necessary to close Jim Nasium in the morning to put up chairs for a lecture in the evening. There have been some complaints going around among the badminton players who cannot see why this has to be done. Maybe some action will be taken in this matter, who knows?

I imagine the Gazette staff will have to go before the Dalhousie Moot Court soon with Ed McCleave as prosecuting attorney.

Things nobody knows: That Donny Bauld has nice feet.

That Teddy Crease, the cute freshman, knits. Why just the other night he dropped a stitch, and his auntie had to pick it up for him. SISSY.

That Emmett Donohue is the "Don Juan" of the Anatomy lab.

That "Red" Sparrow has a new cap and plans to dye his hair as well as wreck the "Fairview Express."

That "Tumor" Sheehan never skips a class.

Gym Dance Last Thursday Night

The experiment of having a short dance after basketball games in the gym was proved successful on Thursday night, after the much enjoyed basketball game between Mt. Allison and Dalhousie. Yale Brody and his boys provided the Music—good music too. When we realize that there was a Debate, another Dance and that it was a stormy night, we can excuse the small number of the "fair sex" and hope for better attendance in the future.

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Girls' Ice Hockey

This year hockey practises for the girls are being held every Thursday from 12.00-1.00. This hour appears rather disappointing for some, but however, Jean Begg (manager) seems to inspire enthusiasm into the faithful few who turn up at the practices. Ken Purtil is very kindly coaching us again this year and he certainly knows when and how to tell a girl what to do. We like that in hockey and we are greatly indebted to him. The team promises to be better than last year with the steady support of good players like Helen Dixon from Dartmouth. This we say among ourselves, our coach may feel quite differently. New players are always welcome.

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Twentieth Century Liberal Club.—Mr. T. D. MacDonald, Liberal leader in the Dalhousie Mock Parliament and last year's editor of this paper, spoke last evening to the members of the 20th century Liberal Club, at the Women's Council House, Inglis Street. Many prominent Liberals were present. Refreshments and music were supplied at the end of the meeting.

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Here and There in Sport

The Dalhousie Girls' Senior Basketball team lost to the Halifax Academy girls by a score of 40-10 last Monday, Jan. 30. The Academy girls certainly walked all over the Dal team and the game proved to be not only uninteresting but pitiful to watch.

Why is the Gym closed for a whole day preceding a lecture? Surely the efficiency of the University caretakers is not so low that it requires twelve hours to arrange the chairs for a lecture.

The highlight in the week of Sport will be the Dal-Tech game on Friday night. The game itself is a critical one, for the winner is practically assured a play-off berth. A win for Dal will put the Tigers close to the league leading Saints. With one of the finest teams in years and a bona fide Intercollegiate team the support should be 90% of the student body. Laurie Teasdale, manager, has tried his best, and darndest, to give the College a team and he has succeeded. Potter Oyler has unselfishly given his time and knowledge to the team and the response has been marvellous. With an attendance of 100% at practice and a fighting spirit that bodes ill for the opposing team, the Tigers are set for the game Friday night.

Visiting teams have remarked on the scarcity of hot water, or we should say complete lack of hot water in the Gym. The health of the athlete demands a hot shower after a hard workout. Cannot this appalling situation be remedied? Is economy going to be stretched so far that it may result in physical detriment to student and visiting athletes.

Much time was spent on the question of awarding "D's" to basketball players, it was decided to refer this matter to the next session of the D. A. A. C.

Arts and Science and Freshmen pried the lid off the Interfaculty Hockey League at the Forum, Thursday, with Arts winning 2-1.

After a scoreless first period McGlashen made it 1-0 for Arts, the game started to become rough and the penalties were numerous. In the third period Saunders evened the score and the Frosh were cheerful for a while, but Ferguson made it 2-1 and the game was over.

With Sullivan and Crease running wild on the offensive and Clarke and MacDonald playing a great defensive game the Dal Intermediates walked away with their first game with Kings 37 to 15. With the exception of Muggah who dropped in 10 points for Kings, the Kings team seemed unable to pierce the Dal defense and resorted to long shooting and passing, with unfortunate results. The line-ups:

Kings — Muggah 10, Smith Huchiens, Crosby 1, Cole, Regan Dorman 4.

Dalhousie — Sullivan 10, Crease 10, MacIntosh 2, DuBilier 2, MacDonald 9, Clarke 4, Thompson, Gaum.

Dal Upsets Dope

Flashing an unbeatable brand of basketball the Tigers outplayed and outbought the Jack Thomas coached team, Provincial Champions in 1932, to the tune of 29-24. The game was fast and exciting and had the crowd on their toes continually. Both teams played safe and waited for the breaks. After Young had sunk a foul shot and Bauld a long shot the play speeded up, close guarding kept the score down and the half ended 12-9 Dal's favor with Dal having a slight edge.

The second half was faster, Piers sank five long shots to keep the Reds in the game, and scare the Tigers supporters, Mandelstan and Stoddard teamed up to score three baskets but the Reds at last made the score 19-19. The return of Fairstein, Bauld and Crease was the signal for a drive that netted the Tigers five baskets making the score 29-22 with four minutes to go. The shooting of Crease and the combination of Fairstein and Bauld amazed and delighted the crowd. With two minutes to go, and a five point lead, Mandelstan was sent into the game with orders to stall and for the rest of the game the Tigers did. The bell found the Reds desperately trying to retrieve the ball.

For Dal, Bauld, Crease and Fairstein starred while Piers, Fahie and Woodworth were the Reds' shining lights. Referees were Regan and Hill.

TRIMS TIGERS AS CHISHOLM STARS.

A fighting Dalhousie team that wiped out a ten point deficit only to see their shots roll in and out again in the overtime period lost to the Y team 31-35, Saturday night. The result is a four corner tie in the senior league.

Starting the first period with their regular lineup the Tigers, bothered by the balcony and small floor, fought desperately as the Y ran in basket after basket. Changing their lineup brought Dal a little reward as Stoddard scored two baskets but the Y onslaught continued and the half ended 22-14 favor the Y.

The second period saw Dal start a rush that the Y seemed unable to stop. The game was becoming rougher and penalties were numerous, several players of both teams had to leave the game for penalties, as the game progressed. With time growing short the Tigers started their final drive and with Green getting a couple of penalties things looked brighter but it was left to Sammy Fairstein to tie the score at 31-31.

The overtime saw Dal working in close only to see shots roll around the basket and drop out again, Chisholm scored a long shot to put the Y up 2 and a few seconds later sneaked in close to score again, Dal's final drive was futile and the Y had won.

Official Notice

The Senate has discussed the infringement of the "No Smoking" rules in the various university buildings, and the President has brought the matter to the notice of the Students' Council.

Henceforward any student who is reported as having violated the rule is liable to a fine of two dollars, after his breach of the rule has been brought to his own attention and to the attention of the Council.

Boxers and Boxing

Three years ago the Phinney Music Company gave a shield for Intercollegiate Boxing. With great enthusiasm Dal got together a team that won the shield, but since then, oh, oh! Dal's team the last two years while composed of excellent prospects, have been sort of shy on condition and strength. This year with a new Gym to work in one would expect to see many students working out but the fact is that only a "few faithfuls" are working out.

The reasons are many and varied, ranging from studies (of what) to parties (Shirreff Hall again) and the fact that the Intercollegiate Championships are at Tech around March 10 arouses only a faint apprehension. If no more turn out what will be the result? In the first place there will be no College Championships, secondly the boys who do fight, and try to win, have the thought in their minds that they are the "faithful few" and that there is not enough interest in their college to care what the Boxing team does, except to howl to high heaven when the team loses.

Despite this the "faithful few" consisting of "Big Jim" McLeod, D. Murray (Manager), Archibald, Arab, Magonet, Glorioso, Geddes and several others, are training hard and Dal will have a team in the Championships, probably a better team than the apathetic interest of the students deserve.

D. A. A. C. MEETS.

A special meeting of the managing Committee of the D. A. A. C. was called last Saturday. Mr. Gordon Elkin, Saint John, was chosen as Assistant Basketball Manager. A protest by the Freshmen hockey team, against the playing of first year students on the Arts and Science Hockey team, was granted. The game is to be played over again.

A dispute between the Commerce team and Medicine over the eligibility of Louis Ryan as a member of the Medicine team was dismissed, Mr. Ryan according to constitution is entitled to play.

Lea Allanach, who is enrolled in the faculties of Medicine and Dentistry was given the choice of playing Hockey for either faculty. Since Dentistry has no team he will be eligible to play for Medicine.

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NEWS BRIEFS


A Delta Gamma Society meeting was held at Shirreff Hall on Feb. 6th. The chief business was to settle where the Delta Gamma Dance is to be held. It was decided by a unanimous vote to hold it in the Nova Scotian Hotel, Feb. 27th. Dr. Archibald MacMechan gave a very interesting talk on another College City—Aix en Provence. Afterwards a short play was put on by a number of freshettes, which was very much appreciated. Refreshments were then served and the meeting adjourned.

Lecture on League of Nations.—Dr. H. F. Munro, superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, will deliver an address in the Chemistry Theatre at 12 noon, Thursday, on "The 13th Assembly of the League of Nations." Dr. Munro is well acquainted with the League of Nations, having recently returned from Geneva where he was an official delegate of the Dominion Government. This address is sponsored by the Students' Christian Movement. All students are advised to attend as it is not often that we have the chance to hear an address from such an authentic source.

Dawson Club.—Professor W. H. Copp, of the Engineering Department, will deliver an address on the "Quebec Bridge," to the members of the Dawson Geological Club at his home on South Street, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 8 p. m. All members of the Dawson Club are urged to attend.

Commerce Society.—Mr. A. T. Smith, of the Dominion Atlantic Railways spoke to the Commerce students last Monday evening, Feb. 6, at the Commerce Fraternity, 64 Edward St. All the problems concerning freight and other railway questions were discussed by the students with Mr. Smith.

Class '36. — On Thursday, Feb. 2nd, their first meeting was held. Plans for a Class Party were made for February 17th and a debating team was discussed.



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Immediately following, the debaters will be the guests of Delta Gamma at a formal banquet, and on Friday and Saturday the visitors will be entertained in various interesting ways. On Friday a tea will be given at Shirreff Hall in their honor. Dalhousie girls are invited to this and tickets may be obtained for twenty-five cents from the Executive.

Class '33.—On Tuesday a meeting was held of the Senior Class. Plans for the dance to be held Friday evening as drawn up by the Social Committee were accepted and a nomination committee appointed to bring in suggested slates of life officers for the class.

DELTA SIGMA PI.

Delta Sigma Pi, International Commerce Fraternity and its guests staged a most successful dance on Friday last in the Lord Nelson Hotel. The 35 couples present danced in the spacious Georgian Ball Room, to the tuneful dance music of Don Murray and his band. The chaperones for the evening were Dr. A. Stanley MacKenzie and his daughter, Mrs. King; Professor and Mrs. J. M. MacDonald.

SHORT STORY CONTEST.

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