

## THE 1959 C. A. M. S. I. CONFERENCE

MIKE MacKINNON, '62

The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Internes was held in Toronto on October 11th to 14th, with the University of Toronto CAMSI group as hosts. Attending from Dalhousie were Mike MacKinnon, '62 as Senior, and Jim Holland, '63 as Junior representatives. Some of the highlights of the Conference were the following.

A report by the University of British Columbia group on "The Provision of Facilities for Treatment of Emotional Problems in University Students". In this report were stated the need for a Mental Health Clinic at each University, information on the organization of such a clinic and general principles on methods of treatment available. This was an interim report and the survey is being continued this year to determine what provisions are made at each of the Medical Schools in Canada for mental health of the students.

The University of Manitoba presented a questionnaire designed to evaluate the internships and rotations at all the major hospitals in Canada. This questionnaire was drawn up in co-operation with the Canadian Medical Association and will be

sent out to all the internes in Canada this year.

The University of Ottawa group pointed out that they have revamped their Summer Employment Survey and that the new lists will be out in a month or two.

The President, Jules Harris, reported that the CAMSI-NFCUS Income Tax brief was presented to the Minister of Finance in Ottawa. This brief was an appeal for increased tax exemption for university students and for their parents. The brief was discussed in the House of Commons but it met with little success. A few modifications have been made and it will again be presented this year, and every year to come until we meet with success.

The Dalhousie group presented an application to hold the Conference in Halifax in 1961. However, it was decided that Laval had priority in this matter and the Conference will be held there. We at Dalhousie hope to get it as soon after that as possible.

One of the more informal highlights was a talk given to the Conference Delegates by Dr. Paul McGooy, First National President of CAMSI.

The Conference this year was an extremely successful one and it reflected the great advancement which CAMSI has made in the past year.

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