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Dalhousie Mourns Professor Nickerson's Death

In Commemoration . . .

THE EDITOR RESIGNS

To lay down the editorship of *The Gazette* half way through the college year is a serious step—some may call it desertion. Therefore I have taken some space hereunder to state fully the reasons for my resignation.

Briefly, I am convinced that it is not possible to handle three jobs—an honours course, military training and the editorship—without falling down on one of them. I have endeavoured to obtain exemption, amounting merely to postponement, from military training, but it has not been granted. From the two alternatives remaining: to drop subjects from my university course or to relinquish the *Gazette* position, I have chosen the latter.

There are two things I wish to make plain. The first is that when I was elected as *Gazette* editor for this year by last year's retiring Students' Council there was no indication that there would be compulsory military training at college when we returned in the fall. At the time of applying for the position I was under no delusions as to the amount of work involved. I was aware also that the honours course I had undertaken was a heavy assignment and that the two jobs together would fill my time this year to the utmost.

When the training plan was announced it was quite clear that a choice would have to be made. However, the first *Gazette* was due to come out and military training had not yet begun, so I took up my duties, and for two main reasons: the first was that I felt under a responsibility to fulfil my appointment as long as there was some chance of getting around the difficulties involved; the second was that I needed the salary to finance my year at college. My subsequent application for temporary exemption from training was on the grounds that I had a heavy course and a financially-needed job and that in any case I was well over the age of men called up by the government.

The other point on which I wish readers to be clear concerns the attempt made last month by one member of the Students' Council to get a motion through which would force me to take training or resign the editorship. That motion, which was turned down by the Council as inopportune, has nothing to do with my present step. It was by the decision of the Dalhousie Senate that my application for exemption from military training was rejected, and it was following that decision that I determined to resign rather than drop subjects from the course and ruin my university year. My financial problem can be solved by borrowing.

I want finally to say something in regard to the whole question of military training as approached by both the Students' Council and the university authorities. It is my impression that the Council are wholeheartedly in favor of some sort of a training plan. There are, however, more than one of that body who personally believe that the present indiscriminate and inflexible plan at Dalhousie is needlessly inapt. Nonetheless, as a council, impeccable as Dalhousie councils usually strive to be, if confronted with the choice of "J. Windebank: editor or trainee", their answer, as indicated by their discussion of the motion mentioned above, would doubtless be "trainee". A lickspittle attitude to what they conceive to be public opinion is a determining factor in all their deliberations.

The attitude of the university authorities seems to be indicated by the fact that when a choice between stopping lectures at the medical school and stopping military training for a short time seemed necessary they chose to cut out lectures for a period.

Should anyone wish to know my own attitude it is this: Let us co-operate enthusiastically with the government in its huge task of training men for military service, but let us remember that the university itself is of vital importance in wartime. And let us at least try to keep the military authorities, who certainly do not seem to recognize the importance of the university in wartime, in their place. This may not be easy, but it is important.

TWO TRIBUTES

I should like to pay tribute in this, my last issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, to the present staff of the paper. All of them have given me complete co-operation and attended enthusiastically to their duties. To have the sports, features and literary sections looked after almost entirely by their respective editors has been a huge advantage, one that few editors-in-chief are fortunate enough to receive.

Also, hardly enough can be said in gratitude for the circumstance by which freedom of expression is enjoyed, subject to reasonable discretion, by Dalhousie editors. In an institution of learning above all this is important, and it does not exist in all colleges. The attitude of non-interference adhered to by Dalhousie's President with reference to the *Gazette* through the three years of the present writer's acquaintance with Dalhousie is extremely fortunate.



CARLETON NICKERSON

To students who had seen and spoken to the Dean toward the end of last term, the news of his death during the holidays was a severe blow. It was sad news to all members of the student body, faculty and staff, indeed to all his acquaintances, for he was beloved of us all. Professors Bennet and Bronson, as two of his colleagues, have contributed remembrances below. J. R. Dingle, as a student, has written a short appreciation of Carleton Nickerson, the teacher.

Chemist

When Carleton Nickerson came to Dalhousie in 1909 as instructor in chemistry, the Faculty of Arts and Science was a small family of fourteen or fifteen members and all the faculties were housed in the Forrest Building. Thus he belonged to the old as well as to the new Dalhousie and he had the satisfaction of playing his part in all the changes that have taken place during the past thirty years.

He had had a thorough training in chemistry at Clark University and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, especially in the analytical field. At Dalhousie, he had the good fortune to have for ten years as his chief, Professor Eben Mackay, a prince among teachers. Although he was very much a junior on the staff and not a native, he seems at once to have made a place for himself in the small Dalhousie family, where his major interest was in teaching and in students.

But change was in the air; the new campus at Studley was shortly purchased and the young instructor had the privilege and the pleasure of helping plan the new chemistry building at Studley which he was later to direct as head of the Chemistry Department.

Professor Nickerson gave unstintingly of his time and energies to the work of his department and to individual students. As a colleague he was always helpful, considerate, and never too busy to give freely of his time when one needed assistance. He took an active part in all university matters, especially standards. He served on many committees, was secretary of the Senate for some years, and for the past four years he has been Dean of the Arts and Science Faculty.

For many years Professor Nickerson was an active member of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science, holding various offices including the presidency during 1922-24. He was also a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Chemistry.

H. L. BRONSON

Teacher

The students of Dalhousie have lost a friend. Most of us first knew Dean Nickerson as the kindly professor of freshman chemistry, and to those of us who worked near him, the loss has been a hard blow. He was more than a teacher; he was almost a father to whom all troubles, great and small, could be wisely entrusted. His efforts to ease our anxieties were untiring, and not a few have some very tangible reasons for remembering a rare benefactor. We have many a time shared his endless fund of humor; his good-fellowship will be always an inspiration to us. His strength was, indeed, his humanity. In the many duties that were his, the interests of Dalhousie students were always in the fore of his thought. In this lay his devotion to our college. The best memorial to the Dean is an affectionate and grateful remembrance of one who did much for us.

J. R. D.

Dalhousian

One of the best-known and best-liked personalities has suddenly been removed from the Dalhousie scene, of which he seemed to be so permanent a part. Though still comparatively young, and apparently with many good years before him, Dean Nickerson had a long period of service at Dalhousie, and had grown up in the tradition. As a newcomer eighteen years ago, I found him already well-established, and respected for a rare combination of qualities which he kept to the end—the judgment and experience of an elder with the fresh outlook of a younger man. He was a helpful and congenial senior colleague from the beginning of our acquaintance, and we became good friends as the years went by. He was never too busy to discuss a problem and add a genial comment or a timely anecdote. He was notably popular with students, and with them his reputation rests chiefly on his gift for teaching; but he was valued equally, by those in a position to know, for his wise, loyal and unobtrusive service in administration. His knowledge and counsel were constantly in demand on committees, and he served in a variety of official posts including those of Secretary of the Senate and Dean of his faculty. He had a gift—possibly inherited from his New England forebears—for tolerance, good-humour and practical common-sense which added smoothness and ease alike to routine business and to discussions of policy. His commanding presence and resonant voice reflected a personality of which the memory will long remain.

C. L. BENNET

No Applications For Post To Date

Future of the *Dalhousie Gazette* remains uncertain due to the disconcerting fact that no answers have as yet been received to the Students' Council request for applications for the position of editor with its fifty dollar stipend posted early last month. However, readers are assured that by next deadline date some arrangement to ensure publication will have been arrived at. The president of the council, the retiring editor and other interested persons are approaching possible aspirants to the office with a view to securing an editor or co-editors. It is agreed by all concerned that the *Gazette* must go on.

Changes in staff other than the editorship-in-chief will appear next week, for Don Black, Sports Editor and Chuck Graham, CUP and Exchange Editor have served notice of resignation to the present editor-in-chief. The twin duties of studies and C.O.T.C. have made exacting

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TWO UNTIMELY DEATHS AMONG STUDENT BODY

ROY MACLEOD

Dalhousie students were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Roy MacLeod, age 25, who succumbed after a two-day illness from a throat infection. Roy was studying in his final year for a Science degree, and although born in Moncton, spent most of his life in Halifax.

He was able to complete only two of his five Christmas exams, and led the class in one of them. A sore throat forced him to bed, and death followed on December 19th, before the examination timetable had elapsed.

A permanent leg injury prevented Roy from participating in sports or extra-curricular activities. He was quiet about the campus, devoted to his work and his host of friends in the Chemistry building, where his high capacity for friendship was most felt.

Roy had been in charge of the Chemistry stock room, and did much to finance his path through college. A very cheerful disposition, a sort of light-hearted sense of humor distinguished him.

Roy's friends feel the loss keenly and our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod, 129 Agricola St., Halifax.

DOUGLAS DeLONG

This is the first opportunity that the *Gazette* has had to express, on behalf of the student body, its sorrow to the parents and family of Douglas DeLong who met a tragic death in an automobile accident on Dec. 9th.

Doug. was 29 years of age and a native of Woodstock, New Brunswick. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Acadia in 1937 and proceeded to Dalhousie for two years of medicine. This year he switched to Dentistry which was to have been his life profession. He was respected and admired by his fellow students as being of a kind disposition and a diligent worker. Last summer he was employed by the New Brunswick Government as X-ray technician on a mobile tuberculosis unit. He was a cadet in the C.O.T.C.—People all over the Maritime mourn his loss.

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THE PRESS AND THE SIROIS REPORT

"The long and savage drone of an opinion-manufacturing press".

Since democracy, to be successful, must have a background of informed public opinion, it is exceedingly harmful in our way of life to have sources of information which are not careful to give a true evaluation of public questions. In misrepresenting the nature of the Sirois Report, a set of careful recommendations based on a long study of Canadian problems by experts, one particularly blatant section of the local press is doing a serious disservice to the community. To urge caution in the acceptance of the Report is one thing, but to depict it as a trap, baited by propaganda and placed carefully to catch the Maritime Provinces on their way to the Conference at Ottawa, is a different thing. This is the strategy of appealing to sensations and prejudices rather than to reason, creating suspicion and mistrust rather than a healthy attitude of inquiry.

The editor of the Halifax Herald and Mail has given no evidence of having investigated the report for himself, rather he has discouraged investigation by playing up the enormous volume and the expense attached to its purchase. Actually the full discussion of recommendations is included in one 290 page volume and the full report is contained in three volumes, purchasable from the King's Printer for one dollar. The eight page abstract at the conclusion of Volume 2 would be sufficient to disabuse the editor of some of the false impressions under which he seems to be laboring.

An important misrepresentation that should be corrected is that the Commissioners have devised a scheme which will sacrifice provincial autonomy. Repeatedly in the report there is emphasis upon the conviction that provincial autonomy in the fields of public welfare, education, provincial development and conservation expenditures must be strengthened.

The whole financial scheme is aimed at restoring to a substantial degree the financial independence of the provinces, a fundamental necessity to the whole federal system. So far from "Reconfederating" Canada, the recommendations of the Sirois Report are designed to remedy the abuses in the federal system that have resulted from the "growth in governmental responsibility and the great regional shifts in taxable income" which have occurred in the seventy years since Confederation and to bring about a return to the basic principles of the Confederation settlement.

There is neither intention nor need for this humble organ to become a booster for the Sirois Report; our purpose is merely to urge students not to dismiss as part of an insidious plot recommendations which appear to hold great advantages for the Maritimes. The problem of distressed areas is one of particular consequence to us here. We have long complained of the financial difficulty of keeping our standard of education and social services to a high level. The Commission's scheme of National Adjustment Grants, completely ignored by the local press to date, is directed toward providing the financial means for "at least minimum standards for education, public health and care of the indigent". Residents of depressed areas of which there are considerable in the Maritime Provinces, should not be steered away from advantages contained for them in the recommendations of the Commission by the "clamor of a venal press" which is trying to make political capital out of a passionate opposition to the scheme.

Most serious of all is the representation of public opinion as "just about unanimous" in condemnation of the Report. We suggest that the editor in question has as little idea of what public opinion really is as anyone else. When he avers that "the people of this country" think such and such, what he probably means is that his rotary club or other organization of persons with interests similar to his own thinks such and such.

The forthcoming conference of provinces will have every opportunity of getting at a proper evaluation of the Sirois Report. Whatever of its provisions can be implemented without creating serious resentment on the part of individual provinces will doubtless be put into effect by the Federal Government in the interests of Canadian strength and unity.

The conference will be held behind closed doors not because there is anything furtive about the intentions of those who have called it or because there is, as the press has suggested, any disposition to regard the report as "sancrosanct", but because Canadian inter-provincial conferences always have been held in camera, and for very good reasons.

If Canada is likely to be split apart by such a meeting, to the disadvantage of the war effort, Canada must be in a bad state indeed. If, on the other hand, the war is uniting Canada and overbridging sectional differences, the increased efficiency of financial administration possible as a result of the conference will be valuable indeed. The thing most destructive of Canada's good is an attempt to sabotage such a plan as the study of the Royal Commissioners has resulted in by creating of a hostile public opinion before the plan has been properly discussed on its merits.

Our Democratic Institutions

by A. R. M. LOWER

Ed. Note: As a guest editorial, Professor Lower has submitted a talk given Nov. 24th in a series over CJRC, Winnipeg. The writer taught Political Science at Dalhousie in the absence of Professor McKay two years ago. It has been necessary to shorten the article due to lack of space.

This country is at war. Why?

Upon a true and sincere answer to that question depends victory or defeat. If it were to turn out that Canada had been led into this war for objects other than those avowed the Canadian people would not take long in finding that out. Then they would become apathetic and slacken their efforts. Then defeat would be just around the corner.

The avowed object of our war is the preservation of our western way of life. You can call this what you like—parliamentary government, freedom, liberalism, democracy, or even Christianity. I don't think the terms matter, since most of us have some kind of reality in our minds that corresponds to them.

Now if while we are making our sacrifices for our way of life, certain tendencies develop among us which undermine it, so that even victory does not restore it to us, we have not achieved the object of our fighting, we may have won a victory in the field but we would have lost something even more precious than military victory—the informing purpose of our war effort, our Canadian way of life, or, as most people now term it, democracy.

I put this sharply—because I would like to bring the attention into clear focus on the nature of this way of life which we call Canadian, or democratic. I would like to have the reader analyze it, see what it is like, what it really amounts to, why it is that we feel it is so vital to fight for it.

In the first place, everyone knows how it expresses itself in institutions. We have municipal councils and school boards that we choose ourselves; a provincial legislature, elected by the people; a provincial cabinet responsive to the wishes and interests of the people, and a Parliament of Canada elected after a campaign of free discussion of all issues.

As the executive committee of our Parliament, we have the Government of Canada which does our national business for us but which, because of its necessity of always having a majority on the floor of the House of Commons, must pay attention to what private members think, even members of its own party, must justify its acts in the face of vigilant opposition, and in all its major decisions must carry the opinion of the country as a whole with it.

All these bodies exist only because we, the Canadian people, wish them to exist. We bring them into existence and we can dismiss them. We exercise that right at an election. Every election is a class in citizenship, one of the chief means by which the citizen is trained in the different duties of self-government. The suggestion that one sometimes hears that we should have no elections during war-time because they tend to divide us seems a poor suggestion. We need elections and the discussion that goes with elections. If we can't risk being divided over the day-to-day matters of life, we can't win a victory, that's clear. Health, not sickness, comes out of elections. Witness the way in which the election of Mr. Roosevelt cleared the air in the United States.

Even more important than these institutions is our system of justice, "the rule of law". Our great heritage of English institutions—representative government, responsible government, trial by due process of law—these constitute the main bearings, as it were, of our domestic engine. But they are not automatic machinery, they will not work by themselves. The engine has to have fuel to make it go.

What is this fuel? It is the spirit behind our institutions, the soul in our body, so to speak, and here as elsewhere, the spirit is more vital than the form: "the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life".

It is hard to define in a word this spirit of our institutions. If one word is to be used, it must be freedom. Freedom is the life blood of our institutions.

Everyone in Canada will cheerfully subscribe to liberty, equality and Christianity as the basis of our democratic institutions, but how many will do more than pay lip-service to these great words? They will tend to be accepted in the abstract and rejected in the concrete. Many people will say in one breath, "Yes, I'm all for British freedom" and "I don't like what that man says—he is dangerous, he ought to be interned".

Humanity, that is, is fragile, and therefore the foundations of our democratic society are fragile. Christianity has been preached for many centuries now, but even so, there are probably not a great many genuine Christians in the world. So with our democratic society: we proclaim our devotion to it, many of us, and then proceed to betray it by our actions.

Take, for example, tolerance. The other day a young man was talking about a person whose views he did not like. People would have to be prevented from thinking like that, he added. I was shocked. Every conviction I have, all the generous scholarship in which I have been trained, with its inculcation of the ideal of following the truth wherever it may lead, cries out against storming this last and sacred stronghold of man, his thoughts. I had hoped that went out with the Inquisition. Let the Nazis, the Fascists, if they must, tell their people how they are to think; let the Japanese indulge in prosecution of "dangerous thoughts". I hope we Canadians will continue to do our own thinking.

Tolerance, the right of every man under reasonable safeguards to express his honest opinion in speech or writing, alone or with others, is the cornerstone of our institutions. It implies discussion, and discussion presupposes criticism. Many people shy away from the word, because they equate it with fault-finding. Criticism may be said to be the expression of a reasoned judgment. To give an example, if one merely carps at the present government for not having done as much as it might without himself giving a constructive suggestion, that might be called fault-finding. If, on the other hand, he commends this government for having preserved the unity of the country under difficult circumstances, but deplors what he regards as the vague phrasing and unnecessary severity of the Defence of Canada Regulations, that appraisal could be called reasonable criticism.

Criticism, vigorous, fighting criticism, opposition, is what we must have at every point if we are to make our democratic institutions work. "His Majesty's loyal opposition" is more than a phrase. Every citizen must in some sense constitute himself an opposition ready to keep the authorities up to the mark and in their place. If we don't do that, the night of dictatorship lies just around the corner.

The English novelist, W. W. Jacobs, has a little story that illustrates the point. There was once a public-house keeper who liked an argument. But he did not like a losing argument. Consequently if one of his customers were getting the better of him, he would point at him and shout, "You, you've had too much to drink, get out." Throwing a man out if you can't answer him—imprisoning him, if you like, because you allege he is a danger to the safety of the state—is not the principle on which we maintain our free institutions.

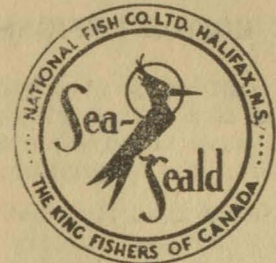
To put what I am trying to say in a sentence, let me conclude by using the phrase of the late Arthur Balfour, describing the British Commonwealth, "Free institutions are its life blood". Free institutions are the life-blood of our state, and free discussion, yes, even in wartime, is the life-blood of our free institutions.



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H. NORMAN MacRITCHIE, B.A.

Introducing H. Norman MacRitchie, better known in the Land of Rangoon as "Blimp". "Norm" needs no introduction to his fellow students for he is soon pointed out by ardent sports fans to any new student who has not seen him in action on the football field or the gym floor, at the beginning of each term.

"Norm" was born Feb. 14th, 1918 in Ottawa, and two years later established residence in Sydney, C.B. A move for the better, for who that knows this veritable young giant, 6' 2 1/2" tall and 225 lbs, of bone and muscle, can deny the vitamin value of Cape Breton porridge and sunshine?

He graduated from Sydney Academy, a good student, and three letter man in Sports — Football, Basketball and Track and Field.

He attended Mt. Allison for one year where he was elected president of the Freshman Class and so distinguished himself in sports that in one track meet he broke three intercollegiate records in the Field Events, "discus" "javelin" and "shot put". This was a record in itself, as Norm is the only college man to date, to accomplish the feat. In addition he played basketball and boxed in the heavyweight division on the boxing team.

The following year he entered Kings and lived in Residence for three years. He was a member of the Students' Council, Secretary-Treasurer of Dramatic Society, King's College Record staff, Choral Society, basketball team, football team and track and field. He received his letter in sports. While representing Kings he increased his "shot put record" to 42', 9 3/4".

Scholastically, he won the Deblois English prize and was appointed "Bissett Medalist" as the best all around athlete and scholar of Kings College.

While attending Kings he boxed for Dalhousie and took the Maritime Intercollegiate Heavyweight title with little apparent difficulty.

Norm entered Dalhousie Law School in the Class of '41 and graduates this year with his LL.B. degree.

In Law School he has taken an active part in extra curricular University affairs and again came to the fore in sports earning his Gold "D" in football, basketball, track and field and boxing. He was captain of the '40-'41 football team.

He still retains the maritime junior record for the 12 lb shot, 47' 8". Norm leaves this year to practice Law. He will leave a gap which will be hard to fill—yet—our loss is Society's gain.

Meet Dr. Cooper

Students are becoming acquainted with Dr. D. LeB. Cooper who is carrying on the work in the Chemistry Department until further definite arrangement has been made by the Dalhousie Board of Governors—who are faced with the problem of filling the vacancy left by the untimely death of Professor Nickerson—who was known and loved by all of us.

Dr. Cooper received his M.Sc. from Dalhousie in 1928 and his Ph.D. from McGill University. He has been employed on the Fisheries Experimental Station Staff in Halifax and students are looking forward to many happy days in their new surroundings — Congratulations and a hearty welcome to our new teacher.

NONSENSE 'N STUFF

Rufus Rayne From Rangoon

SAY 99

During the storms of the past few weeks a few germs have drifted into the stethoscope but as it is too early to forget our New Year's Resolutions we must treat them with ethical silence.

It would, though, be interesting to know where some of the boys spent their holidays.

Shirley, it seems, likes the South Shore, While Ryan prefers Pugwash to Springhill,

Reardon went to Truro and was dismayed

To find Murray on his way to Antigonish.

We wonder why Ballem came back to Halifax

To join our friend Reid near Citadel Hill.

Cantwell joined MacDougall at Sydney

While Nonamaker thought of R.V.H.

Many others, we are told, made visits, near and far, but owing to the censorship it would be wise to say only that Jack Marshall spent his holidays somewhere in Nova Scotia—Heaven knows where.

We only heard of one vicious leap during the holidays—Ryan to Nita. Congratulations—We hope that you won't be late for the wedding.

Here we leave you readers for this week, but remember, don't do things you'd be ashamed to see in print because we are firmly resolved to print anything we know—if it's printable!

Women's Activities

With resumption of the usual activities, Dal girls are rapidly swinging back into routine after the holidays.

Badminton Begins

The forming of a badminton class for 1st year students is getting under way and should prove an acceptable addition to other sports.

All basketball players kindly note that practice is called for Friday, Jan. 10th, 5.30 p.m. A full attendance is requested and expected.

Folk-Dancing

Classes in Folk-dancing for 44 students got away to a "running" start Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 8, and enthusiastic comments were heard.

Saturday from 11 to 12 is open for any upperclasswomen who would like a gym class.

Thursday night is D.G.A.C. night in the gym. On these nights there will be basketball practise from 7.30 to about 9.00 and then it will be free for badminton for the rest of the evening.

War Work Extended to Include First Aid

At Shirreff Hall, Wednesday night Dr. Roberta Nicols presented the first in a series of First Aid lectures. It is understood that the St. John's Ambulance Course will be followed. The keen interest of those attending was gratifying and it is expected that at the next session there will be further enrollments. At this time the acquiring of knowledge in first-aid work should be considered a patriotic duty, and with Dr. Nicols in charge the opportunity to attend these classes is one to be valued.

No Applications—

Continued from page one demands upon their time and they have apparently chosen the change in editorship as an appropriate time for easing out of their positions. Don Black, however, has indicated his willingness to take up the lighter job of CUP and Exchange.

Sports reporter Bob Blois has been mentioned as a possible successor to Black. Jean Phinney appears on the masthead this week for the first time as Women's Editor, a post which she was prevented from accepting earlier by illness at home.

Persons with newspaper or college journal experience are urged to get in touch with George Corston or John Windebank if they are interested in staff positions on the Gazette.

Chapter 10

The Snatching of King Karl, or Sea-Stenches I Have Sniffed At.

Wilbur P. Fizzleque, barely recovered from his Xmas binge, was ruminating on the New Year, expectorating jagged bits of gin bottles whose digestibility he had finally begun to doubt, and literally twitching with mental effort, trying to muster his pitiful stock of mental powers for a great decision. Should he flit carelessly through 1941 as he had 1940, butterfly that he was, hopping from blossom to blossom, bouncing from lemon to lemon, or should he borrow a book from the library and spend his life as a scholar, burrowing through its musty pages night after night in search of dirty jokes? No scholar at heart, butterfly Fizzleque nevertheless rubbed his kisser thoughtfully in tender remembrance of the scorching he got when one of the bright blossoms he lit on turned out to be Kissy Cameron, and hastily decided to grace the New Year as a pedant. Accordingly he bicycled carelessly up the stairs to Miss Commonbelle's pulp dispensary and smiled affably at the proprietor. "What'll it be, buddy?" challenged the dainty librarian from a safe distance behind the desk. "A book, baby" gurgled our hero, fencing cautiously for an opening, "a choice gem of literary excellence, a bibful of bon mots, gee baby you got nice eyes".

While Fizzleque was struggling against the urgings of his better self, Rufus Rayne and D. Birdlegs Black were hatching an egg of mean proportions. Their imaginations fired by the subtle coaxings of Rubbermug Smythe, who had been ordered to get a story at all costs, they had sent for Sammy Skunk and his newly acquired bed-fellow Major Hokum, and concocted a plan for the snatching of King Karl. "If we can't get a donation from the board of governor's for his return," they explained, "we'll get a contribution from the faculty for writing him off."

Sam Skunk Smells a Rodent

Later that night a solemn little group, consisting of Rufus, Samuel Skunk, Hokum and Fizzleque (who, book in hand, had been retained by the conspirators as chief consulting specialist — the book was an unexpurgated Thousand - and - One-Nights) sauntered carelessly along the waterfront, followed by thirteen R.C.M.P. officials engaged for the evening by the Major, who was mistrustful of his fellow conspirators, and at a low whistle from some nearby rose bushes (loaned by courtesy of horticulturalist Binnet) emerged bearing a huge, struggling burlap bundle which they planted in a rowboat and pushed off with the changing tide. Fizzleque and Rayne, busied themselves with the oars while Sammy administered soothing odors to the figure in the sack and thus did not notice the 13

One Moment
Please

THE GLEE CLUB will present its big play of the season in early February. It will be "The Spring Dance" — in three acts—by Philip Barry. Rumour has it that Pine Hill may spring a one-acter this month.

C. O. T. C. ACTIVITIES recommence next week. Members of both units are asked to read changes in time-table.

IMPORTANT

Seniors—get your photographs taken this month if you wish them to appear in the Year Book. Deadline January 31st.

W. Kapak, photographic editor, desires snapshots of campus interest by the same date. Web. Macdonald is editor-in-chief.

Immediate attention is also directed to the notice posted recently by the registrar re engrossing of parchments.

BIGGEST DANCE OF THE SEASON SET FOR JAN. 16

Don't let anything prevent you from attending THE BIG DANCE of the season next Thursday at the Nova Scotian Hotel — The Boiler-makers' Ball sponsored by the Engineering Society will be surely one of your big events in the year 1941.

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unlucky mounties who were hiding behind the bulk of their friend Hokum until their inordinate weight had capsized the flimsy vessel. All was confusion in the next instant; the coppers wasted no time in crawling aboard the stalwart Major, who was already floating toward McNabs Island, while Sammy gallantly scissored open the burlap, cursing the stupidity of Birdlegs and Rubbermug who had mistaken King Karl's dawg for their intended victim in the darkness, and guided the noble beast shoreward with his keen instinct.

As for Fizzleque and Rufus, whose density was far too dense for swimming, or even floating purposes, the sequel is less happy. Soon the sole vestige of their once inspiring presences were small bubbles which exploded at the surface of the water with a sharp ping, and the schools of dying fishes which floated upward from their vicinity.

Came the first rays of Lucifer, harbinger of the dawn, to find the sea still and untroubled. A gull flapped lazily over the water, the raucous laughter of the arch-fiend Hokum cackled faintly in the distance, and all was still.

The Pig Sty



The Little Pig is happy to take this opportunity to wish all his constant readers the condolences of the season.

The Christmas holidays were made doubly enjoyable for our old friend "Fido" Doyle in the Moncton metropolis. First came Santy Claus, and then Barb. Who says there ain't any.

From the same metropolis comes the report that our "willing worker" Daph. returned a few days early for a date with the "Wavy Navy."

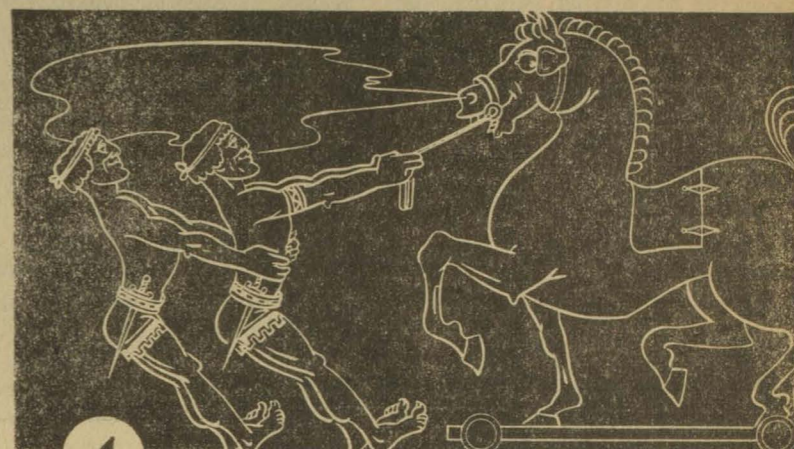
Favorite winter sport of the times. "Lightning" meets all the trains, and he "Brooks" no delay.

These Dartmouth women certainly seem to have what it takes. After years of retirement Reggie Ball is

at last taking an interest in life. Nothing like a New Year's revolution.

Lazongas Ritchie and Rose are reported to have been unsuccessful in Sdney. Ah well, the stag and Eve is always a pleasing sight, even New Years.

Defying nature, in the form of some anti-social snowdrifts, Marshall finally arrived at the Millionaires' Brawl — albeit two hours tardy.



Agamemnon, sitting in his wooden hoss', Smoked Picobac to make the Trojans come across.

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Candy Hungry? Here's just what you like



TIGERS HOCKEY TEAM, 1940-41

SPORT SHOTS

by DON BLACK

The officials of the City Basketball League are apparently coming up against the same situation that faced the City Football League, namely, the problem of operating a league in which Acadia and Dalhousie participated and yet not having the two teams meet in competition. This has all resulted from the over-discussed ruling of the presidents of all the various colleges in Canada that intercollegiate sports should be given up for the duration of the war. Whether this ruling was right or wrong is not being disputed at present, but it is causing a lot of headaches.

The basketball officials, however, have a knottier problem on their hands than the football league had. The league at present has five members, so that it is impossible to divide it into sections or work out the sort of schedule that was made out in the football case.

As Acadia is the only team that is not local, there seems to be a general sentiment among the local sportsmen that the Wolfville institution should be asked to retire gracefully from the league and play with whosoever it will and play off with the winner of the local loop. This solution is apparently the only practical one, except the very remote possibility that Dal might drop out, which can be erased immediately.

Thus the senior league, which meets tomorrow afternoon at the "Y", has a weighty problem on its hands and only until Tuesday to get it solved if it is going to start on the scheduled date.

In general the thing is a mess that will probably be handled quickly and efficiently by the league members, but it is not likely that we will be seeing Acadia hoopsters play on our gym floor this winter.

A peculiar fact about badminton was brought to our attention by Prof. Mercer quite some time ago in that this year it has been under the greatest difficulties since it started at the college, and yet there has been the fullest program carried out of any previous year.

In former times, despite his intense organization work, it was found to be impossible to keep two leagues going, and one was a difficult task. This year, under the difficulties imposed necessarily by the military training program, the sport has flourished as never before. In fact it has actually grown.

It may have been the difficulty of getting the floor of the gym that made the students appreciate, or a rise in interest in the game or the facility of getting the floor, although at a late hour after the evening training periods had been completed, or all three, but the sport has increased and flourished. More students take an active interest and participate in it than any other sport on the campus. Our teams have been successful this year and prospects are good for the "A's" to win the Studley title from the Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. team that has it now.

Wars and rumors of war, and particularly the latter, stand to influence the sport situation at Dalhousie again this year. We learn from "reliable sources" (not the Wilhelmstrasse) that there is to be a reduction in the hours to be spent on C.O.T.C. and that this reduction will take the form of the cancellation of the heretofore regular night parades of the various companies of the unit. This has naturally been greeted with rejoicing by all.

It means that the gymnasium schedule might be temporarily altered to allow more time for athletics. A widening of interfaculty sport will be possible and the pressure on the all too short open evening periods of the gym now, relieved.

It is too early to say just what extension of program could be made, but there will be numerous suggestions as to how the time should be apportioned and it is hoped that the gym committee will see that the time is distributed to those who will make the best use of it and also to allow the greatest number of students the use of gym facilities.



Photo by J. C. M. Hayward

Left to right, back row: Alex MacDonald (Manager), Don Warner, Marty MacDonald, Web Macdonald, Gordon Wilson. John Mullane, Alex MacIntosh, Bob Blois, Bain Munro, John Scrymgeour (Assistant Manager). Front row: Ken Mitchell, Will Kapak, Burny Ralston (Coach), Dave Doig and Blanchard Wiswell.

SAINT MARY'S TRIM TIGERS, 7-2

WILSON, MacDONALD MAKE DAL TALLIES

Aggressive Play Gives Win to Collegians.—Tigers Lack Practice and Polish in Play.

The Tigers suffered their third straight defeat of the hockey season last evening when St. Mary's downed the Tigers 7-2 in a hard-fought game at the Arena. Both St. Mary's forward lines gathered goals almost at will with a combination of speedy skating and smart combination plays.

The only two Dal scores were made by Gordy Wilson and Marty MacDonald. Wilson's tally came in the second period and Marty's was a last minute attempt to get the black and gold squad into a more favorable position in the scoring column. Both of the goals were made with the assistance of George Corston who made his first appearance on the ice this year. Corston played a good game in spite of lack of practice. He filled in for Rus Webber.

Don Warner replaced Bain Munro in the nets for the third period after the usually starry net minder had let five shots past him. Warner did not have much more luck letting two tallies by before he settled down to the game.

Hughie MacDonald and Mulcahy rapped the first two counters past Munro in the first period in quick succession. Both the goals were scooped out of close play behind the nets.

St. Mary's players were particularly successful in piercing Dal defences by the strategy of long forward passes to forwards playing dead about center ice. Dal forwards neglected to check back often enough and in spite of a sharp defence put up by Web Macdonald and Alex MacIntosh, the whole pack of the opposing team coasted in time and time again.

The Dal forwards were unlucky around the goal mouth with Pineo making a number of nice saves. Both Marty MacDonald and Willie Kapak missed shots as the disc slid by the open goal mouth.

The Red and White forwards hammered shots at the Dal nets from all angles throughout the game. Hard play around the nets featured every tally of the game.

Referee Beazley handed out few penalties and play was clean throughout.

Dalhousie: Munro (Warner), W. Macdonald, Mitchell, MacIntosh, Wilson, Blois, M. MacDonald, Kapak, Doig, Mullane.

St. Mary's: Pineo, Munro, Hill, Foley, Mulcahy, Ryan, Vaughan, H. MacDonald, Skerry, Kline, Moriarty.

TIGERS TO MEET TECH THURSDAY

The Tigers will meet Tech in their second contest of the College Service Hockey League series next Thursday night at the Arena. An increasing number of students are attending that game, but the team wants your support. Admission by Council ticket. Skating for a quarter.

Tech Sextet Down Tigers In Close Win

Rus Webber Makes Sole Tally for Dal.—St. Mary's Lead League.

In the last game which they played before the Christmas holidays the Tigers suffered a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Tech pucksters. Rus Webber made the only Dal tally in the middle of the second period. This loss put the Tigers at the bottom of the league with St. Mary's in the lead and Tech close behind.

The game played at the arena was a close one with both teams battling all the way. Bain Munro turned in another stellar performance in the Dal nets, stopping shots from every angle with ease and agility. He was repeatedly hammered by the Tech forwards who came through the defence with a number of smart combination plays.

In the other game of the pre-Christmas season of the college hockey league the Tech sextet suffered a setback from St. Mary's, leaving the maroon and white men in clear possession of the leadership of the league. It is expected that the schedule will be intensified now and that two more rounds at least will be played if not more.

- First Period
1. Tech, Bulley (West) 5.00.
Second Period
2. Dalhousie, Webber, 7.35.
Penalty: Webber.
Third Period
3. Tech, Vaughan (Flemming) 4:36.
Mick Ryan refereed.

The Dalhousie "B" team will meet the Air Force in an exhibition game on Friday night at 7.30. This is the first time that the flyers have participated in competition with local teams.

Hoop Activity Resumed After Holiday Lapse

Regular practices for both the intermediate and senior basketball players started in earnest on Tuesday with Burnie Ralston getting his teams into shape for the first senior contest which will be held Tuesday evening in the gym. Arrangements concerning the Dal-Acadia games which were placed on the schedule before the holidays will have to be made before the Tigers opponents on Tuesday will be known. (See elsewhere on this page).

A large number of talented basketballers have been rounded up and are getting in practice. These include Ben Wilson, Mike Smith, Cal Seaman, J. Martin, Norm MacRitchie, Jack MacKenzie, A. MacLeod, Clayton Hutchins, Clutch MacKimmie, Jack Charman, D. Anderson, Dave Doig, S. Green, Bert Vail, Doug Lyall, Myer Zatzman.

Schedules For Winter Games Are Posted

The Badminton League, both senior and intermediate, will get underway next week. Schedules have been drawn up for both leagues for the rest of the winter.

The Senior league will play only six games during the winter months due to the inability of some of the teams to play oftener. The Dalhousie "A" team which is participating in this league will attempt to arrange some games with outside centers if opponents can be found, according to Prof. C. H. Mercer. It has been suggested that they meet squads from Truro and Wolfville.

Students Winners Of Alumni Titles

Due to lack of players the alumni badminton group invited some of the male students of the college to participate in the annual championships held last week. Del Gibson and Ray Murphy were successful in securing the men's doubles championships while the alumni took the mixed doubles, the other event in which the students took part.

Men's Doubles: (Semi-finals)—D. Gibson and R. Murphy defeated D. Jackson and H. Jackson, 15-7, 15-1. C. W. Sperry and R. Evans defeated B. Blois and D. Doig, 15-9, 15-11. (Finals)—D. Gibson and R. Murphy defeated C. W. Sperry and R. Evans 15-8, 11-15, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: (Semi-finals)—A. and G. Longard defeated Mrs. Bronson and Dr. Nichols, 17-14, 15-3. M. Batt and Mrs. H. R. Chipman defeated M. Allen and B. Smith, 15-6, 15-12. (Final)—A. and G. Longard defeated M. Batt and Mrs. Chipman, 17-14, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: (Semi-finals)—R. Murphy and M. Allen defeated R. Evans and M. MacIntosh, 15-12, 9-15, 15-12. C. W. Sperry and M. Batt defeated D. Gibson and A. Longard, 17-15, 9-15, 18-13. (Final)—C. W. Sperry and M. Batt defeated R. Murphy and M. Allen, 15-12, 17-14.

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