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## SENATE AND FACULTY

THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GET THE SENATE TO MEET.

And Consider the Severe Sentence Passed Upon Nineteen of Their Fellows—The Facts of the Case and Some Experience of the Past in the Same Direction.

The graduates and friends of the University are watching with some impatience and anxiety the outcome of the difficulty between a number of the students and the faculty. Perhaps by the time PROGRESS reaches its readers the Senate will have decided what course is to be pursued—whether the sentence of the faculty will be carried out or if it is to be modified.

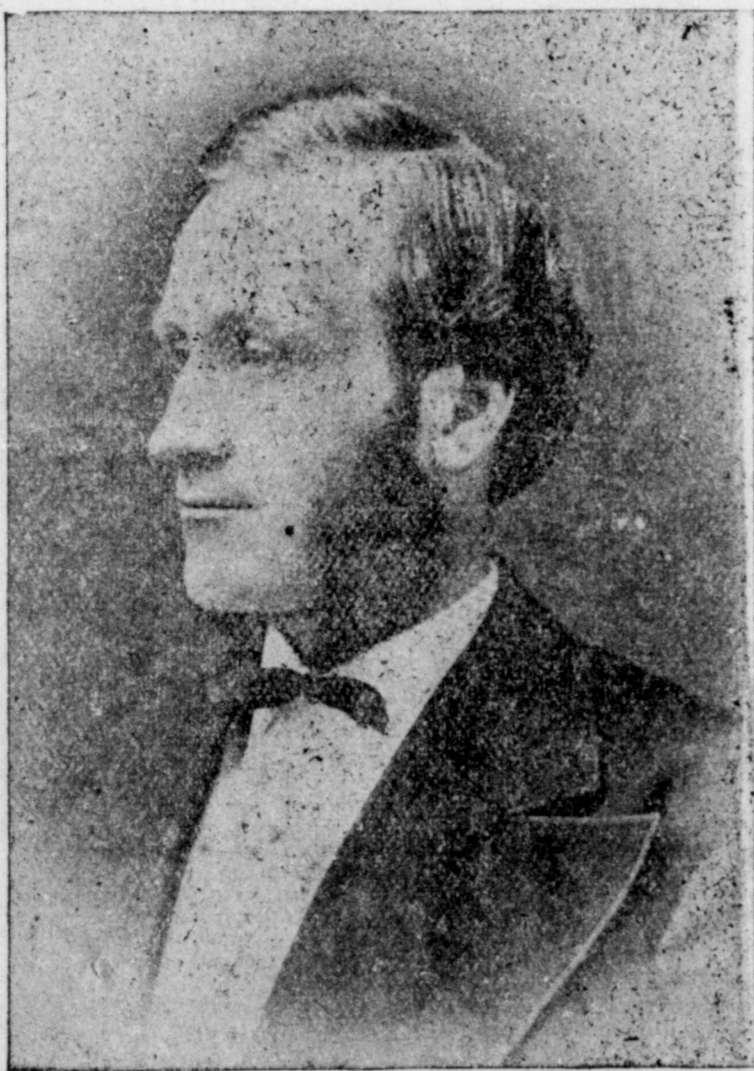
The situation is one of the results of trying to carry out the unwritten laws of the college—customs that have been recognized by all students almost since the in-



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stitution has been in existence. Of late years there appears to have been some attempt to abolish some of the customs and the young men who tried to carry them out this year have got into trouble.

In former years when part of the University was used as a residence there was no need to call on the gymnasium to provide room for a meeting of the students. The college usually opened on Thursday and the first day or two the entrance examinations were on. During this time juniors and seniors had a pleasant time getting ready for the next year, swapping vacation stories and renewing old acquaintances. The first general meeting of the boys was on Saturday night when the Debating society met and after the election of officers an adjournment was made to one of the larger rooms when it was customary to introduce the freshmen to their senior associates. This usually took the form of a smoker. The fun was of an innocent type, not calculated to injure anyone in any way and there was no objection to it. But it would have been considered a breach of etiquette for



MR JUSTICE McLEOD.

any freshmen to be absent without some valid excuse. Consequently the attendance was always very representative.

Nowadays there are lady students and these it appears, also give a reception to the freshmen. It can readily be understood that their welcome is of a different nature but none the less entertaining for all that. Such incidentals as ice cream, cake etc., figure in this affair.

The freshmen this year neglected to ac-

cept the invitation of their seniors and attend the initiation ceremonies in the gymnasium. In this they were prompted it is said by some of the senior students who wish the unwritten laws to remain unobserved. Whether this is correct or not the fact remains that the newcomers refused to accept the seniors invitation and

penance as the principal and president of Mount Allison and has overcome far greater difficulties than this appears to be.

Dr. Harrison, the chancellor, presides over the faculty and gave the casting vote against the students. His record as a disciplinarian is not a good one. His classroom in bygone days could not be regard-



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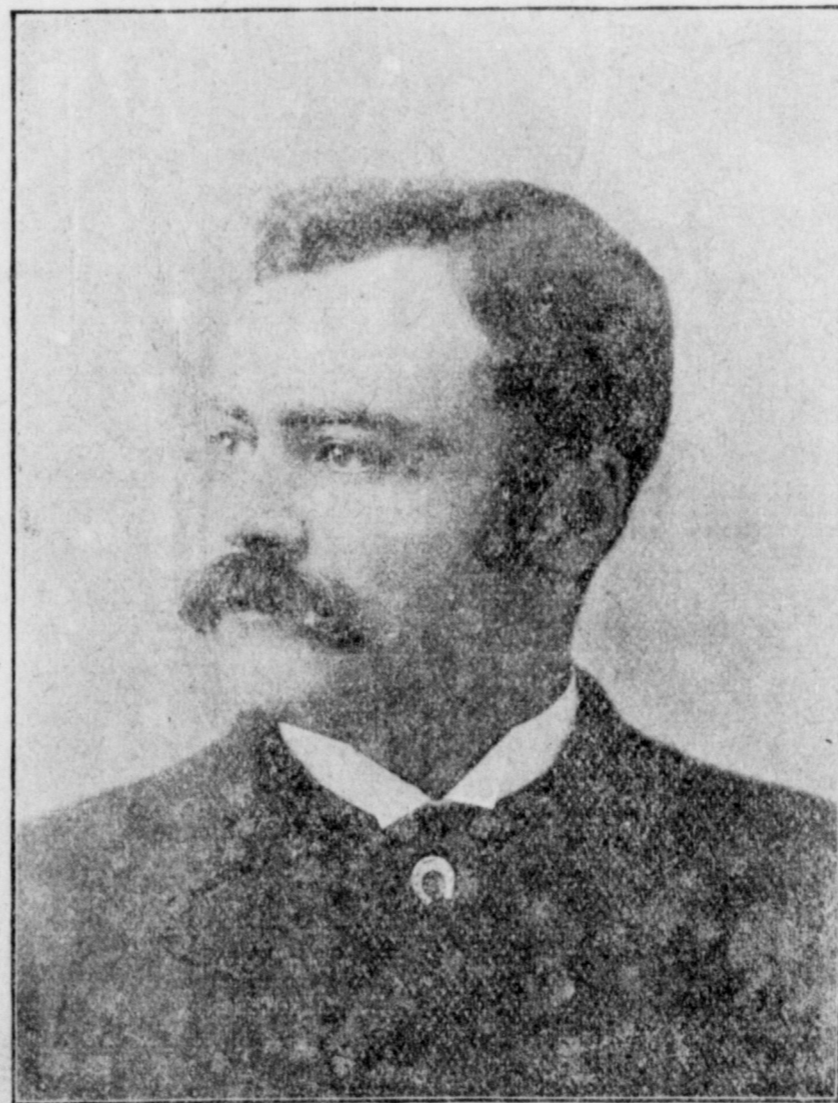
then prepared to turn out in their full strength and glory at the reception of the lady students.

This was too much for the good nature even of a fun loving under graduate. The pleasant hours of his college life apart from study are usually occupied in the observing of the unwritten laws and some of the second, third and fourth year men did not intend that it should be said of them that they encouraged their abolition; So, when some of the freshmen appeared on the campus en route for the ladies reception they were waylaid and each deprived of a shoe and necktie. In addition to this the gymnasium served at their prison for a time until the chancellor released them. This does not appear to be a serious offence on the face of it and must be regarded by those who have experienced the life of a freshman as a very mild imposition, yet five seniors were brought before the faculty and expelled for the act. Fourteen juniors who manfully went forward and said they were equally guilty have been suspended until Christmas. The sentence appears too severe and that is the reason the senate has been called together.

Two of the supreme court judges—Barker and McLeod—and Mr. J. D.

Hazen in this respect. Tact and coolness are necessary to keep college students in order and Dr. Harrison possessed neither. In the board room he had a reputation for severity among the students and this is not the first time that the senate has been called together to receive sentences that were regarded as altogether disproportionate to the offence.

It was in 1884 or 1885 that all the students remained out of lectures for nearly three weeks because the whole junior class were punished for the fault of one. A junior student who resided in the college, went into mathematical lecture one morning in his slippers. Dr. Jack was lecturing and during the hour while demonstrat-



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ing upon the black board, a slipper rose in the air and fell against the wall. Dr. Jack turned around at once and asked who threw the slipper. Perhaps one third of the class knew whose slipper it was but those who did know were not going to tell. And because they did not the lecture was dismissed and the faculty summoned to meet in the chapel. The result was the junior class was informed that until the man who threw the slipper was given up they would be suspended from lectures.

As a rule junior classes are not celebrated for wisdom and the opportunity given the culprit of stepping forward and saying that he was the offender and explaining that it was an accident, as it was, slipped by and two or three days passed before the serious nature of the difficulty began to be apparent. Then the seniors were asked to exercise their good offices and induce the faculty to reconsider their decision. Their reception by the presi-

dent was curt and then the freshmen and seniors together made an appeal. It was of no use, so the students decided to absent themselves from lectures until the sentence was reconsidered. For two or three weeks that state of affairs continued and then all were taken back, but the senior class were notified that their degrees were suspended for one year in consequence of the part they had taken. The senate was convened and the sentence was quashed. This gives some idea how college rows grow.

### OBJECTING TO THE FAIRS.

Nova Scotia Newspapers are now Criticizing Their Exhibition.

The Nova Scotian press are now finding fault with the Halifax exhibition because there were so many fairs on the grounds and the crusade is led by the Presbyterian Witness. Their plea is a strong one but the faking business carried on at the grounds in Halifax, did not take in anybody who could use their eyes. The tent schemes were indulged in by a few visitors but there was nothing that could be regarded in the light that some people wish to consider them now. To try and win a cane or a jack-knife by throwing a ring over the top has an element of chance in it but skill is required as well. To show one's strength is a vain piece of work but could not be called faking business. The people who bought medicine from the Irishman, or had their fortune told thought they got the worth of their money and so they did if they valued the conversation they heard, at anything.

The critics are bound to get in their work and perhaps the fairs were the most assailable feature of the show. In former years something was said about a wine room but that has disappeared. Some really valuable suggestions appear in some of the newspapers and they may come in handy in St. John. Here are some of them.

Now that a standard has been set for a style of attractions, it seems impossible to do away with either the fireworks, specialties or spectacle, as there is now the object or necessity of endeavoring if possible to eclipse those of former years. In future a regular stage manager should be

## CHARGED BY HIS WIFE

WITH NOT PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HERSELF AND CHILD.

Mr. Richard Rogers to the Police Court—The Evidence of a Painful Character—Some of the Facts of the Case as Brought out at the Inquiry.

There was an unusual case in the police court this week—one that surprised a good many people and at the same time occasioned considerable regret. It was a hearing upon the complaint of Mrs. Richard Rogers that she was not being supported by her husband.

There are few citizens better known than Richard Rogers and the charge came as a matter of some surprise to a large number of his friends. He has been unfortunate in business of late and has been trying to make some arrangement with his creditors but there were few who knew that he was equally unfortunate in his domestic affairs. In fact there were not many who knew that Mr. Rogers had married again, the first intimation they had of it being his wife's complaint in the police court. The case was dismissed after a somewhat lengthy hearing.

The evidence of Mrs. Rogers was of a very painful and astonishing character but it was given in a plain convincing fashion, and impressed the magistrate and all who heard it as most truthful.

She was married to Mr. Rogers in June and because he was ill at the time the ceremony was performed in his home. For two or three weeks all went well though some of the members of Mr. Rogers' family of seven children were not disposed to give their step mother a cordial reception. This was so evident that two or three weeks later she kept her own room at their request or dictation, and, evidently with the consent of their father.

Her relation of her treatment at the period of her trouble when her baby was born, no nurse being provided for her or clothing for her infant was almost incredible. Her mother assumed the duties of nurse but she told the court that for three weeks before her baby was born and up to the present time she had only seen her husband twice and then because of some objection to the visits of her mother. She had lived in one room until about a fortnight ago when the situation became intolerable and she had left the house and gone to friends.

There was much evidence introduced to show that the fault was not Mr. Rogers' but the magistrate was of the opinion that the evidence of Mrs. Rogers was very straightforward. He could not, however, do anything but dismiss her complaint of non support inasmuch as she had left the home of her husband.

### A Feature of the Blair Banquet.

A good story comes from Moncton regarding the Blair banquet. The proprietor of the Minto did the catering and the crowd was so large that the rink was used.

The cost of the affair was \$600—that was the amount of the caterer's account but this, it appears, did not reach his pockets—at least not all of it. The banquet was a civic one and, of course, the city paid the bills and made good any deficiency that existed. But the caterer it seems was not exactly square with the corporation and when settling time came his arrears were deducted from the bill. He was surprised, so the story goes, and now the conservatives of Moncton are having a quiet laugh over this one result of the Blair banquet.

### Wanted Liberals to Rally.

A gentleman from Moncton says that the public meeting held there this week was one of the warmest affairs known of in Westmorland. There were posters printed and scattered broadcast calling upon the Liberals to support the mayor's resolution and the result of the vote in the meeting was not received with much pleasure by the grets present. Many of them did not think politics should be introduced when such a question was up.

### The Interest in the Yacht Race.

The war news has rather dampened the interest of the people in the yacht race but still crowds gather about the bulletins and watch for the news. The victory of the Columbia was not unexpected, but there were some sore heads the second day when the news of the accident to the Shamrock arrived. There is but little betting and that is only accounted for by the influence of sentiment.

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