

Old Days and New

A Few Remarks From An Old-timer To Some of His Class-mates.

by Dr. Oscar Watson

SECTION SIX

"AND did you do anything but study at that funny old place, the U. N. B., in those old funny days?" said Alice to the March Hare.

"Oh yes," responded the March Hare cheerfully, stroking his whiskers. "Plenty. We had a fine time."

"I was wondering," remarked Alice, "what there was to do. You've told me that there weren't any automobiles, or phonographs, or radios; or movies, or telephones — to make dates — or electric lights, or even shiny bath-tubs — or anything."

"Well, there were horses and buggies, and sail-boats and canoes, and skates and snow-shoes. You know, we were quite simple in those days; we didn't need very much to make us happy."

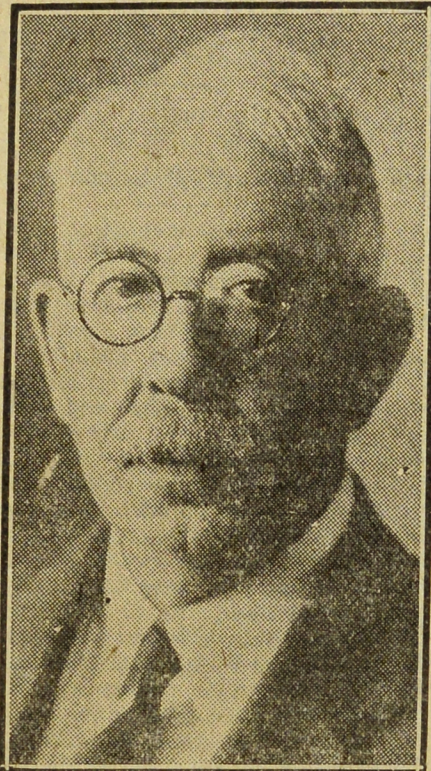
"I shouldn't like to have been as simple as that," said Alice.

From this conversation you will readily see, George, that Alice did not acquire a great deal of information on the frivolities of the Old Boys. After all, enjoyment is a matter of time and environment. We could not possibly miss the things we had never heard of. And in their stead — all except the bath-tub — were other things, thought then to have reached the highest power to comfort, divert, entertain and please.

There were, for instance, little parties in the evening at hospitable homes, and good mothers who had nice daughters, or, for that matter, sons, made it home-like for the boys. There was no lack of dancers, just as it is now, and jazz was not necessary for the rhythm of the old-fashioned waltz, or the quadrilles or lancers. The youth who had come to college, not having learned the art of the ball-room, was speedily inducted into its mysteries, and his partner bore him with amazing good nature.

Perhaps best of all was Dr. Baileys Ball for the Seniors. Men ventured there who would not attempt a ball at the Government House. It was always a gorgeous affair, and more than one Senior appeared in a dress suit. Although it may seem strange at this date, everyone was made heartily welcome, no matter the cut of his waistcoat. There are more dress suits nowadays than there were then, just as there are fewer silk hats. And a loud laugh may come from some of the members of the old classes, who have used up so many dress suits in the passing years, or have given them away on account of increasing girth, well, laugh away!

Lucky those who are privileged to dance to the languorous strains of an orchestra! But where, Charlie, could the Classes of old find an orchestra? Remember the night we all tried it on a waxed floor, and decided that the old family carpet was good enough for us. It was safer. The man who could perform on the piano was always greeted with cheers, and he paid in full for that accomplishment.



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It takes about twenty minutes to run to Oromocto in a good car. A nice quiet horse, with buggy attached, could make it in the old days in about three hours, when a Junior held the reins, if the horse knew his business. And isn't that what Nature intended — with the young?

And when the frost came over the hills, the river closed. Then it was that the true spirit of magnanimity had its opportunity. It was then that the Freshman learned for the first time that his best girl couldn't skate. And if he were able, in the shock of this disclosure, to appreciate the difference between right and wrong, he would take her by the arm, and, weaving in and out of the throng of affrighted skaters, would repay in part her self-sacrifice when she was leading him through the mazes of the dance.

And, so, we had a fine time, as the March Hare told Alice. And whether you skate or dance, study or play, speed along in the swift motor, or move sweetly and leisurely in the old buggy, a fine time really depends on the point of view and the spirit of the game.

\$100. Prize For Essay

The annual prize in the literary competition of the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto, of the value of \$100, will be awarded this year for the best essay on the subject, "Art and Canadian Life."

The contest is open to professional and non-professional writers

Journalistic Life Hard and Exacting

Toronto University Press Club Hears Talk on Newspaper Work by Miss Sanders

Toronto, Ont.— "The first thing for you to remember is, that if you want to get into journalism badly enough, you can," were the encouraging words spoken to the Women's Press Club by Miss Byrne Hope Sanders, editor of Chatelaine. She continued her address by mentioning some of the wrong conceptions people have of a journalistic life. She stated emphatically that it was no easy life. A newspaper man or woman has no time to himself, he must give himself heart and soul to his work.

A continual round of parties, weddings, and theatres may sound very entrancing, but in reality it is extremely monotonous. Moreover, the work is hard and only those with good health should consider entering the profession.

The best way to learn to write, according to Miss Sanders, is to write all the time for the sheer joy of writing, to have an enquiring mind and to be interested in people.

"Read the dictionary," was another piece of advice. Study of the dictionary provides one with new words and teaches their proper use. It is valuable to make friends and contacts in the journalistic world. Beginning on a small town newspaper is another good way to break in. "Newspaper work is hard and demands a great deal of you but it is the greatest fun on earth," said Miss Sanders in conclusion.

—The Varsity.

Canadian Debaters Tour Great Britain

Two Canadian university debaters are touring Great Britain this fall under the auspices of the National Federation of Canadian University Students and the national student union of England and Scotland. Other tours arranged by the N. F. C. U. S. for the current session are a tour by a French-speaking debating team from the University of Montreal, and a coast-to-coast tour of Canada by a team from Bates College, Maine.

The Canadian debaters visiting Great Britain are George Forsey of Mt. Allison University, New Brunswick, and A. K. Dysart Jr. of the University of Manitoba. In addition to debating at the universities, Forsey and Dysart will take in a radio debate against an Oxford-London team. This is the second team to be sent to Great Britain by the N. F. C. U. S. The first, a McGill-Toronto combination, went over in 1928.

A series of debates to be held in the French language is something in the nature of an experiment in this country, at least when the debates take place outside of Quebec. During the latter half of November Paul Dumas and Gerard Cournoyer of the University of Montreal will engage in such a tour under N. F. C. U. S. auspices. They will debate at the University of Ottawa, St. Boniface College (University of Manitoba), Mount Royal College (Calgary), and the University of Alberta.

In January and February of 1934 the main feature of the N. F. C. U. S. debating program is scheduled. A team from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, will tour Canada from Halifax to Vancouver. Bates College is, in the field of debating, probably the most famous on the continent.

First Soph—"What kind of oil do you use in your car, Bill?"

Second Frosh—"Well, I usually start out by telling them I'm lonely."

alike throughout the Dominion. The essay must not exceed 3,000 words in length, and each candidate is required to submit three copies of his manuscript. The closing date is set for March 1st. For further information application should be made to the Women's Canadian Club, 69 Bloor Street east.

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