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Premier McNair, U.N.B. '11

Another U. N. B. graduate has been made premier of New Brunswick. The appointment of the Hon. John Babbitt McNair, K.C., marks the sixth time a graduate of this university has held that high office. Mr. McNair's predecessors are Charles Fisher, 1830, William Pugsley, '68, Sir Douglas Hazen '79, L. P. D. Tilley ex '91 and C. D. Richards '04.

Our first war veteran premier was born at Andover, N. B., on November 20, 1889. He received his early education at the Andover Grammar School and the Florenceville Consolidated School. In 1907 he entered the University of New Brunswick where, four years later, he obtained his B.A. degree with first class honors in Philosophy and Economics. While at U. N. B. Mr. McNair won distinctions in English and French, the Grey Gold Medal, Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie's Prize and, in 1911, he was chosen New Brunswick's Rhodes Scholar for that year.

Not only did the premier exhibit scholastic talent while going "up the hill" but he is also remembered as an outstanding athlete. His classmates recall with retrospective vividness the storky form of the future political leader, racing up and down the football field as sturdy picking half of the Red and Black fifteen. The game as played in those days was much rougher, it seems, than the present brand and the premier's classmates recall that although comparatively small in stature, he was able to hand out the bumps with the biggest of his opponents.

In 1938 his Alma Mater paid Mr. McNair, then Attorney-General, a signal tribute by conferring upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

It is our belief that we are expressing the feeling of the entire student body of this university when, as one U. N. B. man to another, we wish Premier McNair every success in the responsible post which he has assumed.

M. R. C. Delegates

When the last session of the Model League of Nations was held here in 1938 a new annual conference was formed. This has become known as the Maritime Regional Conference. The purpose of this group is to enable college students in the Maritimes to meet together and discuss education, student government and the various social and industrial problems of their provinces. This year's assembly will be held at Wolfville from Mar. 27 to 29.

It is well to bear in mind that this gathering is not a discussion on international affairs. The subjects of the three commissions will be strictly concerned with the topics named above and therefore no controversial international issues can arise which might pave the way towards any unfortunate misunderstandings among the student delegates. By the same token, in closely confining itself in the scope of its findings, it seems impossible for the conference to become the subject of unfavorable criticism from outside sources.

If the conference this year strives to fulfill its set purpose, one of which is "to develop co-operation and unity among Maritime universities," it seems a highly laudable activity, and one in which U. N. B. can well profit by taking a leading part. To this end, we should make no mistakes in selecting our delegates at the meeting being held for that purpose tonight. Five students from this university will attend the conference. They should be individuals thoroughly acquainted with the topics on the colloquy's agenda. They should be interested in those topics and be able to add something of value to the discussions. If our delegates are selected on these grounds and attend the conference with real sincerity of purpose and a will to accomplish something of value then we of this university will be able to feel that we have done our part in carrying out the commendable aims of the Maritime Regional Conference.

Letters to the Editor

March 8th, 1940.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Sir:

In your issue of today's date you report me as having referred to Mr. Leo Dolan as a "professional salesman" when introducing him to the Arts Society. May I correct this error. I did not use this phrase, or any phrase suggesting the same meaning, with reference to Mr. Dolan.

Yours truly,
B. S. KEIRSTEAD.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Prof. Keirstead referred to Mr. Dolan as a "professional introducer." We apologize for the error in our news report.

March 13th, 1940.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Sir:

Sufficient time has now elapsed for tempers to cool off and for a calm appraisal of the C. S. A. situation to be made. The official report of the St. Anne's conference is now available in pamphlet form and also a collection of letters from the various resource leaders giving their impressions of the conference in the light of the changes made by Dean Krug.

They include letters from Dr. John E. Robbins of Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Professor A. R. M. Lower of Winnipeg, F. N. Stephens, President of the Canadian Teacher's Federation, and others.

The conclusion to be derived is that the statements of Dean Krug were apparently ill-advised, certainly exaggerated and probably unfounded. We think that, in fairness to the C. S. A., the Brunswickan should publish at least some of these letters and give U. N. B. students a chance to judge for themselves.

It is probably fair to say that the unfavorable vote on the C. S. A. at U. N. B. was due to outside influences that introduced issues completely irrelevant to the merits of the original controversy. These influences were, first, the attitude of the Telegraph-Journal which had embarked on a private anti-C. S. A. crusade, and secondly, the rumor, which many considered to have official origin, that U. N. B. might lose the new gym if the students did anything so un-Kruglike as to support the C. S. A.

The Argosy has taken up the defence of U. N. B. and Mt. A. by denying reports that "pressure" was exerted and "Advice" given from outside sources. The editorial includes the rather curious sentence, "Some few statements may be partly true but in most cases the statements are mostly false or entirely so." This rather transparent coat of Mt. A. whitewash will scarcely add to the luster of U. N. B.'s good name.

The ostensible reason for U. N. B. quitting the C. S. A. was that the S. R. C. could not afford the extra cost. The real question is not the cost but the value we get for our money. If the C. S. A. is a progressive and democratic organization, filling a place in Canadian student life that otherwise would not be filled—as the letters cited seem to indicate—then the extra cost of about \$50.00 per year, (an extremely minute fraction of the S. R. C. budget), would be a worthwhile investment.

It would be a good thing if we all studied the report of the conference and made up our minds concerning the part the C. S. A. can play in student affairs; when this has been done the question of cost can be seen in better perspective.

Yours sincerely,
Several Interested Students.

GRAVEYARD ITEM

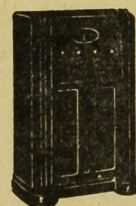
This is over my head.
There's no getting out of this.
Don't look down on me, highbrow.
Here's an elevator boy, going up?
You can't walk over me.
I'm at your feet baby.
Pardon me for not getting up.
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The Inquiring Reporter

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN YOU SUGGEST FOR U. N. B.?

No Math. lectures at 9 o'clock in the morning. —Margaret White.

The Campus should be fixed up a little so they won't have to hay it in the summer. Less noise from the girls in the halls. Gravel on the roads instead of cinders. —Doug Page.

Bring the hill down to the ordinary level. —Basil Law.

The Campus might be beautified a great deal. I think the old Arts building is very beautiful but it should be remodelled inside. —Lester Hoar.

A new Rink. —Willis Roberts.

A decent calendar so the students

can find out what courses are offered. —Ev. Currie.

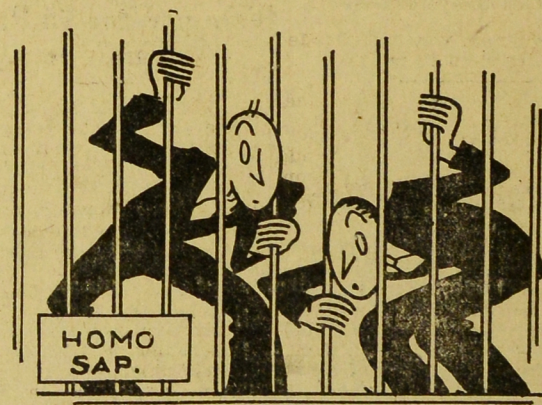
Clean up the cow pasture between the Arts Building and the Residence. The new gym is going to be a great improvement. —Bert Geary.

An escalator for the hill and more bachelor professors. —Margaret Clark.

We should have a fixed and compulsory students' levy. —Chipman McCrea.

Arts Building terrace. —Eric Skelton.

What we need is cuter and snappier co-eds. I've tried them all and they just haven't got what it takes. —John A. H. Duffie.



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