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Condemns U. N. B.

An article which appeared in the Ottawa Citizen undoubtedly did not reach the eyes of many Maritimers. For the advantage of those who did not see it, condensations of the article and a reply to a letter are printed on this page.

In his so-called geography lesson Mr. Cross has condemned the Maritimes and more particularly New Brunswick with its age-old University of New Brunswick. Instead of coming to the Maritimes with an open, unbiased mind, Mr. Cross left Ottawa prejudiced as an anti-Maritimer. He even tells us this and makes no effort to conceal it. If he is definitely against anything the Maritimes has or does, why did he not reserve at his type-writer and type away to his heart's content. Just think, Mr. Cross, it would have saved you a long, miserable trip!

A reader does not always read an article just because it appeals to him. Even sarcastic and poor articles are read just because of pure curiosity. Mr. Cross admits the quality of his writing when he says, "But it took one bad article to get you to your typewriter". When he admits, need we argue further?

He calls all the buildings on our campus wretched. Maybe there are a few rather old buildings, but are not the Forestry Buildings, Library, Lady Beaverbrook Residence and the new Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium as fine as many Maritime buildings. Furthermore what does he mean when he refers to the "wretched" buildings which are common place on many campuses. Why should he condemn U.N.B. when he admits buildings like ours are to be found on several other campuses?

Should the University of New Brunswick be blamed for what backwardness does exist in the province? They can not be expected to advance when provincial authorities quibble over the high school education.

We have men today in Ottawa who have presented plans for advancement of the Maritimes. But what happens? Ontario and Quebec with a large number of representatives squelch the promoter like a rotten tomato. Now just what are the duties of these representatives? They are placed in Ottawa to act on a so-called representative govern-

ing body. In other words it is up to them to cast their votes for the good of Canada, which actually does include the Maritimes.

Let no man be contemptuous of the Maritimes for being so listless, so gutless, and so stupid especially with reference to the present conflict. In proportion to population we have given more men to the active army than any other province. Enlistment in the Women's Division of the army and air force reached its highest point according to population in the Maritime provinces. Labour has suffered in war factories in Ontario and Quebec. They needed urgent help. From where would it come? The Maritimes of course could always give a helping hand. Did we shirk? No, of course we didn't.

We hope that the honourable Mr. Cross will keep a few of the above items in mind the next time he criticizes U.N.B. and the Maritimes. Since there is a shortage of labour here maybe he would come down some fine day and assist us in graduating around the new gym.

TO THE CITIZENS

Although the University of British Columbia and a few other universities have shunned initiation, yet this old tradition was carried out in many large Canadian universities including Queen's.

During the first week of initiation at U.N.B. many local residents frowned upon the students because of their actions. "How utterly disgusting", were the words of one citizen. Yet if they were to realize, this initiation lasted for less than a week.

In Queen's University yellow ribbons and tams must be worn all year. Until Christmas Frosh enrolled in Science and Medicine courses must treat all their superiors if caught in a "beverage room". Hair must be kept less than half an inch long and closely clipped or shaven two inches above the ears.

How do we compare now, citizens?

Twelve times one night Mr. Otis Chips, of Chicago, rose to answer the telephone because of a novel he has never read and a movie he has never seen. Twelve times the following conversation ensued:
"Hello, is this Mr. Chips?"
"Yes".
"Good-bye, Mr. Chips."
—Christian Science Monitor

CONDEMNS U. N. B.

"I was astonished to see what a poverty-stricken looking outfit the University of New Brunswick was, and how unkempt the campus. New Brunswick is a hard-up province, and the university reflects the cash position".

So wrote Austin F. Cross, Dominion Parliamentary Press and Associated Press Correspondent, who during the past summer travelled east to the Maritimes to return to Ottawa and write a geography lesson, which contained the above quotation as well as some of the following remarks:

"Fredericton is a dreamy old city, seemingly more concerned about the past than the present, but still the most lovely and livable of New Brunswick's cities".

"There are some fine homes in the city, surprisingly modern for that part of the world, and the trees form shady arches over tranquil streets. Signs of progress there are like chain stores, yet certainly there are spots in Fredericton where some New Brunswick Rip Van Winkle could come back after 20 years and not know he had been away".

An Ottawa student of U.N.B., upon reading the article promptly replied. The enraged Mr. Cross, seizing the opportunity as well as his typewriter, replied almost instantaneously.

The following is his reply as it was directed at the author and the University of New Brunswick in particular.

"Ordinarily I do not answer crank letters, but you are young and worth saving. First reaction is this: you are scarcely in a position to know what you are talking about unless you have seen a number of campuses. I doubt if you have seen many. Always excepting University of Ottawa campus in our mutual home town, U. of N.B. was by far the worst I have ever seen. If you can swell out your chest over those wretched buildings, which are common places on many campuses, then I doubt your wide experience in such matters.

There is another thing as an editor you might ponder upon, and that is the streak of human nature in us all which permits us to be silent when we approve of something, but we use our pen as a flail when something is written on which we do not agree. You must have liked some of my stuff, or you would not have read it. But it took one bad article to get you to your typewriter. If you are going to continue in the writing business, you might think about this.

Again, I have no sympathy for the Maritimes, it is true, because they are hopelessly reactionary, and live in the glories of the past. To them Confederation is a milch cow going dry.

I admire aggressiveness and most of the maritimes are dead on their feet. They are the most reactionary part of America north of the Rio Grande. It must be clear to you that I am an anti-maritimer, and I make no effort to conceal it. The year I lived in Saint John lingers with me yet, and that was 25 years ago. I don't think the maritimes are going any place, and I am contemptuous of them for being so listless, so gutless, and so stupid. New Brunswick with its feudalism is a horrible example of reactionism. You ought to hear what Evelyn Tufts, best known maritime writer, has to say about the maritimes, and New Brunswick in particular.

As you probably will see, I have no apology to make for anything I wrote. It was done deliberately and it is as I see it. The New Brunswick campus is still a dingy, poverty-stricken grubby place, and if I could take you on a tour of a dozen universities that lie within 300 crow miles of Ottawa, I could soon prove it to you.

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled to, and less than that no man shall have.

Theodore Roosevelt

The Dean: "Do you know the parables, Mr. LeVatte?"
LeVatte: "Yes sir".
The Dean: "And which of the parables do you like the best?"
LeVatte: "I like the one where somebody Loafs and Fishes".

New University Opens Doors to War Workers

Dr. Tory Is President

Without opening ceremony Ottawa last month opened a new institution, Carleton College.

Since most of the two hundred students enrolled are employed in government work, the college gives evening courses.

Plans for the formation of this college date back to 1938, but the war interrupted their plans. Later on it was decided the needs of the college were increased instead of diminished by wartime conditions in the capital.

Subjects taught are to deal with the needs of the students in their daytime jobs. Students may specialize in one particular subject if they wish. The courses are equivalent to the first two years of a regular university curriculum, although more advanced courses will be given if the situation requires it.

Subjects taught are those of a regular faculty, including languages, science, mathematics, political science, economics and others.

President of the college is Dr. H. M. Tory, D.Sc., L.L.D., F.R.S.C., F.R.H.S., former president of the National Research Council and the University of Alberta.

No social or athletic program has been planned because of the extent of the war work of the students. As yet no fraternities or students' councils have been formed and there is little likelihood of many extra curricular activities for the duration of the war.

Seer: "So the dairyman you married is also a poet?"

Sucker: "Yes, I took him for butter or verse."

Student: "See that man playing full-back? He'll be our best man in about a week".

Co-ed: "Oh, this is so sudden."

The Inquiring Reporter

SHOULD WE ORGANIZE A 'CHEERING SECTION'?

Yes! Saturday's cheering was lousy.

DAVE (pretty boy) MACDONALD

But definitely. The boys shouldn't leave it up to the girls to do all the cheering.

KAY BELL

Certainly. There were too few college spirits.

PAUL OLAND

The lack of students at the game last weekend was a disgrace to the college.

JOHN LANDRY

Yes I think the vocal support for the team so far has been lousy.

JOE NEILSON

Definitely! Last week's "cheering section" was crummy as well as disorganized. Let's have a good one for the next game.

TERRY RIOUX

The kindergarten that I attended in my youth had more 'spirit' than this college.

ED. (egg-head) MITTON

Yes, when they get this band together things may "get-a-hummin".

BILL THOMPSON

Most certainly. After Saturday, it seems all our lungs need exercising.

JEAN SMITH

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