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Following the new policy of the Brunswickan of throwing open its Editorial page to any who wish to express their views on any subject whatsoever, I take advantage of the opportunity offered.

Politics, like charity, begins at home and there is ample need for consideration of our own student 'politics.' A large percentage of the student body has no doubt read Andy Fleming's thoughtful and instructive articles in the last issue of the previous term and the January 16 issue of our Brunswickan.

He advocates:

(1) Faculty representation in the SRC rather than class representation. In other words, representation from Foresters, Engineers, Arts, etc., as wholes rather than the present procedure.

(2) The introduction of an executive council at the head of the SRC, responsible to the main body of the Student Council and analogous to present day parliament.

(3) "Society and Association meetings (to) be held monthly to inform the executives of student opinion."

Here is the result of sound thinking and we owe hearty thanks to Mr. Fleming for his logically worked out ideas on the subject.

I am writing this 'editorial' to present another side to this same question. It is obvious to most of us that the administration of student affairs is labouring under an outmoded system devised and evolved to handle the student affairs of a small university. The present organization of the SRC is efficient when it handles the affairs of four hundred students.

Our enrolment is now approximately three times that, and our Student Council is showing the strain.

The question is: "How long will the present enrolment continue?" We must not only consider our present difficulties, we must consider those who come after us. Will a changed SRC function as efficiently that way for a small university? Will not the strain of the present system (a system geared for 400 dealing with 1400) be complimented in the future by the greater burden of an SRC geared for 1400 dealing with 400?

That is one unconsidered aspect of the matter I would bring to the attention of Mr. Fleming and all thinking students of the campus.

L. S.

2-Little Timber, Brunswickan, Friday, Jan. 16, 1948.

THE OTHER SIDE—NEW BRUNSWICK HAS OPPORTUNITY

For more than a decade, countless editorial and magazine writers from the great Toynbee and the observant Hutchinson to the March of Time and Effie Giotz, Girl Reporter, have worn out many typewriters and burned up many feet of film, trying to convince we Maritimers that we live in the most "backward and unprogressive" part of the nation, if not of the entire continent. They have painted a vivid picture of appalling poverty, unemployment and disillusionment. They point to the great exodus of trained and educated youth from the Maritimes to upper Canada and the United States as an indication of the widespread lack of "opportunity" in these three provinces by the sea. They have marshalled imposing statistics, published the findings of extensive surveys, reproduced the overheard conversations of apathetic natives, and as Professor Toynbee has done, proven by a very elaborate theory of history, that we poor Maritimers are destined to remain victims of our excessive geographical challenge.

These scholarly exposes of conditions in the Maritime hinterland, together with the reports of daring travellers, have helped to make this view of Canada's provinces by the sea, country-side, and to the extent Americans think of us at all, continent-wide. But what is singularly unfortunate, this distorted outlook of life in the Maritimes, has eaten its way into our own conception of ourselves; in many

cases, we have preferred to adopt, wholeheartedly, this outsider's opinion of ourselves as our own, rather than go to the trouble of making our own appraisal of our accomplishments and possibilities. We have listened attentively to panaceas proposed by John Fisher and the illustrious Mr. Phelps, and have come away feeling warmly grateful for the interest taken by these men in our unfortunate plight. And we go on believing what other people tell us about ourselves, and generally apologize for being Maritimers.

Those intrepid souls who have struck out on their own to get a true picture of life in the Maritimes, have early arrived at the conclusion that a comparison, based on economic status, does leave us in the shade—BUT only when that comparison is made with areas of North America such as Southern Ontario, Industrial Quebec or New England, areas which have been under development for a considerably longer period than any New Brunswick's one hundred seventy odd years.

But we should not feel we are forced to justify our economic and cultural position in the eyes of the rest of Canada or the rest of the world... but only in our own. If we feel, after a careful examination of conditions, that here are social evils to be eradicated in New Brunswick, that there is a job to be done in the Maritimes as a whole (and God knows there is) let us have the courage to do it our way. No one else can help us put our house in order.

But, as our champions from the outside have told us, we cannot hope to do this so long as we export our "best" men. For, whether it is because all the prophets are unable to find honor in their own country, or because the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, we have lost and are losing many of our trained and educated men and women. But whether they are our "best" men and women cannot be accurately determined. One thing is certain: they do prize their pocketbooks more highly than they do the welfare of the country which nourished them. Since purely mercenary motives have never built nations, we are perhaps better off in numbering these people in our exports. And it takes more than education and training to build communities and nations and make them strong.

To some, this dissertation may sound like an appeal to provincialism; to those not so easily frightened by names, it will be seen as an appeal to Maritimers, to be conscious of themselves as Maritimers, a special element in a nation that can have, and should have a great future. We have resources, we have men and women to develop these resources. And we have the necessary energy. All that is lacking is the appreciation of the fact that we have the power, within the limits of human possibility which are almost limitless) to realize our potentialities and to shape our own destiny. Opportunity is where there is work to do, and there is plenty of work to do right here in Canada's Maritime Provinces.

W. W.

UBC OPENS STUDIOS

Vancouver, (CUP)—UBC's Radio Society marked a milestone in campus broadcasting here today with the opening of its own studios in Brock Hall, the students' union building.

Representatives from both the CBC and Vancouver's commercial radio stations attended an informal ceremony during the afternoon, and the event was celebrated with a "Hucksters' Dance" in the evening.

NOTICE

Brunswickan Staff
There will be a meeting of ALL the Brunswickan staff in the Arts Building Friday night, February 6 for a year book group picture and to discuss the yearly Brunswickan dinner to be held in February.
VERNON W. MULLEN
Editor-in-Chief.

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Frontier College... Summer Employment Opportunity.

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Besides teaching men of Canadian birth who have little education, Frontier College provides instruction to immigrants so that they may become solid Canadian citizens.

H. J. Cody, President, U. of T., has this to say about Frontier College: "I hope I may still have the opportunity as President of the University of Toronto to give as much help as possible to the splendid work you are carrying on through Frontier College." Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour: "I am a great believer in the work of Frontier College."

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