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More Close Attention

In the Bank of Montreal Business Review, issue of February 22, there is a statement that says, in part "... Potato prices strengthened last month, but have since fallen back to around \$2.25 a barrel; movement has been slow ... Fish landings have been light; markets generally are dull. ... These are significant observations, and while they do not indicate a definite slump, could be viewed as a trend. It could be said that in both these industries, the season has long passed. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that The Maritimes, and New Brunswick can no longer subsist on what might be called the traditional industries. Businessmen and government are going to be forced to concentrate on the more lucrative enterprises, such as manufacturing and base metal processing.

Many of the proposals in the late, and in some circles, lamented, Gordon Report, should be more closely studied. The value of the survey is obvious. It must not be allowed to expire, whether through lack of use, or abuse.

One rather interesting fact that was revealed in the Gordon Report, was the reason, in part, for the higher freight rates in the Maritimes. It seems that truckers in Ontario and Quebec presented such stiff competition to railroads a few years ago that the railways were forced to lower their rates, or be faced with considerable loss of business. As a consequence, they charge higher rates in the Maritimes to compensate.

An observation like the above could be of immeasurable value to enterprising businessmen. Let us sincerely hope that many of these proposals are more stringently studied than they are, apparently at the present time. J.B.T.

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to the successful candidates in the recent S.R.C. election. They have been selected from the many who ran by a fairly large percentage of the Student Body and have one year in which to show that that trust has not been poorly placed. The past council has been very successful, leaving to the new members a financially sound and smooth working system.

The new President, Gordon McAllister, has had a long and distinguished career on the council, serving at various times as secretary, treasurer, and vice-president. He has the qualities of what should be a capable administrator, and we look forward to seeing a well run council. With him he will have many experienced members as well as the new representatives. We look forward to seeing them be active and conscientious, knowing that they represent their associates.

In connection with the election, a Plebiscite was held to determine our financial contribution to N.F.C.U.S. and W.U.S.C. As you are all aware, it has been decided to increase the amount and to change the system. This, we believe, was the correct choice. These organizations must now show positively that they are doing pertinent activities, whereas the students can demand results. C.W.

All Attend . . .

Tonight is the first session of the 1957 UNB Model Parliament. It is hoped that as large a number of students as possible will attend the deliberations.

Only if there is sufficient interest now, will the future of the enterprise be assured.

It is especially noteworthy that the UNB Parliament should be held in the Provincial Legislative buildings in Fredericton. That surely, is the right atmosphere.

Rumors circulate to the effect that several interesting bills will be presented, both by the government and the opposition. All in all, it will prove an interesting and stimulating experience to those actually participating, and an entertaining spectacle for those watching.

MARITIME TITLE
 (Continued from page 1)
 Neil Mulvaney and Elsworth Briggs.

The judges for the debate were M. A. Farmer, G. Campbell and Dr. J. H. O'Honley, all of

Charlottetown. Don MacDougall and Leo Peddle of SDU carry with them the congratulations and best wishes of the UNB Debating Society as they represent the maritimes in the National finals.

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Letters to the Editor

STUDENTS' COUNCIL AT FAULT; P.C.'s ALSO APOLOGIZE

The Editor
 The Brunswickan
 U.N.B.

Sir:

The Students Representative Council which has done a fairly good job all year governing students affairs made an unjust move at their last meeting in office. Two days before the Model Parliament Elections they tabled the Social Credit Constitution because it has a "restrictive clause" in it. The Social Credit constitution states that one must be a member of the Social Credit League of New Brunswick to be a member of the UNB Club. Whether this is a fair and reasonable clause is irrelevant. The fact is that the Students' Representative Council has accepted other constitutions with restrictive clauses in them and recognize many organizations on the campus with restrictive membership. They therefore should be bound by these precedents, regardless of their personal feelings, to accept the Social Credit Constitution as it is.

The SRC recognizes the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship constitution (whose members must sign a pledge accepting Jesus Christ as their personal saviour), the Newman and Canterbury Clubs, the Engineering and Forestry Associations. All these have restrictive membership.

The Progressive Conservative Party, who stated in a paper published the very evening of the SRC Meeting, that the Model Parliament was "initiated to promote intelligent and gentlemanly behavior on the campus and not to foster a complete disregard for the ethics of our society", misrepresented in a most unscrupulous manner what actually did happen at the SRC Meeting. They announced over their PA system from the Residence at 1:30 P.M. Thursday, February 21, that the Social Credit Aims were "so subversive that the SRC would not approve their constitution".

The Progressive Conservatives should make a public apology to the Social Credit group for misrepresenting the facts to the student body.

It is a pity that on our campus where there has been so little political interest, that a group of interested students who wish to form a political club, should be impeded without just reason.

The Students Representative Council should accept this constitution as originally presented, or change their whole basis of accepting constitutions.

Yours very truly,
 Jim MacKenzie, Bus. Admin. '57
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The Editor,
 The Brunswickan,
 Dear Sir:

In an article supporting the giving of aid to Hungarians, which appeared in a recent issue of the Brunswickan, a writer expresses the hope that we "will show common sense and decency to others", and vote in favour of the imposition of a student levy which is to raise money for Hungarian Scholarships. The writer stated that the motion was "without precedent in the history of student affairs at U.N.B." This I consider indeed fortunate.

I for one enjoy giving to a worthy cause such as the providing of students from Hungary and other needy countries with the opportunity to further their education and to enrich our University society. But I feel that I have a choice in the matter. And certainly, if the levy is imposed, it cannot be said that any choice is given either to those who voted against the levy, or to the incoming freshman next fall.

The writer proposes to "silence the energetic minority". Although I might wish to give to a certain fund, would it be fair that because I and seventy-five per cent of those concerned were willing to give, that the other twenty-five per cent should be forced to give too?

We are proud of our Democracy in which the individual is given the right to make his own decisions. Let's leave him that choice! I may believe that what is good for me is good for everybody, but that doesn't permit me to force everybody to do as I do.

Sincerely,
 P. J. Dykeman

TRADE ANALYSIS

MARITIME PROVINCES — Wholesale and retail trade were generally about 10% higher than in January last year, spurred by the usual sales. Collections are fair to good though slowing in some sections. Pulp and paper mills are all operating at capacity to fill a strong demand. Other manufacturers are generally fully employed.

Ideal weather has accelerated woods operations; lumber markets are quiet but there is a good demand for peeled pulpwood. Potato prices strengthened briefly last month but have since fallen back to around \$2.25 a barrel; movement has been slow. Fish landings have been light; markets generally are dull with exports being affected by the discount on U.S. funds. Steel production continues at full capacity with record output for 1956. Coal mining was maintained at near full production although there was a shortage of rail cars due to bad storms. The wage dispute between union and company has gone before a reconciliation board.

NEWFOUNDLAND — Wholesale and retail trade throughout the island were reported slow this past month with collections fair to good. Weather conditions have been ideal for woods operations and about 50% of the annual

haul has been completed. The paper mills at Corner Brook and Grand Falls and the base metal mine at Buchans continued to operate at capacity. Stocks of sait codfish at January 20 were 33,225,000 lbs. as compared with 18,515,000 lbs. a year ago; exports in 1956 amounted to 69,810,800 lbs. as against 101,148,300 lbs. in 1955.

United Kingdom

Latest United Kingdom external trade figures are:

(£ Millions)	1956	1956	19
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
(£ Millions)	1956	1956	1957
Total exports	272.1	264.9	272.7
Total imports	346.3	307.8	376.2

Adverse balance 74.2 42.9 103.5

The contrast between the January 1957 figures and those of the preceding months reflects the re-arrangement of shipping schedules due to the closing of the Suez Canal. The gold and dollar reserves fell during January by \$49 millions to \$2,084 millions. In January 1956 there was a surplus of \$29 millions. After standing at 5½% for nearly a year, Bank Rate was cut on February 8 to 5%. Following this reduction, the deposit, overdraft and call-money rates of the commercial banks were also reduced by ½%. The Chancellor of the Exchequer emphasized that this cut should not be interpreted as a change in economic policy. Coal output for the first five weeks of 1957 totalled 22.5 million tons compared with 22 million in the corresponding period last year. Steel production during January was at an annual rate of 21.6 million tons compared with 21.1 million in January 1956. During 1956, housing completions numbered 300,225 as against 316,995 the previous year. Substantial gains were shown in most sections of the stock markets during January. The Financial Times industrial ordinary share index rose during the month from 178.8 to 187.4, this level being almost the same as a year earlier, while the gilt-edged market index moved up from 84.74 to 89.41, slightly higher than at the end of January 1956.—Bank of Montreal Review.

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