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ROYAL COMMISSION BEGINS EXTENSIVE STUDY OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN P. E. I.

Feasibility Of P.W.C. With Degree Status Is Term Of Reference

A THREE MAN ROYAL COMMISSION appointed last June has started the most extensive study into all facets of higher education ever undertaken in the province. The terms of reference refer primarily into the feasibility of raising Prince of Wales College to degree granting status, although the Commission has complete freedom to probe into any educational matters it feels pertinent and necessary.

Members of the Commission are Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, minister emeritus of 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, and a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. Dunstan's two years ago; Dr. J. A. McMillan, a prominent Charlottetown physician; and Dr. Norman MacKenzie, a former president of the University of British Columbia. Dr. Bonnell is Commission Chairman.

INTEREST HIGH

The Commission's chief job will be to study the several factors involved in making Prince of Wales a degree granting institution. For several years now, the desire for a public institution of higher learning has been expressed by many people throughout the province. In 1962, a Citizen's Report outlined in detail relative statistics supporting this desire. The following year, 1963, St. Dunstan's University petitioned the Provincial government for an annual grant in the amount of \$300,000. At that time the government declined to take any action one way or the other. However last spring St. Dunstan's reiterated its request for a grant, but included a request for a government committee to consider a reappraisal of the structure of a higher education system in the province.

In response to the petitions submitted and aware of the need of ameliorating the problem, the government included in the Speech from the Throne an announcement of the government's intention of appointing a commission.

NEW ACT

It was during the last session of the legislature that the Hon. George Dewar, Minister of Education, submitted a new Prince of Wales Act. This Act would have given Prince of Wales complete university status: rights to grant degrees and diplomas, powers of expropriation; management segregated from government control; and laws to run the university by a new Senate and Board of Governors.

Although the proposed Act was well received, the government was forced to include an amendment to the effect that the Act would be proclaimed only if the report of the Royal Commission deemed it feasible and structurally possible. There the Act remained.

Basically, the Commission is faced with this situation: St. Dunstan's, a private denominational institution with complete university powers, and hitherto supported solely by its Alumni and private donations, is petitioning the government for an annual grant to meet the rising costs of operation; Prince of Wales College, a public institution with only two years of college, hitherto supported by the public treasury, is looking for full university powers. Yet there are many ramifications to a change. For example, Grades 11 and 12 would have to go from each institution, but go to where? As the school Act now stands, the City of Charlottetown cannot by law include students (which number about 800) into its system. Even if the Act were changed, Charlottetown, which has just completed an unprecedented build-



Dr. Norman MacKenzie

ing program of seven new schools, in all probability, cannot easily afford to build yet another, especially in view of the fact that four of these new schools are already overcrowded.

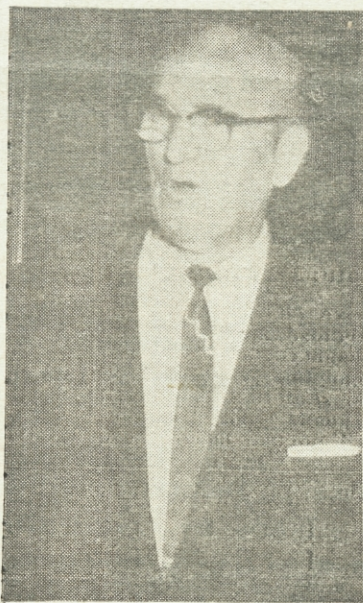
SIMILAR SITUATION

The Provincial government is in a similar situation. Some 14 new regional high schools have been built in the past five years at a staggering cost to the government. It has also made extensive and costly advances in its vocational school program. To turn around now and attack the higher education dilemma, it is the view of many, is just too much to handle at one time. Yet this is exactly what must be done to make other programs, namely the secondary and vocational, of any lasting benefit.

When will the commission complete its report? This is not known exactly, but a probable date is January 1st. This would leave plenty of time for the government to study the report and still act on it in the legislature next spring. Regardless of what the Commission recommends, it is a safe bet that if there isn't enough revenue to meet the petitions of the two institutions involved, whether the revenue is abridged to that asked, additional revenue will have to be found somewhere. Which is a roundabout way of suggesting higher taxes.

WE NEED HELP

"Class of '64, '63, '62, '61, '60... Where are you?" Anyone knowing the whereabouts of our past graduates are asked to submit newsworthy items to RED And WHITE, Alumni News Department.



Dr. J. S. Bonnell
Chairman



Dr. J. A. McMillan

WANTED DEBATERS

"The Debating Society has made a greater contribution to Saint Dunstan's University than any other organization on campus." A long list of Maritime Inter-Collegiate Debating League Titles as well as a couple of Canadian National Championships would seem to support this group's officials in their boast. This year, S.D.U.'s representatives in M.I.D.L. competition will be out to chalk up another victory and add it to their winning streak.

One vital ingredient, however, is lacking. That ingredient is a sufficient number of debaters.

Six openings must be filled in the organization. If you have reasonable speaking ability, the Debating Society wants you. They only require that you possess the desire to become a good debater; they will take over from there.

Trial debates are scheduled for the middle of this month and the top six competitors will be chosen from this group. If you are interested, contact any member of the executive (President—Dave Campbell; Vice-President, Ken McInnis; Secretary-Treasurer, Tom McMillan) as soon as possible.

RESIGNS

Mr. Robert Britton has resigned as RED And WHITE Circulation Manager in the face of other more pressing responsibilities. Succeeding Mr. Britton is Miss Mary Cullen of the Freshman Class.

New Additions To Staff Of S. D. U.

Nine new members have been added to the teaching staff at Saint Dunstan's University. Of these, six are full-time professors while the remaining three occupy part-time positions. Filling the posts, believed to have been created by increased enrolment, are:

WHAT FOOLISHNESS NEXT?

Now let me see. Freshman week is over. Registration is over. First glimpses are long gone. The hard first weeks are past. The time seems ripe now for the mania to start. What mania you ask? Silly question! Certainly, even a half-witted freshman can see that a decided air of madness has gently plunked itself down on this beautiful campus, chasing out the warm handshakes and cold faces of the first weeks. Sophomores seek after this folly as if it were an old friend. Juniors know it well, and Seniors, quite literally know it so well that they feel now on the point of divorcing themselves from it permanently.

Still baffled? Bubble-head! Look around you. Here and there gather the class of '66 planning next year's freshman week. '65, they have decided must be forever shamed in the face of history. Passing out cigarettes indeed. Next time it'll be money — cold, hard cash, and cigarettes, and matches, and... already I'm giving away too much. Just wait till next year.

Is it becoming a little clearer this picture yes, no? Indeed, a few more examples might help. Perhaps you have noticed the Coffee Shop. "Rather bare structure", you note as you pass by, bums shoot in hand. Indeed, if you are new to this place, you would probably add to your comment, "Be finished soon, I guess". Haha! I don't think this is true at all. "So you don't think it'll be in use soon," you remark. Now wait a minute. I didn't say that. I said it wouldn't be finished. But that doesn't mean it won't be in use. Indeed, you must be aware that poor students were camping on the bare wooden beams of Dalton, long before a roof was ever put on it. Freshmen had blankets, Sophomores sleeping bags, and Juniors and Seniors real live tents. Makes you sort of glad of what we have now, doesn't it? Since I have heard this fact told to me, I have never uttered a single complaint in the hallowed halls of this gothic institution. Even as the snow flies about me and my hot chocolate, as I sit reading Aristotle in my new coffee house, I shall not complain.

And there is still one other building on campus that will suffer from SDU mania, and that is our dear chapel. In a few months, the English Mass will be on us, and by the latest Gallup polls on church attendance, I predict that the chapel morning and evening will be over-crowded with eager ecumenists. Such is the religious mania on campus at the present that with this new popular-type mass around, the mania will flair into sheer conflagration. Think I'm crazy eh? Wait and see! The shadow has spoken.

And SDU mania has also struck the clergy that is privileged to

Dr. Ismet Abu-Isa, Chemistry. Mr. Abu-Isa was born in Palestine and received his M.Sc. from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He obtained his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. Yolander Joshi, Physics. Mr. Joshi is a native of India and acquired his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Cyril Byrne, English. Mr. Byrne is a graduate of St. Dunstan's, having received his B.A. here in 1960. He was awarded his M.A. from the National University of Ireland (University College), Dublin.

Mr. Gary Thesing, Mathematics. Mr. Thesing obtained his M.Sc. in math. from Notre Dame.

Mr. Joseph O'Connell, Economics. Mr. O'Connell received his M.A. in Economics from the University of Toronto.

Mr. Winston Pineau, Engineering. Mr. Pineau graduated from S.D.U. with a B.Sc. and Engineering Diploma. He has done advanced work in engineering at Nova Scotia Technical College.

Rev. Father MacDonald, Religion. Father MacDonald, a part-time teacher, graduated from Saint Dunstan's with a B. Com. He also has an S.T.L. from the University of Ottawa.

Mr. Douglas Boylan and Mr. Edward Benson are the other part-time professors on the staff. Mr. Boylan has an M.A. in History while Br. Benson holds an M.L.S. from the Catholic University of America.

have our company for four odd years. Dear Father MacLellan has taken over (or over-taken) Memorial Hall. Velcomen! and (shreik!) beloved Father Regis Duffy has replaced Father Bolger as prefect of "lower" Dalton. However, it is rumored that Father Regis is taking this mania very badly indeed. His voice is decidedly heightening in pitch and he sometimes has a tendency to scream (or whistle or some such thing).

Extra-curricular is also affected. Football for instance. Hilton has by this horrid plague of madness, been heard raving in various dark corners that he is planning to see us into the NFL or some such sport organization. I wonder why? And Drama, let us make note, is planning Hamlet, in competition with Burton, of all things. It's a vain reason, but yea team, anyways.

Perhaps you see what the matter is now. Frightening, isn't it? All the consolation I can give is to bear with it. For this is it. This is the mania that maketh or breaketh, and no one can escape it, though he be a well-seasoned senior. It infects faculty and student body alike; animate and inanimate. There is salvation and damnation in it. It is dangerous and it may prove helpful. What foolishness next? One exclaims and time answers—"This is the foolishness of the clock and of chance, this mania, this is the grind, this—God Almighty—is life."