

CHATS FROM THE BOOK STACK

Something which has been lacking in the Canadian book field for some time has just come off the press — A Historical Atlas of Canada edited by D. G. Gerr formerly of the history department of Mt. Allison University. This is a most attractively illustrated volume and as the introduction so rightly claims, "it follows the modern principles of map-making and emphasis has been placed on simplicity and clarity with elimination of unnecessary and cluttering detail."

Our own Atlantic regions receive some needed attention with *Sails of the Maritimes*. This historical account of the graceful ships of the days that are gone is excitingly narrated from their building and sailing to their demise as war casualties or as wrecks on some deserted shore. The author, J.P. Parker is himself a sea captain and a native Nova Scotian.

This is a suitable context in which to mention another that has proved of interest on the campus—*Sea Stories of Newfoundland*: true tales, both grim and poignant, of those hardy men of the sea who have left us enthralling stories of long and hazardous voyages & duels at sea, stories of wrecks and castaways, as well as the bitter ordeals of those who remain at home and watch the wild hori-

zon.

The problems of Canada's northland inhabitants is brought vividly to us in Raymond de Cocco's *Ayorama*, the moving story of the Krangmalit—'The People Beyond'. Today, as in centuries past, their life is a dogged struggle for existence against the hostile forces of a barren land. The author was a missionary among these people for twelve years and writes inents of joy and their hours of peril.

Our age is not without its sea heroism. The recent publication, *Out of the Smoke*, relates the disaster of the Australian cruiser, Perth, caught near Java by a huge Japanese fleet. Although this is a story of cataclysmic defeat and failure, it is really a kind of triumph—of losing in such a way that it becomes another form of winning. This is a tale of heroism not surpassed in the annals of the sea.

Something of a curiosity is Robert Daley's *The World Beneath the City*. In this the author has unearthed a collection of anecdotes, personalities, and history woven around the tunnels, aqueducts and subways of New York. He puts them together in a most entertaining book on the weird world beneath that fascinating city.

than one.

The second idea dealt with the constitution. If Canada is having trouble amending its own constitution, we in "this here" neck of the woods should be no exception. The publisher claims, "We ain't never had one of those creatures afore." What??? Some of us have been "politicking" for some years with a mythical constitution? If that is so let us continue through all manner of difficulties in order to pass legislation. The so-called "constitutional procedures" have provided lots of fun.

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An Equal Emphasis

Picked Up In Passing

Overheard from a nurse: "Can we help it if we're more popular and better looking than they are?"

We were pleased to see that at least one girl deserted the clan to welcome an outsider on the night of the Junior party.

Is it true that the title of the song, Frankie and Johnny were lovers, has been changed to Francis and Anna?

Hint—We suggest that if the co-eds wish to even the cold war, they should try to win "Dating Dan" to their side.

The Greenhorn.

Today's Smiles

Father Allan's Favorite Tune:
Fichter's Breakdown

Is it true that Father Aylward is developing claustrophobia from trying to run affairs within the college budget?

Dr. MacMillan Is Guest Speaker

February 7 marked the observance of St. Dunstan's Day. On this day one of Charlottetown's foremost surgeons and a former graduate of St. Dunstan's, Dr. J. A. MacMillan, spoke to the students as only he can. It seems to this writer that two things were significant about Dr. MacMillan's talk. First, the extent of the speech, and then the interest it attracted from the students.

Basically, Dr. MacMillan spoke to us as students. As university students we form the elite of our future generation, one which he prophesied would be superior to any other. As such, he warned we must prepare to enter the world as individuals with our own ideals and not as members of the mass which exists today and governs the very life of many people. The mass, he insisted, never accomplished anything. Only individuals working together in collective harmony form an ideal world, and only individuals with proper ideals on basic matters will be good citizens.

Dr. MacMillan was careful to warn us that now is the time when we must form our basic ideals, the time when we are being educated, the time when we are developing into mature men. He reminded us that we must have clear-cut notions in the matter of religion, sex, education, and society.

In the matter of religion the doctor urged us to be sure of and sound in our religious beliefs not only in theory but in practice. We must be sure that our religious beliefs and morals guide our mode of life in college and especially in the rough and tumble of our modern-day world.

The subject of sex, we were told, is a very important one

to the future men of the world and one on which it is very easy for people to have many false notions because of the abuse it suffers at the hands of evil materialism. Dr. Joe warned us to make sure that our ideals in the most important aspect of our God-given life are of the highest order.

The meaning of education, the doctor reminded us, can often be misunderstood by students. Many view it solely as a basis of earning a high-paying job rather than a means of broadening one's outlook on life. Dr. MacMillan urged us to view education for its own sake, by which we can picture ourselves becoming more capable beings with every new spark of knowledge gained. We have an intellect which we are bound to develop, and we are obligated in justice to further our knowledge so we may become more helpful to society.

This brought the speaker to the subject of society itself. He told us that we must be prepared to enter society and impart to it the knowledge we have gained from our vast study while in college. We are not being educated just for our own good, he maintained, but for the good of all mankind. Knowledge is for everyone to share. To impart it to others is part of our obligation to civil society as intelligent and educated young men.

In commenting upon Dr. MacMillan's address, Bishop MacEachern noted that it contained much food for thought. The address provided much advice for St. Dunstan's students, who should consider it seriously. Those who had the privilege of listening to Dr. MacMillan are extremely grateful for a message that will last a lifetime.

NOTICE

The deadline for material for the next edition has been set at March 24. Space amounting to 350 words will be allotted to any candidate seeking office in the coming April elections. The deadline for the last edition has been set at April 20.

It is imperative that candidates and contributors abide strictly by these dates.

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That's How It Is

Grandpa's fuzzy whiskers are being gently patted this delightful spring month on the campus of S.D.U. as we find a large enthusiastic group of music lovers turning back the centuries of time to see how things were done in the good old days.

NO, it's not just the Glee Club members who are in there. Many other students are also showing a mature, intelligent interest in the talented efforts of their artistic grandfathers.

To whom are doors open??? Wide are the doors open to YOU—to you the students of S.D.U. Each and every one of you is being warmly invited to share with us the gems which are being gathered along the rich paths of the centuries.

SO you ARE interested! GOOD!

Then we shall tell you a little

about what is taking place during these noon classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The backbone of the class is the record player, and as the records spin gently around, each student follows carefully in his little pink book the explanations of what he is hearing.

The growing is being kept a healthy green by the active participation of the members themselves. Carefully planned and well delivered speeches are presented by the boys and girls; other members read various selections from the great composers, while a short but inspiring film usually brings these homey gatherings to a close. That's how it is in our new music appreciation classes; so, with March, let us keep marching on.

Watchdog: Outlaw Organ

It's finally happened! With no fess attached to the students (and that's something new) a leftist press has arisen out of the embers of the Students' Union to burn with new vigor.

Labelling itself a subsidiary of the Red & White, the noble purpose it fosters will no doubt be greeted in reactionary circles as something to chew on. Yet it would seem to this corner that from a selfish point of view, the cuds can be munched with respect to this masterpiece of the journalism field. The first idea brought out dealt with something which is close to our spirit of adventure, namely, the idea of sponsored trips to other campuses. Since elections are around the corner, it might be wise to vote for the party which offers you a bon voyage in more sense

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