

EDITORIALS

ROYAL COMMISSION COMPLETES WORK

A THREE MAN ROYAL COMMISSION appointed last May to investigate the financing of higher education on Prince Edward Island, recently completed its summer-long study. Participating in the detailed investigation were Dr. Norman MacKenzie, former president of the University of British Columbia, Dr. J. S. Bonnell of Charlottetown, former minister of the 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and Dr. J. A. MacMillan, Charlottetown physician and surgeon. Findings and recommendations of the commission will be made public upon the opening of the provincial legislature early next year.

PROVISION FOR THE COMMISSION was the result of several representations made to the government during the past several years. As outlined in its terms of reference, the future development of Prince of Wales College, and provincial financial assistance to higher education in general, would be subject to primary consideration. Public interest in the higher education problem has been aroused throughout the province by suggestions that PWC be given degree granting status and through briefs presented to the legislature by St. Dunstan's in seeking an annual grant to help defray operational costs.

WE MAY NOW REST ASSURED that these matters have been appraised and that a definite decision will be closer at hand when the commission issues its report to the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.

UNIQUE SITUATIONS surround the requests of both St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales. On the one hand, the aspirations of our own officials are strengthened through the fact that SDU is the only private institution of its type in Canada which does not already receive provincial aid. On the other hand, Prince Edward Island is the sole Canadian province without a public university. It would thus appear that St. Dunstan's is definitely entitled to government support and that Prince of Wales should be elevated to university status. Yet, the principal barrier to reconciliation admits no simple solution. In brief, the public treasury is even now overburdened.

WHAT, THEN, does the future hold? Assuming that both appeals are thoroughly legitimate, it would certainly not prove conducive to harmony if the urgings of one party were favored over those of the other. Again, any attempt to disregard the question entirely would only snarl the present crisis. In light of these circumstances, we can only envision some yet unknown form of equitable settlement, even at the expense of higher taxes (which support the privilege of maintaining provincial identity), and increased federal subsidization.

SEVERAL VIEWS REMAIN to be heard, and many recommendations will require further exploration, but, we feel that in the end, the commission's labors will prove beneficial and these grave and mounting questions will be favorably resolved.

CANADA HONORED

by Michael O'Brien

The Dominion of Canada, one of the countries of the British Commonwealth, is supremely honored to be host to the Royal visit of Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of England, and head of the Commonwealth. Prince Edward Island is in particular distinguished to have Her Royal Majesty and Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh spend a few days on its soil. It is doubtful that a Commonwealth country, or any country for that matter, could receive more distinction than by hosting a visit of Queen Elizabeth II of England. For it was under the leadership of a direct ancestor of Elizabeth Windsor, Queen of England, that the present great Republic of the United States was first colonized, and along with the rival French, present day Canada was colonized. It was one hundred years ago that the Fathers of Confederation first met in Charlottetown to map out the route to the unification of Canada and what could be more fitting a century later than to have the protectress of the Commonwealth visit our Dominion.

Perhaps with this visit the leaders of the various provinces of Canada will think over the problems and difficulties which had to be solved in order to establish Canada as a country, and will show more cooperation in solving our present-day problems, especially our present-day domestic problems. Five years have elapsed since the last time Queen Elizabeth has visited Canada. Many things have happened in Canada since then: the federal government has changed hands, there has been growing unrest between certain provincial heads and the federal government, the constitution of our country is to be revamped and our ties with Great Britain are to be further severed. All this may be advantageous to our land now, for Canada is independent now and can make such

decisions on her own, but it must not be forgotten that at one time Canada greatly depended on England and its Royalty.

Many distinguished persons have visited Canada in the last five years, among them were the late great president of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, his younger brother, Edward, the junior senator from Massachusetts, the president of the French Republic, Charles de Gaulle, and the secretary-general of the United Nations, U. Thant. However, none of these visits aroused such interest, as well as such concern, as that of the present Royal Visit. Over twelve hundred men from Canada's military forces will be on hand to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip for Her Majesty. It may have been a good Centennial Year for P.E.I. without the Royal Visit, but now this year of 1964 be-

comes a great and memorable one. One which will not easily, nor willingly, be forgotten. For this heroic woman, belaboured by many problems in her own country, and concerned over present critical conditions existing in the world in general, and the Commonwealth in particular, amidst threats and warnings from radicals in our own country, and having been subjected to irrelevant criticism from these same radicals, has had the courage to undertake this journey.

Your Royal Majesty, the students of Saint Dunstan's University consider it a great privilege to be present in Charlottetown during your visit, and regard you not only as an inspiration to all the leaders of the various nations of the world, but also as our country's most distinguished and loyal comrade.

ALUMNEWS

By TOM McMILLAN



JOHN DUNPHY

President of Class of '64

For many years, a publication known as the Alumni Bulletin has been distributed by the St. Dunstan's Alumni Association to keep the Alumni abreast of student and faculty activities at St. Dunstan's. Now, for the first time, RED AND WHITE is attempting to keep the students abreast with the Alumni and Alumni activities. This attempt will take the form of a regular RED AND WHITE feature called ALUMNEWS.

Foster, past editor of RED AND WHITE, member of CUS, football manager, and life executive of the class of '64, is at the University of Boston doing graduate work in the field of public relations. John Dunphy, life president of the class of '64, Senior Class President, Editor of Yearbook, Winter Carnival Chairman, president of Debating Society, is doing graduate work in English at Queens University with the help of a \$1,000 scholarship.

AND MORE

Dick Tingley is furthering his studies in law at U.N.B., having been active in J.V. and Varsity Football and Varsity Hockey at St. Dunstan's. Dorothy Morris, member of Glee Club and Maritime Girls Inter-Collegiate Debating League is at present teaching in Montague; and Joanne Handrahan is also teaching on the Island. Active in Sorority, C.F.C.S.S. Class Committee, M.S.I.D.L., and Glee Club, Noreen Cameron is teaching in Summerside. Jim Hickey is at present doing graduate work at Dalhousie in medicine. Jim Davis is doing post graduate work in Commerce at St. Dunstan's and Charlie Trainor is also at St. Dunstan's working towards his Science Degree.

Frank and Jim Garrity are both doing post graduate work this year. Frank played four years Varsity Football and Basketball and is now at the Catholic University of America doing graduate work in bacteriology. Jim played Varsity Football, J.V. Basketball, Intramural Hockey, was a member of the Drama Society and Glee Club, President and Vice President of A.A.A., and is doing graduate work in psychology at Springfield College.

We learn, with the help of John Flannigan, that many of last year's graduates are pursuing further studies in various fields. Paul D.

In the next edition of RED AND WHITE, we hope to continue with the class of '64. In the meantime we'll be waiting to hear from you.

CLASS OF '64

Last year's May 12th Commencement exercises saw sixty-two graduates leave the hallowed walls of St. Dunstan's University. Ted Kennedy, who addressed the students; Jean Louis Levasque, Quebec Multimillionaire who graduated from St. Dunstan's in 1934; and James Cardinal McQuigan, Island-born graduate of the class of 1914.

LETTERS

As you've probably noticed, there are no letters to the Editor in this edition. Why? Simple. None were written.

A very pertinent article on this very topic appeared last week in the BRUNSWICKIAN of the University of New Brunswick. It read in part: "If you wish to express an opinion . . . controversial or profound . . . it will be the pleasure of the editor to print all but profanity. Send along all profane letters as well. Although it will not be printed it will be read to the enjoyment of the editor." So get out your typewriters and let's hear from you!

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