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SUNDAY SPORTS ISSUE RAISED

This past week has seen a great deal of emphasis placed on our Lord's Day (Ontario) Act. I am referring mainly to the problems arising between the City of Fort William and the Lakehead Stock Car Club over the Club's planned international meet held on October 5th and 6th.

Several years ago the plebiscite for Sunday sports was placed before the citizens of Fort William and the voting ended in a tie--there were 5995 votes for, and 5995 votes against. A recount did not change the standings at all, and instead of reviewing the issues in public for a second vote, the City council decided that the City was against having Sunday sports. Of course, this could hardly be classed as a popular decision by the electorate, and it is a shame that the issue hasn't been given a second chance since that time.

However, the inconsistency of civic by-laws has reared its ugly head on several occasions since. The City itself is the greatest offender of its own regulations. What alderman would have nerve enough to attempt to stop the golfers who swarm out early Sunday morning onto the Municipal course or the Chapple's course, both city-operated ventures; and what alderman would pull the switch so shut down the Fort William Ski Club chair lift on a Sunday? Here is where the great inconsistency lies. The city-owned and operated sports arenas are fair game on Sunday, but any organization outside the civic body is not allowed to operate.

I make particular reference here to the recent attempts of the Stock Car Club to stage their International Dirt Track Championships. This affair attracts many people to the city, and is a great attraction to many local residents. In regard to this past week-end, one can only hope that there would not be a Fort William citizen small enough to lay a formal complaint against the Stock Car Club. It would be a shame to see another ambitious Lakehead enterprise forced to leave the city and establish in a nearby rural area just because of the selfishness of a few "do-gooders" in Fort William. One of the city's fine aldermen seems to think that if he can keep people from attending sports activities on Sundays that he will have them swarming into the churches to spend their afternoons in spiritual enlightenment. We can only hope, too, that if this

issue is taken to court, it will serve to point out to the authorities how really senseless it is to try to tell people what they can or cannot do on their day of relaxation--Sunday.

....R.W. Piper

DISCRIMINATION IN CANADA?

How often have we heard people speak harshly of the whites in southern United States and their attitude towards the Negro? How often have we said the same thing ourselves. And yet we should actually stop and think before issuing these remarks because we have our share of discrimination here in Canada--are you guilty of discrimination yourself? Dr. D. G. McDonald, Assistant Professor of Psychology, will be showing a 30-minute film at 12 noon tomorrow, Thursday, in room .6, with a discussion to follow on DISCRIMINATION IN CANADA. Everyone is welcome at this, another weekly SCM lecture-discussion.

IN SUPPORT OF SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Several weeks ago a very interesting article appeared in the Newsletter concerning the separate school system in Ontario. The writer opposed the tax grants that the separate schools receive and, indeed, there are many people in sympathy with this viewpoint. However, before being critical of the situation, one should examine the education issue in Canada as seen by the Fathers of Confederation in 1867. The "Fathers" were, at that time, unaware of the fact that education would be so important in 1963. Thus, they turned over the power of education to the provinces. This may have been a tragedy, but nevertheless, that is what the "Fathers" decided upon, and as a result educational systems vary from province to province. In Quebec, which is 90% Roman Catholic, the system would obviously be dominated by Roman Catholics, whereas in Ontario, which is only 33% Catholic, the system of education is governed by non-Catholics. Accordingly the "Fathers" decided that separate schools would be set up in Quebec for the non-Catholic minority, as well as the Catholic public school system. The situation was similar in Ontario, except that the minority in this case were the Catholics. And thus both public and separate schools receive tax support; this being the case in all provinces except Manitoba and British Columbia where Catholics are few in number. We cannot say this system is completely

unjust, at least from a Protestant viewpoint. Canada is 46 per cent Catholic and about 44 per cent Protestant, although this distribution is not uniform for every province.

The major opponent of separate schools in Canada is the Orange Lodge; they also aim to remove Quebec from Confederation and rid the country of the Irish, Italian, Polish, and Slovakian peoples, most of whom are Roman Catholics. Aside from its basic dislike of Catholics, the Lodge claims that one school system is the most practical. This point is debatable. The Orange Lodge recently opened their latest campaign against separate schools the day after a new public school opened in Toronto, where they have seven members on the school board. The school, which the Lodge would consider to be part of the practical system, had an underground and heated parking lot, an indoor swimming pool and an indoor tennis court. Indeed, this is all part of a practical and conservative education system that will save the taxpayers money! Catholics are often scorned for sending their children to separate schools. However, many non-Catholics feel that they too, would like to have tax-supported school systems connected to their own Church. The fact is that the public school systems have become too public to avoid giving any religion the edge in a system which in multi-denominational. An Anglican Bible in a public school disturbs a United Church man, a Baptist, or a Lutheran. Catholics, who believe that a liberal education should include religion, are not opposed to tax grants to private schools run by other denominations. To conclude, the Orange Lodge may destroy Confederation by ridding the nation of Quebec, and they may rid Ontario of tax-supported separate schools, but they won't rid the province of Catholic schools. The Catholic school system in the United States is not tax-supported, nor are the schools run by Lutherans, Baptists, Mormons, etc. Yet, these schools not only survive but are growing in number. Their growth is in fact faster than that of the public school system. From this evidence alone, one can safely say that a Catholic school system will survive and grow in Canada, with or without tax supports, and despite the efforts of the Orange Lodge, as it does today in the United States where 46 million Catholics support schools for 10 million students. ...Ken Mucha

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STUDENT UNION BUILDING

How many of us have noticed the progress being made in construction of the University Centre. Of course we all have; or, we all should have, for it is we students who are to make it a useful, functioning organ of the university and maintain its excellent condition through interest and care. The Student Union Building, a must for any university, will be in our hands early in the new year, at which time we can use this

impressive \$620,000 structure and modern furnishings (estimated at over \$50,000) in the dual role of serving the students and faculty, and the citizens of the local communities.

Included in the building is a 380-seat Auditorium designed to handle films, plays, concerts, ballet, or lectures. It has a professionally designed orchestra pit with subterranean entrance, and dressing room facilities exceeded by none at the Lakehead. Of particular interest to the students are the common room and cafeteria. For the meantime these facilities will be consolidated in one room, running the length of the building, with a lunch bar set in the west wall. If conditions deem it necessary in the future, the common room will become situated in the 'Great Hall'. These plans, of course, mean the eventual conversion of our present common room into office and administration space. The Great Hall, located directly above the common room, will be used for displays, as well as being the scene of our dances.

Also included in the building will be the Games Room, a spacious faculty lounge, student council office, year book room, seminar rooms, a music room, and board rooms. The building will be complete as it stands, with the possibility of the addition of a ~~kitchen~~ to the cafeteria.

Thus, as you can see, we have an impressive structure being unveiled before us. We must now realize what this building means to the community. I hope that everyone will, by use of the model in the library and side tours of the construction itself, become better acquainted with the building in order to be able to act as intelligent hosts to our visitors and be an asset to "Project Lakehead College."

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NOTE: There was a typing error in last week's Newsletter (possibly the typist should brush up on his Bible study). The quotation in the article on Co-operative Capitalism should have read..."For the man who has will always be given more, till he has enough and to spare; and the man who has not will forfeit even what he has." Matthew chapter 25, Verse 29.

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ATTENTION ALL GIRLS!
Friday, October 11 at 11:55 in Room 5 will be the first gathering of Lakehead College girls to plan this year's version of the Nemissa Club. This is your club—come and support it on Friday!

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The National Employment Service Student Placement Office will be open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 during the academic year. All that is required of anyone seeking part-time, summer, or permanent employment is that they register at the Student Placement Office located at the west end of the Common Room. It would be to your advantage to register as soon as possible so that they may find the type of work you are looking for.