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CANADA FOR CANADIANS

H. L. Menckon should not limit his department "Americana" in The American Mercury to Americans alone. He should become converted to the "broad interpretation" viewpoint—and then include Canadians. Because, you see, "By a vote of 96 to 69, members of Hart House Parliament upheld last night the motion, 'Resolved that the influence of the United States has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished.' Well, well, well! What the dickens do you know about that! It must be deplorable—up there in the land of woodchoppers, Canucks and unwanted Americans. God save the American part of England! The quotation in the first paragraph is taken from the November fourth issue of the Varsity, undergraduate newspaper (thank you, J. H.) of the University of Toronto. Here's more of it.

"In opening the discussion" (it was, by the way, a ... in which representatives of the University of Minnesota upheld the negative) "A. P. Plumpton denounced many things American from their mores to their nasal accent. He ridiculed the conduct of their clubs and conventions, as well as their tendency to advertise everything extensively from hysteria to athletic supporters. In a more serious vein Mr. Plumpton objected to the influx of American capital, making Canada economically dependent on the United States."

How dashedly disgraceful! Perhaps the writer of that leading story did not know that 95% of Canadian films are flops and that that's why he is forced into denouncing American-made movies. They like 'em up there just as much as some of us do down here—and if he wants to start an argument, we're ready to bear the burden of proof. And we suppose every American he has bumped into and then sworn at for not stopping for tea, has been guilty of harboring a nasal twang. Say—he hasn't met Jimmie Wade from West Virginia. Only a few Americans are born with a misplaced sound-box—just as only a few Brits are blessed with titles of nobility. And we're just as proud of our nasal note as they are proud of their unhoised "dooks and dookesses."

And as for hysteria, et. al., if it wasn't for the fact that the Americans do the spending for advertisements—the Brits in Canada probably would still be using orris and chalk for halitosis! How blamingly blah! Or "Faugh!" as they say in Montreal.

And as for the influx of American capital, making Canada "economically dependent on the United States"—Pish-posh. Bunk. It's our money—and if they've the candy-store in which we want to spend it—we'll spend it there. And still all the little demons of hell can't keep the illuminati of Toronto from trying to reduce the profits they're making from our expenditures. What's the use? Bit wait. Here's something about chewing-gum (it's a sin and a shame they can't get out a word for Mr. Wigley).

Mr. Karlens, of Minnesota, defended the United States by saying "his country ... contributed to Canada's efficiency in giving her automobiles, telephones and chewing gum for stenographers." Yes, and all that. Without the automobile—without Ford—where would the Canadians be? Still walking—as they are now—mentally. Without Bell, where would the Canadians spend their idle nickels? Probably for chewing-gum. And if the stenographers had no chewing-gum, they'd no doubt be able to start all their files in the cold mornings with the half-chewed pencils remaining from yesterday's gastronomical diversion.

Mr. Plumpton "vouchsafed the information that his mother had told him that when in a car with a girl 'the one thing to do was neck.'" Mother was right! She knows! And the only thing that is really American in that statement (you know, necking in any other language would be as enjoyable) is the word "neck." And that's more descriptive of the time-tried amusement than any English-born word! You can bet your mighty "neck" that Mr. Plumpton made that statement only for effect.

Last of all quotations we have to offer is that taken from the mouth of Mr. Lyndon Smith, who "declared that American shredded wheat was made from Canadian pulpwood." If that's true, why can't the Americans argue that Canada is encroaching upon American ideals, or whatever it was that the Hart House of Parliament listened to?

And anyway, we don't think that shredded wheat is made from Canadian pulpwood—we think it's made from cardboard boxes returned to the factory. That brings up the question "Which came first—the shreds or the box?" But that's beside the point—if there is one.

We think the Canadian debaters picked a pretty punk subject for an argument. If the American Indians would have tried to debate about the increase of American influence on their tribal existence, would they have got anywhere? We think what the Canadians should have argued about, and with much more force because the information could have been gathered close to home,—we think that topic should have been: Resolved, that nuts, being born in shells, should stay in them.

The Bullosopher's Chair

SESSION I.
Do you know, Mr. Smithers, one of the needs of this college is some good wholesome advertisement. Some professional luminaries will wave their hands in holy protest against the expression of any such plebeian sentiment. Degradate the dignity of the institution by advertising? Not much! Rather let the county think of Penn State as a farmer's high school with an over-developed football team. Let the cream of the state's youth go to Princeton and Harvard and Dartmouth and Cornell! We don't need them. The rural communities furnish us with enough high-grade men. They aren't much socially, you know, but they represent virulent manhood, and Penn State can be proud of that. Yes, let the quality of our students sink as low as you please, but never degrade our standards of false modesty by advertising! It isn't ethical; it isn't dignified, it isn't being done!

Such deluded and deluding twaddle has been the official policy of this institution long enough. We are entirely too self-satisfied, either ignorant or indifferent to what the world thinks of us. And it does matter! Anyone who has travelled beyond the state boundaries realizes the situation—even among college students. If we are not confused with the University of Pennsylvania, we are conceived to be the state agriculture institution. A census of college students outside the state would report that a majority has either not heard of Penn State, or if they have, it has been in connection with athletics—wholly ignorant of our educational features and facilities. You realize that we have Engineering, Liberal Arts, Science, etc.—and those schools of first rate caliber.

And in our own community, what is the reaction? Those men who desire a cultural education and training, who come from families of social excellence—do not pick Penn State for their alma mater. And why?—not because Penn State is not good enough, but because our merits are not known. A little press publicity once in a while—usually cornered in a few inches in the various news sheets—is the sum total of our contacts with the outside world, while other institutions are flaunted in head-lines, educational journals, news reels, and numerous other vehicles of expression.

On numerous occasions the question has been broached to the administration—with the usual courteous promise of investigation. Nothing has been done. And the field is wide open! Have we not an institution which can stand publicity? Are our students of such caliber that we don't need to attract better?

We need to sell Penn State! Not in cheap newspaper advertisement—but in letting the world know what we have done, who we are, and why we deserve recognition!

What's the procedure? Let the administration provide an item in the budget which will allow a reasonable expenditure in a publicity policy, to send student leaders to the first class high schools of the state, not as campaigners, but as representatives to bring Penn State to the attention of those who plan on a college career, to purchase the over-supply of La Vie which usually rot in the basement of old Mam, and send them to high schools, prep schools and libraries, to get Penn State activities in the arena news reels when we have items of interest to the general public,—student stunts, football games, Fathers' Day, etc., to foster alumni enthusiasm in a concentrated demand upon the newspapers of the various cities to give Penn State recognition along with Pitt and Penn, etc.; to see to it that prominent Penn State men are known to their colleagues and to their communities as Penn State men. These are but a few of the numerous ways by which Penn State can be brought to the attention of the people of the state.

Let's get over our old-fashioned, perverted policy of silent reticence! We need better men! We need money! We need public support! And we can't expect any of these until we prove to the world that we merit sustenance!

Grid Gossip

"In Union there is strength," quoth one of our learned predecessors, Bucknell 14 in Union county.

The Bisons have already attempted to buffalo all opposition, but have met with scant success. Bill Amos and his W. and J. athletes tossed the shaggy nickel-decorators, 17-2.

"Thundering Heads" of the past have clashed with Lion eleven six-teen times, emerging victorious in 1894, 1900 and 1896. The old inter-sectional battles of yesterday bring memories of that dear old anthem "And if We Catch a Bucknell Man Behind Our College Walls."

Almost the same Redline team that lost to Army last year, 27-0, will line up against the Cadets in the Yankee Stadium tomorrow. Sports writer concede a probable national championship to the victor.

"Lighthorse Harry" Wilson of the Army is vying with Mike Wilson, of Lafayette, for leading eastern scoring honors. Whatever the outcome, they both agree to keep the palm in the family.

The so-called unlucky thirteen will figure prominently when Notre Dame meets the Army Mule tomorrow. The thirteenth meeting of the Irishmen will be held on November 13, with Charlie Bohn, ex-cadet encl, sporting the number on his jersey.

Charley Rogers, Penn backfield ace, is quoted as saying "I must say I was tackled hard. Those State boys sure can hit." Pass Miles, scrub coach of the Quakers, says "Columbia has a good football team, but not as strong as Penn State." All of which is very gratifying, since Columbia has compiled several good teams this year.

Bez fooled his entire outfit Monday evening. After speeding his proteges through their dressing and outfitting the squad in shoulder pads and helmets in preparation for a tough scrimmage, he drew last laugh by suspending activities for the day after a brief spitting session.

Harvard, Princeton and Yale are contemplating the construction of steel goal-posts to control the epidemic of goal-wrecking which has broken out among the victors of Big Three games. Princeton, resenting Harvard's lampooning, has broken relations with the Crimson.

The Lewisburg eleven have a campus tradition calling for at least one grid upset by the Bisons per season. In 1921 Bucknell surprised by scalping West Virginia, in 1922 Lehigh was the victim. Georgetown succumbed in 1923. The undefeated Rutgers team of 1924 fell before the Orange attack, and in 1925 Georgetown's grid hopes were again forced to bow in defeat. In 1926 we predict an obsolete tradition on the Bucknell campus.

FOREIGN FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED TO STUDENTS

Awards for French, German Proficiency Available For Year Periods

Several fellowships for advanced study in France and Germany will be awarded to American students for the year 1927-1928, the Institute of International Education announced yesterday. The fellowships to the German universities are open to men and women while those to French universities only to men.

A limited number of fellowships are available. Each will carry a stipend of \$1200 and will be tenable for one year, with possibility of renewal for a second year if circumstances are favorable. In general, the fellowships are offered in practically every field of study.

Requirements. Applications for French fellowships may be made to S. P. Duggan at 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and for the German to C. J. Friedrich, American German Student Exchange at the same address. In general the requirements are as follows: American citizenship, a working knowledge of French or German, at least two years of work in a College for the German fellowship and four for the French. Application blanks, properly filled and accompanied by all required credentials, must be in the hands of the Institute of International Education by February fifteenth, 1927.

Prof. Dutcher Speaks To Research Workers

Prof. R. A. Dutcher of the department of agricultural and biological chemistry, will attend the meeting of the national committee on vitamin research, in Washington, District of Columbia, on Monday. This committee meets annually and reviews the vitamin research accomplishments of the experiment stations of the United States. The committee acts as a clearing house for vitamin research problems.

Professor Dutcher addressed the Lancaster Kiwanis club at their annual dinner in Lancaster last week. He spoke on the subject "Things We Eat and Why We Eat Them." The banquet was attended by Kiwanians and their former friends.

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