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The Press and Public were not excluded at any meetings. They just didn't show any interest and were not around or have been around at any Committee meeting which I have attended as a member of this House since 1948.
I, therefore, must express surprise at this morning's editorial and hope the Press will give as much publicity to their own neglect of Committee meetings as they have given to this one sitting of the House Committee on Education.

Dr. MacKinnon
After the formal statement and opening Dr. Frank MacKinnon was called to testify. In speaking of charges that there was religious discrimination in appointments he stated that he felt they should be made on the basis of merit only - giving due consideration to academic background and teaching ability. He stated that both Roman Catholics and Protestants had been appointed and no one has ever been asked his religion. There have been successful and unsuccessful teachers, he said, in both faiths. "As far as my position is concerned I am not Protestant, Catholic or Jew or anything; I will try to be fair to all."

ON OVERSEAS DUTY - ACI H. L. Inman, Alberton, along with other RCAF personnel will leave for duty with the RCAF's Air Division in England and on the continent this month, it was announced by Air Force Headquarters. The majority of the personnel will sail from Halifax aboard various ocean liners, with the remainder going via service aircraft from Dorval, P. Q.
SLIDES ENJOYED - Last evening the Summerside Town Hall was filled by ardent flower gardeners who enjoyed a beautiful showing of color slides depicting rural scenes in many parts of P. E. I. In addition to this the program featured many beautiful scenes of flower culture in Summerside, together with a large number of slides which brilliantly illustrated the multi-colored varieties of gladioli. The program was presented by Dr. Henry Moyse, president of the Summerside Community Planning Association.

Pass Rate Constant
Dealing with straight matters of internal operation of Prince of Wales College the principal said the figures indicate that the pass rate and failure rate have been constant over the years and the pass rate on the whole has been favourable. Of the subjects in which students are 'conditioned' French and Latin account for the most. He said Latin is dropped in the schools and French is too often taught by persons who do not understand French and teach it by spelling words.

Dr. MacKinnon said that the study of history did not present much of a problem in second year at the College, but it did in first year. He attributed this to the habit of many students memorizing text books, dates, battles and other matters. This, he stated is not history. In the College students are taught to think historically in the first year and as a result their marks are much better in the second term.

Hon. Mr. Clark interjected a question regarding New Brunswick giving passing grades in Grade Eleven to students with the required overall total and no subject under 35 percent. However, Dr. MacKinnon said that students with marks between 33 and 50 percent do not have matriculation standing. He also reminded the Committee that New Brunswick students write only half of their exams in each of two years and moreover, students there and in Nova Scotia do have the opportunity of writing supplementary examinations. Instead they must waste a year and write the subject over again. All Prince of Wales College students have the right to write supplementaries in September. He thought these points important when comparisons were to be made.

Need Latin
Regarding the study of Latin Dr. MacKinnon pointed out that while young inexperienced teachers who do not really know the subject should not be expected to teach it, yet he felt that larger schools, especially those offering senior grades, should teach Latin and teach it well. While the speaker admitted that personally he was never a good Latin student, he agreed with those who favored its study. He said students who learn Latin seldom have trouble with English, but he thought it should be taught in the early and formative years. He believes that pupils of 16 and 17 years of age are past the point where the brain responds to language teaching and they find the study of them increasingly difficult as they get older.

As a personal opinion Dr. MacKinnon expressed the thought that the study of French, because it is one of our official languages, should be started in Grade One and Latin in either Grade Four or Five. His reasons for these thoughts were that young pupils have less trouble with the fact that matriculation in many places first requires French and another language. He thought it was difficult to provide these when the students did not get them in the early grades.

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to high school methods in accordance with the requirements of the individual subjects. "Perhaps a few students find the teaching methods different during their first few weeks, but it should be remembered that many of them come from schools where Grades 9 and 10, the first years of high school, are not taught excepting by elementary methods. The students in first and second year P.W.C. are senior high school students and are taught accordingly. The university work does not start until the third year."
He had high praise for the students and their conduct. "From my experience in many institutions I am convinced that Prince of Wales College does not know what lack of discipline is."

However, he emphasized the fact that there should be a much sharper division in the teaching methods at the Grade Eight level. He thought too many teachers were doing their teaching for Grades Nine and Ten in the same fashion they handled Grades Four and Five. He did not think this was good teaching for teenagers of 14, 15 or 16 who should be taught like junior high school pupils.

In speaking of a comparison of work with the Common Examining Board he believed there should be certain facts taken into consideration. Those he strongly emphasized included the fact that all students passing Second Year at P.W.C. automatically get full matriculation. He also reminded the committee that there is a big difference between passing Grade Twelve and getting matriculation, as many students find after they leave school and seek admission elsewhere. The speaker also once more pointed to the fact that P.W.C. students had the privilege of writing supplementary examinations in September and proceed with their work. Those taking the exams of the Common Examining Board had to wait a year to write them over again.

Too Many Leave School
Dr. MacKinnon, in speaking of general school conditions, reported making a study over a period of years. He learned that of those entering school for the first time 32 percent drop out before the end of Grade Seven and 15 percent drop out by the end of that grade. In other words there is a total of 47 percent leaving in the elementary grades. He said there are 31 percent leaving during high school and only 22 percent of the starters winning matriculation. He said of particular years that of Island pupils in Grade One in 1946 only 60 percent arrived in Grade Six in 1952.

The speaker said that if improvements are to be made in our educational system they will have to come first in the early grades. He thought 'tinkering' with the curriculum and the standards would only make matters worse, but he expressed a definite opinion that a change for the better could come with (1) better prepared and better paid teachers, and (2) better grading procedure.

No Change To University
He flatly denied that any effort was being made to change his College into a university "and I hope none will". He believed that the junior college was the most efficient type of educational institution there is, from the standpoint of teaching and financing. He said they were considered by many as the answer to many high school and college problems.

Regarding the work, Dr. MacKinnon said the teaching in the first two years is done according to high school methods in accordance with the requirements of the individual subjects. "Perhaps a few students find the teaching methods different during their first few weeks, but it should be remembered that many of them come from schools where Grades 9 and 10, the first years of high school, are not taught excepting by elementary methods. The students in first and second year P.W.C. are senior high school students and are taught accordingly. The university work does not start until the third year."

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Regarding a patrol of the corridors by teachers as had been suggested, the speaker said the college was not a prison. He said they trusted the students and they had responded admirably to the treatment. Asked by Dr. MacMillan of an instance at a dance when decorum was not all it should be, he denied the presence of liquor or even the suggestion of it. He said some of the boys had been briefly suspended for "bullying" attitudes, but the suspensions had worked and there were now no hard feelings on either side.

Offices Necessary
He briefly mentioned staff offices which he said had been provided when the college was opened approximately 20 years ago. In 1949 some offices were provided for the non-science staff as it is necessary to have places to prepare lessons and mark papers and essays. He added that it is in the offices that most of the important work of interviewing students and helping them is done. He added that the best and most respected teachers are rarely seen in the corridors because they are much too busy with their work.

Many Former Non-Islanders
He also told the Committee that teachers born outside this Province had been on the staff for many years past and listed their former homes as two from Scotland, one from Ireland, one from Quebec, two from Ontario, one from England and one from New Brunswick. In this connection he said that in 1932 the then Minister of Education (Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan) expressed the view regarding filling vacancies "Probably none but the better students holding an M.A. (at least from any of the five large United States universities or from Toronto alone in Canada) would be sufficiently certified for so important and strategic a position."

Dr. MacKinnon said that Islanders should have a teaching preference, if all other considerations were equal. He said the best available teachers are what the students need but Islanders should make it worth the while of their own good teachers to remain here. He said that several Islanders now living in other places have been offered appointments to Prince of Wales but have refused to return. He wondered what would have happened to the many successful Islanders abroad if every Province took the view that only local people are eligible for positions.

Dr. MacKinnon ended his presentation by thanking the Committee for granting his request to be heard and again expressed his pride in Prince of Wales College. He also asked for the closest cooperation between the college and the Government and added that the sympathy of the Legislature and the people of the Province would help greatly.

Education Grants
In reply to questions from several members he made brief reference to the education grants provided by Order-in-Council in January, 1952. He said that the important part of them was that the cheque from the Federal authorities did not pass through the Provincial Department but went direct to the institution. Of the grant made to this Province the speaker said that approximately two-thirds goes to Saint Dunstan's University. It has 155 university students. Prince of Wales has 98 university students in its third and fourth years. He stated that this year St. Dunstan's received a grant of \$32,500 and P.W.C. obtained \$20,500.

Touching briefly on the administration of the college over the years he noted that from 1854 to 1860 it was known as the Central Academy but in the latter year was re-named Prince of Wales College in honor of a visit from the then Prince. Until 1879 it was administered by a Board of Trustees under the chairmanship of the Chief Justice with some Government members, the principal and a few prominent private citizens. In that same year it was amalgamated with the Normal School. Thereafter the Board of Education was responsible until 1939. An Act passed that year specified that the Board shall have control and management of the College and it shall consist of the Treasury Board and five other persons to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

Had Board 111 Years
That Act was in force until 1945 which meant that the College had a Board for 111 years. In 1945, he said the College was placed under the administration of the Minister of Education and he thought it was practically the only educational institution in Canada, school or college without a board. He strongly favored a resumption of the old system.

In quoting his reasons Dr. MacKinnon said that a board puts authority in the hands of persons who have a direct, separate and sympathetic interest in the institution. It ensures better management and full responsibility to the Legislature and the Cabinet while still avoiding dangers of undue political pressure. He stated that the college finances are not properly outlined in the Public Accounts as the latter leave the impression that the college is costing the people \$180,000 whereas the actual cost is only \$70,000 because of the cost of maintaining a P. E. I. Library and film offices, heating and providing power for the Vocational School; cost of the Model Auditorium; the cost of the use of the auditorium and other rooms for outside groups.

Money Not Retained
At the same time he pointed out that money unspent or saved is not retained for future use and there is no guarantee that money provided directly to the institution by outside sources is used for college purposes. He cited money paid by the Veterans Affairs Department as an example. He also told the Committee that in the periods 1938-1944; 1944-1949 and 1949-1953 the following percentage of students successfully passed at the College. First year 73.65 percent; 66.35; and 73.45. During the same periods there were successful in the second year 78.4 percent; 64.8 percent and 72.3 percent.

Discussing teacher training matters the speaker said in the term 1952-1953 there were 61 teacher training students of whom 26 were 'clear' in their previous work while 28 had had entrance failures. There were 11 with P.W.C. failures, 7 with Common Examining Board failures and 13 with failures from two or more places.

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Amalgamated Dairies Reports Successful Business Year For '53
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