



PULLING THEIR WEIGHT

These men are moving away from the hard work during their lunch break — but there's a purpose. They are

getting in some practice for the Canadian General Electric Company's annual picnic June 16 in Peterborough, Ont. (C.P. Wirephoto)

acting the efforts to coach Gord Beatty (right, white shirt) in Peterborough, Ont. (C.P. Wirephoto)

Background in Humanities Seen Vital in Education

By JOSEPH MACSWEENEY
BOSTON (CP)—The necessity of giving students a balanced education in the sciences and humanities is one of the most difficult problems in the world today, says Dr. John Barfoot Macdonald, who becomes president of the University of British Columbia in July.

Macdonald, who becomes president of the University of British Columbia in July, says that wisdom will not come from education that is limited to one area or the other, says the 44-year-old director of the Forsyth Dental Infirmary and professor of microbiology in the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

"Scientists need a background in humanities and those working in humanities need a background in science," he declared.

The Toronto-born scientist, speaking with quiet earnestness, told a reporter that man already has the scientific knowledge to solve many of the most difficult problems, but still isn't able to solve them. Answers might be found in history, philosophy, the arts.

"In short, the greatest problem, I think, is man himself and while a good deal is to be learned about man by scientific methods, some of the most important attributes of man are to be learned from the humanities."

Macdonald spoke of vast changes in education during the last 100 years and the growth of universal primary education

— a development that "so-called" experts of the past predicted would result in the "educational, economic and political downfall of the country."

"I don't think we know what the potential of our people is," he said.

Colleges must not be put in the position of seeking handouts for their needs, but governments, communities, industrial firms, alumni and the public must understand the key role that higher education plays.

The bespectacled scientist, who before coming to Boston was chairman of the division of dental research and professor of bacteriology in the faculty of dentistry, University of Toronto, seemed mildly amused when it was suggested he would be a young university president.

"How old am I?" he asked himself. "Forty-four. Oh well, throughout our whole society there's a trend toward appointing younger men to positions of responsibility."

His black hair turning a distinguished grey at the temples, Macdonald presides over affairs at the marble Forsyth Building with an academic calm that marks a skilled administrator.

"I play the piano for relaxation—you might call it music for the cocktail hour," said the

which received world-wide attention and has gone through three printings, outlines the principles of disease prevention through thorough, bi-national education in the biological sciences, with greater emphasis in that field than in technology associated with dentistry.

Macdonald said his most important contributions to scientific literature are in microbiology, relating to micro-organisms indigenous to man.

He devoted much of the latter view to a discussion of the humanities and science after disavowing a statement recently attributed to him that although a scientist, he regarded arts as "the heart" of a university.

"I think the humanities are of very great importance," he said, and referred to the controversial writings of Sir Charles Percy Snow, British scientist-civilist.

C. P. Snow's views on "two cultures" had brought to the "fore again in a somewhat new and more urgent context the whole problem of humanities versus the sciences."

"There is some misinterpretation of Snow's views. To suggest that he is promoting the sciences at the expense of the humanities—I don't think that is his argument at all."

"His argument—and I agree with it—is that they both are needed but that there is also a great urgency for each group to be comfortable in the fields covered by the opposite group."

"We need higher education today to give students a broad background, and as we do this we must give them a specialized knowledge of their vocations. It's difficult—probably one of the most difficult problems that modern man is facing."

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BEDEQUE New Democratic Meetings in Kings

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacParlane, have returned to their home in Lower Bedouque, after spending the winter in Toronto with relatives.

Mr. Major Lowther Scarrington, is convalescing at his home after being a patient in the Prince County Hospital for several days.

Mr. John Stewart, Central Bedouque, who was a patient in the Prince County Hospital where he underwent treatment for injuries sustained in a car accident, is at present spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Haslam, Springfield.

Mr. Charles Henderson, this village, is still confined to his home with injuries received in a fall.



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