



SDU DEBATERS FACE ST. FX TONIGHT

Shows above are St. Dunstan's University debaters Dave Campbell, left, of Saint John, N.B., and Ken McInnis of Souris working on their speeches for the debate: Resolved that military preparedness is the best guarantee for world peace. The SDU team will take the negative side of the debate when they meet St. Francis Xavier debaters in Antigonish tonight. SDU lost its first debate this year to Mt. Allison on a split decision. (Photo: Gene Murphy, SDU)

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Organization's Shortcomings Are Reviewed By A Friend

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR
One fact that can be stated without contradiction is that no one winter is ever the same as another. For the past few weeks we have had a condition resulting from a heavy coating of snow on roofs with a resulting buildup of ice around the eaves with continued melting which has allowed water to enter houses under the eaves. This condition hasn't confined itself to old or poorly constructed buildings. It has been appearing in new houses and certainly doesn't serve to improve the appearance of paint.

wallpaper or the disposition of home makers. Monday's thaw was a well arranged affair, not enough to make ice on the fields and yet enough to lower the snow to reasonable levels. In two or three weeks more the worst of the cold weather will be over, after February cold spells are of short duration. However, it needs to be remembered that for the past two years March and April have been monsters of frustration weatherwise. CRITICISM Recently a friend of the Federation of Agriculture took the

trouble to set down in writing what he considered to be some of the shortcomings of the organization. Here are some quotations. "As far as I have been informed, the Federation never has put up a real battle against any of these tumors in the rural society of P.E.I. The Federation walks around these vital issues circumspectly, very careful not to hurt anybody, very careful to keep the peace. It occupies itself with questions, which might be of certain importance, but which are not of vital importance. The Federation repre-

sents "agriculture", not the farmers, and fulfils therefore only a part of the job for which it has been designed. This is part of what people say."
"However, I have learned also, that the Federation can point its fingers to many achievements, for which the Federation does not get the credit from the members, which it deserves. The politicians have misled the people also in this respect by taking away that credit for their own use in party politics."

"The Federation should therefore start to think along this line, and should be willing to leave the middle-of-the-road policy and turn a little to the left."
"I mean by this, that within the framework of the organization, the Federation should take a firm stand on issues like potato-marketing - stockyards - frozen foods, etc."
On the above there will, of course, be some difference of opinion. Certainly the Federation was very deeply involved with the first Potato Marketing Board and found itself in a situation where potato growers were almost equally divided for and against. With opponents of the Board in many cases transferring their opposition and dislike to the Federation. It took a great deal of tightrope walking and much following of the middle road for the Federation to regain even partially the confidence of many potato growers. When the Federation became involved in the daylight saving time-issue it finally did appear that a very large number of farmers didn't feel strongly enough about this issue to take sides and provide the support which would have exerted enough influence to have some effect on Government action.

These are just two instances of where the Federation took a strong stand and then found itself out on a limb. It would appear to be rather dangerous for the Federation to act in a militant way unless it is very sure that this militancy originates in the grass roots.
"There are certainly people who believe that over the long haul the best policy for the Federation to pursue is a middle-of-the-road course and with action based on reason rather than on emotion. Crusading and evangelism may be spectacular and may serve to attract attention but as permanent aspects of policy they may leave much to be desired.
"If an organization believes in throwing its weight around it needs assured finances and a membership which is largely captive rather than voluntary as in the case in the Federation. Basically the purpose of the Federation is to bring together all the different sections of agriculture and from a diversity of views, interests and requirements attempt to develop policies which will be mutually satisfactory. It cannot, of course,

ISLAND NEWS PAGE

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Islanders To Attend Meeting On 'Church & The Criminal'

At least two Anglican clergymen from Prince Edward Island will be in Halifax when an old-fashioned Anglican - sponsored public meeting is scheduled to consider the question, "The Church and the Criminal."
Rev. Robert Tuck, rector of St. Mary's Church, Summerside, and Rev. E. L. Fiander, New London, are attending this gathering Feb. 22.
Four prominent citizens will each deliver a brief statement. They are Judge J. E. Hudson, Warden Hazen Smith, Darchester Penitentiary, John Arnot of the John Howard Society and

hope entirely to avoid situations where stands must be taken which will go contrary to sections of opinion. However, if it finds itself continually at variance with farm opinion then its effectiveness becomes seriously impaired.
Previously we have suggested that there is evidence of the Federation starting to turn slightly to the left but we will be greatly surprised, if this is pronounced either nationally or provincially due to the structure of the organization and the inherent difference between the Federated form of organization and the union form.

CAUSEWAY THOUGHTS
We agree with the press in its contention that for the length of time the project has been on the drawing board the amount of information available is certainly scanty.
There are, of course, individuals who claim to have a certain amount of inside information and make statements such as, "We are going to get the causeway whether we want it or not." "It will be part causeway and part tunnel." "There will be no rails on it." If the latter assumption is correct then this may be one of the reasons for lack of action as there is bound to be strong feelings developed on the way of question and no Government or political party may feel like facing up to the wave of public opinion. If the first assumption is valid, then it is time for the province to get out its crystal ball and have a look at what the causeway means in the way of adjustments which will follow its completion.
Only recently the Federation office has had an inquiry from as far away as Florida seeking views on the impact of the causeway on land values and the economy generally.

Bob McCleave, former federal member for Halifax. This quarter will discuss, The Young Offender, The Adult Offender, What happens after the prisoner is released, and The Offender in Law and the audience will question these gentlemen at the conclusion of their talks.
In addition, the keynote address will be given by a noted penologist, Alex J. Edmison, QC, Ottawa. Mr. Edmison is a member of the five-man National Parole Board. He will discuss "Crime prevention and prisoner reformation."
Judge Hudson is well-known to Prince Edward Islanders. He has spent his entire life fighting the cause of young people. A graduate of Kings and of Dalhousie Law School, he has given excellent advice to many in his juvenile court in Halifax. An ardent sportsman, he has played a major role in Maritime hockey for a great many years.

Mr. McCleave is a Halifax barrister whose wide experience will bring valuable information to the subject of crime and criminals.
The Island clergymen, Mr. Tuck and Mr. Fiander, will also attend several church committee meetings while in Halifax.

Allied Youth Club held its first junior oratorical contest at the weekly AY assembly Wednesday, Feb. 10. The chairman, Walter Simmons, vice-president, introduced the five speakers who delivered five minute speeches on some topic related to AY.
Contestants were Pamela Birch, Northam; Judy Harper, St. Eleanor's; Marilyn Peters, Borden; Janet Shaw, North Bedeque, and Nancy Simmons, Summerside East.
The three judges Mrs. Irene Easton, Jeremiah Pineau and Harold Laird, judge the speeches for their content, presentation and audience acceptance. There was a tie for first place—Marilyn Peters speaking on the arguments against the use of alcoholic beverages, and Nancy Simmons speaking of the problem of deciding whether one should or should not drink. Janet Shaw placed second with her speech on the use of tobacco.
Prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Easton who congratulated them for their efforts. The chairman, announced supply pastor of the Summerday will have Rev. Hutchinson, that the assembly next Wednesday United Baptist Church as a guest speaker.

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No Date Set For Inquest In Good Death

A jury was impaneled Wednesday morning to view the remains of Roy S. Good, 123 Dor-

chester Street, who died at the Charlotte' vn Hospital, Feb. 9. Dr. H. Alan MacMillan, coroner, said no date has been fixed for an inquest.
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