# THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS

Season 1934-35

LETTER NEWS

No.3

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, October 19th

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of Canadian Clubs held in Ottawa on Friday, October 19th and presided over by Mr. Justice A.K.Dysart, the National Secretary reported that 89 Canadian Clubs were expected to affiliate with the Association this year, compared with 93 affiliated last year. Four Clubs have found it necessary to suspend their activities temporarily because of lack of funds. The 89 Clubs are made up as follows: 18 in British Columbia; 10 in Alberta;

- 13 in Saskatchewan; 32 in Ontario; 5 in New Brunswick and 1 in Nova Scotia.
- 4 in Manitoba; 6 in Quebec;

### REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

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A regional organization for the prairie provinces on the model of that in British Columbia was discussed and a general approval given. Some of the Clubs in the prairie provinces have found it particularly difficult to secure speakers this year. An active regional organization could do much to assist smaller clubs in securing speakers from the larger centres. The Association already owes its acknowledgment to Mr. Justice H.V.Bigelow of Regina, through whose good offices Mr. J.F.Bryant, K.C., visited the Canadian Clubs in Southwestern Saskatchewan to speak on "The Future of Saskatchewan", and to Dr. R.C.Wallace and E.A.Corbett of the University of Alberta for assistance in the Peace River District.

The national office would welcome every assistance of this sort which members of the Executive Committee or Presidents of Clubs in the prairie provinces could render.

#### CLUB NOTES

The Women's Canadian Club of Toronto announces its annual Literary Competition for 1934-35. A prize of One Hundred Dollars is offered for the best play submitted under the following conditions:

- (1) To be a one-act play which may be acted within an hour.
  - (2) The manuscript typewritten on one side, double-spaced.
- (3) Three copies to be submitted, each copy to be signed with the writer's pseudonym, printed or typewritten.
- (4) The name and address of writer shall be enclosed in separate sealed envelopes on the outside of which shall appear the writer's pseudonym. One envelope so marked for each copy. The appearance of the writer's name or other identification marks on the manuscript shall disqualify that manuscript.
- (5) Plays which have already been produced or published will not be eligible.
- (6) A stamped, addressed envelope shall be enclosed if return of manuscript is desired.
- (7) All manuscripts shall be delivered on or before March 1,1935.
- (8) The contest is open to professional and non-professional writers throughout the Dominion.
- (9) Manuscripts should be sent by registered mail to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto 69 Bloor Street, East.

The Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal goes on from Largely as a result of the broadcasts strength to strength. sponsored by the Young Men's Canadian Club, two young people's organizations have been formed: The Progressive Young People's Association of Penticton, B.C., and The Athabasca Young Men's Canadian Club.

The next broadcast sponsored by the Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal will be on Sunday, December 2nd, when the speakers will be Mr. J.E.Macpherson, lately President of the Association of Canadian Clubs, and D. Leo Dolan, Director of the Canadian Travel Bureau.

The Women's Canadian Club of Nanaimo, B.C., tells us that poetess Audrey Alexandra Brown, who is a life member of their Club, has had a volume of poems published by MacMillans of Toronto, under the title "A Dryad in Nanaimo", which is being republished this fall, with additional poems.

The Women's Caradian Club of Midland reports an original programme on Tuesday, October 30th. Stella E. Asling-Riis' story "The Great Fresh Sea" was dramatized. The story centres around the Iroquois conquest of the Hurons in the Georgian Bay area, with the The tale was dramatized love story of Omemee and Akawa woven in. and the play directed by Miss Mary Tremeer.

The Women's Canadian Club of Ottawa and the Association jointly sponsored a public address by Allan Monkhouse on "Soviet Russia Today" on Wednesday evening, November 7th. Mr. Monkhouse was the leader in the famous trial of British engineers in Moscow last Twelve hundred heard him and saw his slides. Mr. Justice vear. A.K.Dysart, President of the Association, presided.

172 Wellington Street, Ottawa 1934. November 15th,

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended June 30, 1934.

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### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have audited the books and vouchers of the Association of Canadian Clubs for their fiscal year ended June 30, 1934, that I have received all the information and explanations I have required and that the above statement of Receipts and Disbursements is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the transactions for that period, according to the best of my information, the explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Ottawa, Ontario, July 30, 1934.

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(sgd.) R. BRUCE DAVIS, C.A. Auditor

# ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS

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# ANALYSIS OF AFFILIATION FEES RECEIVED

DURING YEAR 1933-34

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Edmonton		114.00		154.00
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Medicine Hat	16.00	26.50		
Peace River				11.00
British Columbia				
Chilliwack				70 00
Comox District		18.00		30.00
Kamloops (Joint) .		59.00		
Kelowna	25.00	27.00		
Nanaimo	~~~~~	~	4.00	36.50
Penticton		34.75	1.00	00.00
Port Alberni		58.50		
Pouce Coupe		26.00		
Prince Rupert			13.50	11.50
Qualicum District		14.50		
Revelstoke				24.00
Vancouver	165.25	121.25		170.95
Vernon				99.50
Victoria				236.75
Manitoba				
Brandon.				57.50
Winnipeg	500.00	500.00		200.00
New Brunswick				
St. Andrews				25.00
St. John		75.00		193.00
St. Stephen				33.00
Nova Scotia				
Halifax		98.50		
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Total Affiliation Fees Received 849.75 4,310.30 31.50 4,352.	



November 7, 1934.

Dean V. C. MacDonald, Dalhousie Law School, HALIFAX, N.S.

Dear Sir:

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A meeting of the Executive has been called for Tuesday the 13th November at 5 o'clock in the library of Messrs. Burchell, Smith, Parker & Fogo, Chronicle Building.

Yours very truly, Hon. Secreta

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November 21, 1934.

Dean V. C. MacDonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear V. C:

Enclosed is copy of letter and enclosure received from the Association Office, Ottawa, re Richard Finnie. Will you kindly look this over and let me know your reaction. I am also sending copies to Dr. A. S. MacKenzie and Dr. H. F. Munro, the other members of the programme committee now in the City. If you consider there should be a meeting of that committee, please let me know.

In accordance with your arrangement with Mr. Crowell, circulars regarding the National Council Programme on Friday, November 23, are being sent out to the members of the Canadian Club.

Yours very trul Secretary lon.

JGF/MST. ENCL.



### DECEMBER 3, 1934.

Dean V. C. MacDonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter and comment relating to Mrs. John Garvin for whom an itinerary is being arranged. You might let me know if you think it advisable for the Halifax club to book this speaker.

Yours very trul Hon. Secretar

JGF/MT ENCL. (COPY)

### THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS

OTTAWA, November 29, 1934.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY 172 WELLINGTON STREET OTTAWA

> J. G. Fogo, Esq., Chronicle Building, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Fogo,-

The Association is arranging an itinerary for Mrs. John Garvin of Toronto better known as Katherine Hale - and we are writing to enquire if your Club would not be interested in arranging a "ladies" night with her as guest speaker. We do not know whether or not your Club is in the habit of inviting the ladies to be present at your meetings, but if not it might be considered a novel departure.

Mrs. Garvin is a Canadian of Scottish and American descent. She was at one time literary critic for the Toronto Mail and Empire and is herself an authoress of repute. She has published a number of books including "Canadian Cities of Romance," "Canadian Houses of Romance", "Legends of the St. Lawrence" and her new book "The Island and Other Poems". We enclose some recent comments and press reports.

Mrs. Garvin made a very successful tour of the West last year, speaking to Canadian Clubs and the comments we received following her meetings were most gratifying.

Her subject is "Life as I See It", with illustrations by readings from her own peoms. She will be available in February and we should be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible as to whether or not the Canadian Glub of Halifax would be interested in arranging a meeting.

> Yours truly, (SGD) J. R. McLEAN National Secretary.

### RECENT COMMENTS AND PRESS REPORTS

Dr. Robert Norwood of St. Bartholomew's , New York:---

"The art of interpretation represents, more than any other, the incessant activity of the creative spirit. For this reason, I long ago described Katherine Hale as an artist of unusual authority combining with a vital personality, a voice of enchanting music, and a lure of Celtic tradition and inheritance."

Mrs. Lewis R. Dick, President New Century Club of Philadelphia:---

"Katherine Hale combines with sound knowledge of her subjects a rare quality in her program work-she is not only a creative artist but an interpreter; therefore she carries her audiences with her.... In Philadelphia we demand her own poetry!"

William Griffith of New York, President of the Poetry Society of America in 1930:--

"Let me say most earnestly that yours was an important contribution to the program of the largest, and in many ways I am told, the most successful event of its kind in the history of the Society."

"All about us, at the Mansfield Theatre in New York, people were weeping as they watched 'The Green Pastures.' But we did our weeping as we heard it through the voice of Katherine Hale, reading in a hotel dining room, with, for scenery, two tall lamps and a considerable darkness. The characters became living, pulsing hymns brought to life by the cadences of her vibrant voice. Alternate waves of humor and deep reverence swep the audience."

----St. Catharines Standard.

Natherine Hale excels in rare ability to give, in a few words, not merely plot but the veritable scene, tone and overtone of a drama's episode between readings. Her doing of this yesterday was an art in itself, and the audience was gripped by the reality of the play.

---- Toronto Mail and Empire.

She has such ease of manner, such pure naturalness, that one forgets that it requires advanced artistry to read that way. One thinks of her as holding conversation with each of her audience.

"Delineations of the life of French Canada, its songs, its legends, its people spring to life with a vigidness that reminds one of the art of Ruth Draper"

> ---Studio Magazine, Berkeley, California.

"A Katherine Hale recital leaves in the mind vivid word pictures deeply etched with the acid of drama, but also pastel-like in their subtle and delicate humor."

---- Victoria Colonist.

"At the close of her reading Katherine Hale received a genuine ovation."

----Hamilton Herald.

"An artist of distinction."

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----New York Times.

"Her recitals are all beauty."

-----Philadelphia Post.



DECEMBER 10, 1934.

Dean V. C. MacDonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Vince:

Will you kindly look over the enclosure

and return the same to me with your comments.

Yours very truly, tary

JGF:T ENCL.

December 14, 1934.

J.G. Fogo, Esq., LL.B., Chronicle Building, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Gordon:

From what I have heard and read of Katherine Hale, I think we might do worse than book her as a speaker in the month of February.

Yours truly,

VCM/EM.

December 14, 1934.

J. G. Fogo, Esq., LL.B., Chronicle Building, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Gordon:

The material, which you sent me, concerning Mr. J.E. Barton, Head Master of Bristol Grammar School, and, who is available for a meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, suggests to me that he would fit in with our general policy very well. I return the enclosures concerning him.

Yours truly.

P.S. Whenever you think it desirable to have a meeting please advise me.

VCM/EM. Encls.

# THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS

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Season 1934-35.

### NEWS LETTER

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No. 4

The President and officers of the Association of Canadian Clubs take this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the officers and members of Canadian Clubs throughout the Dominion.

At the Association conference last May the suggestion was made that the programme of the Association should be more definitely Canadian in its emphasis. It might be of interest, therefore, to know that this year's programme is more consistently Canadian than it has For instance, Richard Finnie's film hitherto been. lecture "Canada's Last Frontier" show ed that we have not yet reached the limits of our expansion. Dr. Helen MacMurchy, C. B.E. has examined Canadian life from the viewpoint of one who has spent many years in social and medical J.F.Bryant, K.C. of Regina, has stimulated work. Saskatchewan to think about its own future in his address, "The Future of Saskatchewan". "Jay" of Saturday Night, in his "Camera Conversations" has interpreted by means of his unique collection of photographs the many-sided life of the Dominion. Dr. W. A. Riddell, Canadian Advisory Officer at Geneva, has emphasized again for us the part which Canada plays in world politics. Similarly Canadian in emphasis are Marius Barbeau's addresses, "French Survival in Canada" and "Art and Life in Canada" and W. G. Hazard of Regina in his chalk talk "Paint, Poetry and Prairie".

#### Club Notes

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Kamloops Canadian Club sends us a report which pleases us no end. "After reading the last Newsletter we thought you might be interested to know that the Canadian Club of Kamloops has doubled its membership this year over last and these are all live members too, because the attendance has more than doubled, averaging 150 for the past four meetings. There are prospects that it will grow still more if the recent calibre of speaker is maintaimed."

Brandon Women's Canadian Club is reporting great activity. A "Peace Group" and a "Know Canada Group" have been formed to meet each month and "they already threaten to eclipse the parent body".

Midland Women's Canadian Club invited the Women's Canadian Club of Barrie to attend their meeting on Tuesday evening, November 27th when Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., was the guest speaker.

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In view of a letter which we received recently the following explanation seems desirable. As a result of the difference in fiscal years of the Association and various affiliated Canadian Clubs it is sometimes necessary for us to report Clubs in arrears when, according to their own calculation, they have paid up to date. This seems to be an inevitable result of having a formal audit at the end of our fiscal year. Fortunately it is an easily explainable difference. The only real solution would be a uniformity of fiscal years.

172 Wellington Street, O t t a w a December 14, 1934. - 2 -



December 31, 1934.

Dean V. C. MacDonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Vince:

Enclosed find copy of letter and enclosure received from the National Secretary. Will you peruse the same and let me have your comments.

Yours truly vezv Hon. Secretary.

JGF:MST. ENCL.

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### THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS

OTTAWA.

December 26, 1934.

Office of The National Secretary 172 Wellington Street Ottawa

> J. G. Fogo, Esq., Chronicle Building, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Fogo:-

The Association is pleased to be able to suggest to your Club as a speaker in February "Jay" of Saturday Night.

"Jay", as you no doubt know, is the Staff Photographer of "Saturday Night" and the addresses which he has been giving to Canadian Clubs in Ontario and Quebec have been received with enthus iasm and have prompted us to invite him to go to the Maritimes. We enclose a few press comments.

"Jay" has a remarkable collection of slides made from photographs he has taken during the past year and his address "Camera Conversations" is not only pictorial but instructive and educational and quite a revelation of the part photography is playing and will continue to play in our industrial life.

He would be available to your Club on or about Friday, February 15th. We can assure you that he will provide a rather unique illustrated address and we hope it will be possible for your Club to arrange a meeting. Please let us know at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Lois Wheeler Assistant Secretary.

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Comments re meetings addressed by "Jay" of "Saturday Night"

Midland: "All of the pictures were works of art, a delight to look at either because of the detail that reproduced the beautiful contrast of light and shadow in the picture, or the faithfulness with which the camera got scenes beautiful in themselves."

Brantford: "We had "Jay" address our Club last Monday night and we just want to pass on to you a word of appreciation for sending him to us. We had looked forward to this evening for some time and I know that no one was disappointed. His pictures were lovely and what he had to say was valuable and entertaining. Thank you so much."

Guelph: "Jay" delivered an entrancing lecture yesterday at the first meeting of the Canadian Club."

Stratford: "Armed with a camera loaded with a negative an inch by an inch and a half and with a high-power lens "Jay" of Saturday Night demonstrated to the Women's Canadian Club how he could produce a picture 11 x 14, and in order to further convince his audience of how the one-time hobby of photography has developed into one of the greatest aids in the progress of the world, the speaker displayed a collection of pictures which he has taken during the past year. Their reproduction was a perfect picture, not merely a photograph. In his pictures of people every feature was clearly defined and in several pictures of machinery and especially that of a C. N. R. engine, every detail was depicted in a wonderful way. One particularly lovely picture was that of foliage taken in the autumn and by means of modern emulsion as described by the photographer, 4 distinct tints were visible and the effect was marvellous."

January 3, 1935.

J. Gordon Fogo, Esq., LL.B., Chronicle Building, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Gordon:

I have your letter of the thirty-first ultime with enclosure re "Jay". It sounds interesting and if you have a date available it might be worth while trying to secure him. My recollection is that we have somebody down for approximately the middle of February. In these matters I am really in the hands of those members of the executive who have had more experience in estimating the very eulogistic letters which always precede lecturers. I cannot forget that the most glowing of all is the one which heralded the coming of sweet Jenny Brown and her Shetland husband.

Yours truly,

VCM/EM.

# THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN CLUBS

### Season 1934-35

## NEWS LETTER

### No.5

### Naturalization Ceremonies

The following report of a sub-committee of the Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal on Naturalization Ceremonies will be of great interest to all Canadian Clubs. The method of enquiry which the Young Men's Club has adopted suggests that similar enquiries might be carried out in every community where naturalization ceremonies would be of value.

"At the Annual Convention of the Association of Canadian Clubs held in Regina on August 29-31, 1932 a resolution with regard to the inadequacy of Naturalization Ceremonies was adopted by the delegates to the effect that member Clubs should investigate their respective local conditions and co-operate with the Department of State with the object of sponsoring and arranging ceremonial proceedings in order to impress newcomers with the importance of Canadian citizenship.

A committee was appointed at a regular executive meeting of the Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal held during the month of November, 1933.

Your Committee discussed the matter with the following interested organizations and persons: (a) The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, (Municipal Chapter of Montreal), Montreal.

(b) The National Council of Women of Canada, Ottawa.
(c) Rev. R.G.Katsunoff of the Church of All Nations, Montreal.

Also prominent officials handling naturalization cases for the City and District of Montreal:

(a) The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire receive and welcome new emigrants at the usual marine ports of entry, maintain periodic personal contact, and on the granting of citizenship present to each newlynaturalized citizen a certificate,

> They state that they will continue with their regular emigration work in the ordinary way until such time as further Government action is brought to their attention,

- (b) The National Council of Women at their annual meeting held in Calgary during June 1933 unanimously endorsed the action of the Association of Canadian Clubs re the Ceremony for presenting Naturalization Certificates to new Canadians, as outlined by Mr. Justice A.K.Dysart.
- (c) Rev. R.G.Katsunoff, Minister, Church of All Nations, stated that those desirous of becoming Canadian subjects should be expected to have taken a preparatory course dealing with the obligations and privileges connected with citizenship, as well as a short course in the History of Canada and a knowledge of the ways in which the Dominion is governed. He also felt that a definite welcome should be extended to all new citizens. . . . . . . . . . . The prominent officials informed us that four Judges of Naturalization sit periodically in the Circuit Court for the City and District of Montreal. Applicants appear personally before the Judge with their witnesses, who swear as to their character and qualifications. The Judge thereupon admits or rejects applicant and, if accepted, their naturalization certificate is mailed to the naturalization clerk who may administer the Oath of Allegiance. Their officials were of the opinion that the present procedure was a farce, inasmuch as:
- 1. The Judge has no absolute discretionary power of examination.
- 2. That witnesses themselves are frequently short-term citizens, whereas it was felt that they should be citizens of at least 10 years' standing.
- 3. That no previous course of instruction has been followed by the applicant, resulting in the applicant ... not realizing the importance of the step taken.
- 4. The fact that the Oath of Allegiance is not administered by the Judge, but may be taken and subscribed to by any person duly authorized to administer judicial oath before the law of the province in which the applicant resides, frequently gives rise to abuses.
- 5. The dignity of the Court suffers, due to the number of applicants at each hearing, the limitation of time and lack of solemnity.

They further suggested that an experienced Judge in Naturalization affairs be delegated to investigate naturalization legislation and procedure in the larger centres in the United States of America. They strongly disapproved of the present mode of procedure as being careless and lacking in dignity. They are further of the opinion that the Act be modified to restrict the age limit so as to prevent unnecessary strain upon the finances of the country. They also thought that all applicants should appear personally before the Clerk when filling out applications. This in turn would give him a further measure of control. He presents the applicant to the Judge, forwards the approved application to Ottawa, and when required administers the Oath of Allegiance.

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Your Committee personally attended hearings before the Judge and noted the crowded condition of the room, the lack of dignity on the part of the applicants and their witnesses, the complete lack of understanding of the purpose and meaning of the ceremony and the small part the Judge was allowed to play therein.

This opinion is borne out by the following translation of a letter on file in the Naturalization Office at Montreal:

"The preceding considerations urge me, if you will allow me, to express a double wish. First, there should be more colemnity, more dignity at the time when one appears before and takes the oath from the Judge ... a ceremony which is so important in the life of a man who has decided to rectify, after a great deal of reflection and judgment, a chance of birth. In this regard the present method in force is impersonal and rushed through before a judge apparently indifferent. The new Canadian admitted with such little solemnity into his new Canadian family will certainly not remember very long the act through which he was admitted.

Furthermore, it seems to me that the choice of candidates for naturalization purposes should not be dominated exclusively by an inquiry made only by the police. It should also be inspired by moral principles in the name of which the Judge should question the applicant on his real reasons and whether he was sincere in his demand for naturalization."

Your Committee is of the opinion that the Ceremony should be improved by:

1. A selection of the most suitable room, preferably a court room such as King's Bench, Criminal Court, in the new Court House in Montreal, which combines utility with impressiveness. Suitable decorations of a patriotic nature should be used.

2. It is suggested that the ceremonies be held on national holidays.

3. The Judge, as a representative of His Majesty the King, should be the chief dignitary. He might well be assisted by the representatives of the Dominion, provincial, municipal and civic bodies, together with the local clubs and organizations. Assistance could be rendered by R.C.M.P. and city police, with Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

4. The programme should include "O Canada" followed by suitable addresses. The Oath of Allegiance should then be administered by the Judge or Judges and the "candidates them receive their certificates, the ceremony closing with the singing of the National Anthem.

Your Committee, after due consideration of the present procedure and the conditions surrounding the granting of naturalization certificates, is of the opinion that the resolution as adopted by the Association of Canadian Clubs at their annual convention held at Regina on August 29-31, 1932, should be approved and the support and co-operation pledged thereto by the Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal."



April 30, 1935.

Dean V. C. MacDonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Re Uns. Raja-Singham

Dear Vince:

I made arrangements for the Lord Nelson Hotel Ballroom on Saturday May 18th and have advised the office of the National Secretary at Ottawa that we proposed having a meeting on that night. I have also asked them to let us have any publicity material available regarding the speaker.

In the meantime, I have been speaking to Mr. G. E. Mahon, the Treasurer, and suggested to him that instead of sending out a circular regarding the balance of our program he should send out statements of account to the members in arrears, as a reminder of the necessity for payment of dues.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Secretary.

JGF T



MAY 9, 1935.

V. C. MacDonald, Esq., Dean Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Vince:

Please peruse the enclosed and let me have your views forthwith.

When I was last speaking to the Secretary at the Lord Nelson Hotel I was told that either Saturday, May 18,or Monday May 20, was available. I had in mind it might be Saturday rather than Monday because there would be less likely to be a conflict with any other function, and meetings on Saturday in the past have not proved so unpopular. Moreover, we would not be obliged to entertain the distinguished gentleman from India from Friday until Tuesday. I do not think there is any danger in having him arrive on the Maritime on the evening of the meeting as the trains usually run on time at this season of the year.

Yours very truly

JGF:T ENCL.

May 13, 1935.

## J. Gordon Fogo, Esq., LL.B., Chronicle Building, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Gordon:

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## Re Reja-Singham.

I agree with you that Saturday, May 18th, is probably the best date for the above named gentleman. However, I shall not be in town on that date, and so therefore kindly arrange for another Chairman.

Yours truly,

VCM/EM.

Dean.

May 30, 1935.

J. Gordon Fogo, Esq., LL.B., Chronicle Building, R a l i f a x, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Fogo:

I have been advised that Mr. G.M. Beek, who is an authority on adult education and is associated with the Carnegie Houndation in some way, with reference to that subject, will be in Charlottetown from June 2nd to June 10th, and thereafter will come to Halifax. I have been told that he is a very fine speaker and it has been suggested that the Canadian Club might usefully secure him as a speaker. It strikes me, however, that it is rather late in the year for us to have any more speakers, but I would be glad if you would ascertain the views of other members of the Executive and let me know.

Yours truly.

VCM/IM.



June 14, 1935.

V. C. Macdonald, Esq., President Canadian Club, CITY.

Dear Vince:

I spoke to some of the members of the Executive regarding the advisability of holding a meeting in June and they generally believe that it is too late in the season unless the speaker was some outstanding statesman or public figure. In these circumstances, I should not think you would want to make any arrangements in connection with the Mr. Beck mentioned in your letter of May 30th.

I would have written you before had the opinion on the question been the other way.

truly, Yours X ery Hon. Secretary

JGF:T



SEPTEMBER 30, 1935.

Dean V. C. Macdonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Vince:

Enclosed is copy of letter received from the National Secretary suggesting a speaker for Monday November 4th. You might look it over and let me have your instructions.

Yours yery truly,

SECRETARY

JGF:MT ENCL. (COPY) OTTAWA, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1935.

J. Gordon Fogo, Esq., Secretary, The Canadian Club, Chronicle Building, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Fogo:

The Association is pleased to be able to suggest Mr. Fred M. Fisher of Toronto as a speaker to your Club on Monday, November 4th.

Mr. Fisher gives an illustrated lecture on the "Opening Up and the Development of the Canadian West." It is an historical sketch based on comments and memoranda of Sir Sanford Fleming's survey route of 1872 and comprises a short story of the reasons for Confederation, the Indians of the Praries, the Riel Rebellion, &c. It is illustrated with coloured slides of early photographs and modern pictures in comparison.

We understand that Mr. Fisher is a fluent speaker with a thorough knowledge of his subject.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you wish to arrange a meeting for this speaker on the date suggested.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Lois Wheeler Mrs. P. A. Wheeler Acting National Secretary.

October 4, 1935.

J.G. Fogo, Esq., LL.B., Chronicle Building, H a l i f a x, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Fogo:

Concerning the suggested speech for November 4th of Mr. Fisher on "Opening up the Canadian West", I can only say that it sounds interesting and that it is in line with the objects of the Club though I view with alarm any speaker who illustrates his speech with slides.

Yours truly,

VCM/EM.



October 7, 1935.

Dean V. C. Macdonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Vince:

Please telephone me and let me know what the final arrangements are for the Canadian Club meeting in connection with the visit of the British Educationists. I should also have the names of the speakers.

I take it that you have been consulted regarding the proposed Service Clubs, Canadian Club, etc. luncheon on Tuesday. Mr. Saunders of the Board of Trade called me about it and I told him we would notify our members.

Your Secretary. on.

JGF:MT.



# The Canadian Club of Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S.

NOVEMBER 1st, 1934

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November 9, 1935.

Dr. D. Macgillivray, 121 Coburg Road, H a l i f a x, Nova Scotia.

Dear Doctor:

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The Executive of the Canadian Club is receptive to the idea of participating in a joint luncheon to Mr. Armour on December 2, 1935, if you are able to arrange to have him come to Halifax to address the North British Society.

Yours truly.

VCM/EM.

November 20, 1935.

Dr. A. Stanley Mackenzie, 25 Kent Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Dr. Mackenzie:

I enclose for your consideration a proposed slate of officers for the Canadian Club. This is purely by way of suggestion and I hope that you will add, substitute or delete names from it to make it conform with your own ideas. The Executive consists of the immediate Past President and five other persons.

I would like to have your reaction as soon as possible so that everything will be in shape before the meeting on Monday.

Yours truly,

VCM/EM. Encl.

November 20, 1935.

A.W. Morton, Esq., c/o A.M. Bell and Company, H a l 1 f a x, Nova Scotia. Dear Mr. Morton:

> I enclose for your consideration a proposed slate of officers for the Canadian Club. This is purely by way of suggestion and I hope that you will add, substitute or delete names from it to make it conform with your own ideas. The Executive consists of the immediate Past President and five other persons.

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Yours truly,

VCM/EM. Encl.



NOVEMBER 20, 1935.

Dean V. C. Macdonald, Dalhousie Law School, CITY.

Dear Vince:

Enclosed is a list of Canadian Club speakers during the year. You will note that several of these are cases where we co-operated with the National Council of Education.

In addition to the items listed, we participated in the holding of 2 luncheons, one intended for Governor Curley of Massachusetts, whose official representative actually attended, and the other for the visiting educationalists with which you are familiar.

There is also the prospect of co-operating in a similar function for the American Representative at Ottawa, which we discussed recently.

Yours very) truly,

Hon. Secretary.

JGF:T ENCL.

January 11, 1936.

Mrs. Lois Wheeler, Association of Canadian Clubs, 172 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

I learn with some relief that you have decided to postpone my suggested visit to Western Canada until next Auturn. The subject I had suggested still seems to me to be one of interest, but no doubt some other subject could be found.

Yours truly,

VCM/EM.

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