Financial Mess Arouses Council's Anger

THE MARTLET

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Players' Club Statement Brings Action

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A complete financial reorganizacion of Victoria College clubs is pending as the result of inefficient operation of several club treasuries in recent years.

Students' Council president, Ray Frey, informed the Martlet, "We are going to investigate the 1951-52 statement of the Players' Club with a view to finding out exactly where their money has gone and where it it now."

Probably the major point in the inquiry would be as to the manner in which tickets were sold for the annual College play.

"We are not out after personal-ities," Frey pointed out, "but it is apparent that the Players' Club statement does not adequately account for their expenses. There is no reason to believe that anyone has been pocketing club money, but in order that we may work with a maximum of efficiency, club financial statements must be detailed."

According to council records the Players' Club agreed three years ago to turn over each year's surplus to the council which would hold the money in their account, but to the credit of the Players' Club.

Apparently there is no record of this being done. A \$257.28 surplus shown in the club's 1952 statement has never been turned over to the Students' Council.

Purpose of the investigation, which will involve studying financial statements for the past three or four years, is to bring in a single efficient system of bookkeeping for all College organizations.

This will involve the appointment of several assistants to Students' Council treasurer Geoffrey Conway. Their duty will be to act as business managers for the larger clubs to en-sure that proper financial statements are kept.

The Martlet is also expected to be affected by the new system. Whereas last year the paper operated with their own bank account in the same manner as the Players' Club, their finances this year will be handled through the Students' Council treasury.

In fact, this only means that all club expenses will be handled through the Students' Council bank account. This will enable the council to keep a closer watch on club finances in future, bringing about an efficiency in operation that will in all likelihood result in increased financial grants to student activities.

The financial statement that pro-voked the action indicated credits of \$633.79 and debts of \$376.51 for the Players' Club at the end of the 1952 term

Club books show a Council grant of \$50 included in their credits. How-ever Council records indicate that \$102 was turned over to the Players' Club during the year.

The investigation will attempt to uncover the reasons for this discrep-

This is it!

A student newspaper, be it in high school or college, is primarily designed to inform the student body of campus happenings.

But a college news outlet must go further than that. It must also serve, in conjunction with the college forum, as the center of student controversy.

This does not mean that its purpose is to move about creating ill-will between factions of students or faculty members. But it should be willing to come forth with constructive criticism on any pertinent subject, be it sex or politics.

The objective of the 1952-53 Martlet staff will be to give the student body this type of coverage.

To do this the organization of the staff must not appear to center around any one clique.

Last year the editors were handicapped by this charge, which although unjust, would seem to the casual observer to be vindicated. This arose out of a situation where a small clique inhabited the Martlet Office. And although their actual part in the production of the paper was comparatively small, many believed them to be the "select few" who ran the paper.

We emphatically point out that the fault does not lie with the former editors who would have been faced with the uneasy task of telling personal friends to "scram."

For this reason we make the point now that the Martlet Office although it is for the business only is a place where any student is welcome to come and discuss any particular grievance or suggestion he might have.

To be truly indicative of student opinion the Martlet must represent all student opinion-not just that of the editors.

For this reason we are setting forth a policy by which any student or professor who disagrees with our editorial opinions may use equal space in the Martlet to refute or disqualify our claims.

Throughout the year we will strive to maintain a balance between humour, gossip, opinions and news coverage. The latter will be to inform more of what is going to happen than that which has happened.

Most student newspapers find it difficult to meet regular publishing deadlines. Nevertheless the staff of the Martlet, hoping to break precedent, are willing to guarantee a minimum of six issues during the 1952-53 year.

To do this we have set about a plan to produce a two-page issue every three or four weeks. We believe that with this more concise edition, student opinion will be better represented by increased regularity of publication.

As a means of ensuring financial stability, and because of having our arm twisted by a treasurer named Conway, we will offer a year's subscription for 25 cents beginning with the next issue.



By SCHULTZ II

But first of all a word of welcome to all the first year chilluns . . . Welcome first year chilluns.

The formalities dispensed with on to several other empty thoughts. Have you tried to get a book out of the library? Have you tried to get gold from the Federal Treasury? Mind you I don't mind the fact that you can't browse amongst the shelves looking for books with sordid pictures but when I have to write my name and address and the call number and the author's name and the book's title and whether or not my mother eats pickled onions on a lousy little slip seek hmmmm?

Once again the shuffle of dragging feet are heard amid the ivy covered walls of learning. When one raises his downfallen eyes from these same feet one will find that much is to be learned in the way of extra-curricular

doings. I have observed much from this simple shift of posture that will, no doubt, be of amusement to some and embarrassment to others.

First, one might ask Ashby Betts just what he was doing slumped in a very uncomfortable position in the men's room at the Crystal awaiting the departure of two profs. Hide and

ancy as well as a detailed list of ex-penditures. The official statement given the Students' Council offers no explanation for their expenditures, listing only "expenditures paid as \$129.92 and accounts as \$246.59." It is believed that several accounts bedside. (Flowers and condolences were sent by all.) freshman chap astride the desk gave me my book but wouldn't accept my slip. I have been shunned. The cus-Alan Thackray added a bit knowledge to his meagre store Friday tomer is always right. I no longer do night (actually a bit into Saturday my business there. I go down to the public library where they don't care morning). I imagine all of us know that 99 what my mother eats in bed or where I live. They give me my book in per cent of all policemen are Irish and the bagpipes are traditionally a peace. And what's more, down there Scotch instrument? Now who would they have more magazines with sordid ever think of mixing the two? Fie on you Mr. Thackray, you Did you know about the new shame on all this house course that will be offered next year? bring of I'll bet you didn't. If you have noknowledge. One wonders why Walt was in such ticed the floor of the basement of the a hurry to get the parade over with Friday night. Could it be Walt? No Ewing building you have probabily vondered why they didn't finish it. there must have been "some place" There's a reason. Next year the College is opening an agriculture faculty. around there. Excuse me for ever All the lectures will be made on the dirt floor of the Ewing Bldg. mentioning it. Shirley Nutter, Patti Jones and Janet Bowden were observed Friday at noon garbed (I should say semi-garbed) in Purity flour sacks. Well, cellar to accustom the students to the plain dirt feeling that comes with progressive farming. At mid term the I mean, one can hardly help but wonder. The sight brought to mind students will plant corn, leaks, cabbage and opium poppies in order to see how things grow in plain dirt. Half of the basement will be devoted famous old rhyme:

Nominations for Council Vacancies Close Today

Nominations for the four vacant positions on the Students' Council must be in to Frances Appleton, Council secretary, by Saturday

The positions are those of men's junior representative, women's junior representative, president of the Men's Undergraduate Society, and women's sports representative.

FINANCIAL COLLEGE STOCK MARKET

Preferred Professors are rising steadily. Burlap Skirts Ltd. caused quite a flurry with a great deal of activity last Friday. Frosh Hopes de-clined rapidly and now Hard Work appears to be a gilt-edge security. Consolidated Sophomores seem to be monopolizing the promising Freshette market. Water Jets toppled disasterously after rising momentarily while last Friday night left Sopho-more Pockets Inc., with little change.

GRAIN MARKET The appearance of the Martlet flooded the market with corn but rye, which was in great demand last weekend, is now returning to average sales. Oats and barley are strictly for the horses

Weekly Investment Tip: Coke and Coffee Co. will soon be in high demand so buy now.

Services Organized

Of the three Victoria College serv-ice organizations the U.N.T.D. seems to have a head start. Their enrollment is the alread statt. Their enform-ment is the alread statt. Their enform-able to hand me their report first. Their summer training included a trip to San Diego and an interesting (?) Juneau, Alaska. The general plan of their summer training at R.T.E. (gunroom), will

include supply courses for commerce boys, T.A.S. and gunnery courses, divisional courses, damage control and fire fighting, communications and navigation course at Royal Roads.

When on ships the training in-cluded sea training and drinking in foreign ports with wild women in the usual tradition, and at their ball last year they lured almost all the women away from one of the College dances so claims one of the women sophs.

For winter training they have listed bar facilities, cocktail parties before dances, and training as prerequisite to summer courses for the first year cadets. The C.O.T.C. is smaller and their

report seems to have become mixed up in some official red tape. This is more or less what happened last summer. The corps last year consisted of four members: two in Infantry, one in Signals, and one in Artillery. Sum-mer training began on completion of the first theoretical phase, and sumbasic infantry weapons and extra training in connection with the corps they were in. Second year men who are attending College are Lyle Rob-ertson, R.C.C.S., and Dave Miller, R.C.A. All four cadets who went to camp last year are reported to have enjoyed their summer and looking forward to further camp training. This year there are seven applicants for first year with additional applications being received until the end of the year. Theoretical training lec-tures start Wednesday in preparation or summer camps and the trips east. Details of the new R.C.A.F. university reserve training plan and regular officers' training plan will be outlined in later issues of the Martlet.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Council office and must contain names of six sponsors. When received they will be posted immediately on the bulletin board. Only those with a scholastic average of C+ or 65 per cent are eligible.

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Campaign speeches will be given on October 8, during noon hour. Election day is October 9. Campaign-ing and voting will take place in the auditorium.

Election rules: Only freshmen may vote for the junior representative. Men will vote only for the male representative and women for the female representative.

Council members have not anounced regulations in voting for MUGS representative, since the so-ciety was only inaugurated at the end of the spring term.

Previously elected to the Council were Walt Young, men's sports rep-resentative; George Metcalfe, director of literary and scientific affairs; Rob-in Maunsell, WUGS representative; Frances Appleton, secretary; Geoffrey Conway, treasurer; Ray Frey, presi-dent; Lyle Robertson, publicity. It is urged that students take an

active part in election, by attending election preliminaries and exercising their vote with careful consideration.

Frosh Initiated

After a full day of drawing glances of amazement from Victoria dwellers, the 1952 freshmen again donned their poor man's costumes last Friday evening to parade through down-town streets.

Led by a tally-ho drawn by "frosh" and enburdened with the privileged second year students, the parade ripped off to an early start. Spectators, both voluntary and inconvenienced passersby, watched the fresh-men display a spirit of co-operativeinitiation week. With their destina-tion set as the Crystal Garden the students roared through the streets

chanting college yells and songs. On arriving at the Gardens, the paraders were disarmed—all water quested to be left in the lobby. The dance following proved a gala affair with modern swing provided by Bert Zala and his orchestra.

Intermission time provided ample opportunity to dish out penalties to naughty (?) freshmen. A rather biased court presided over by Walt Young dished out some consequences to frosh who had omitted certain details in their costume. Shirley Green and Mike Atkins sang a d ightful duet—"Singing in the Rain," with all the stage effects. Three little girls displayed their artistic talent with the help of some gallant blades. 'Lord High Executioner" looked after two other criminals, Sonja Mortimer and Shirley Nutter. Time did not permit reading the sentences of all the guilty frosh, but a beware list was read out.



It is believed that several accounts were also paid by the club after the statement had been filed.

CAFETERIA TO STAY OPEN SATURDAYS

If patronage in the cafeteria today warrants its being open, Mrs. Norris has informed the Students' Council that she will continue to remain open on Saturday mornings throughout the term.

In past years the cafeteria has always been closed on Saturdays.

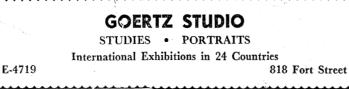
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to animal husbandry (a small chapel A swing like that 'neath any tree." Ian Parker, an enlightened but dampened frosh, was overheard on Friday saying "And here I always will be made in the boiler room for christenings and the like). This animal husbandry will be a comprehensive course with a bureau, where thought stirrup pumps were women's any animal can locate a husband, riding shoes." Open all day.



FROSH REPRIMANDED

Three freshmen picked up in the downtown area last Friday afternoon by Victoria City Police Officers were reprimanded at Tuesday's regular Students' Council meeting.

The trio were released without charge after police had taken them into custody on the complaint of several pedestrians in the downtown area had been hit by water pistols who fired from a passing car.

At the time of their action they were attired in the frosh uniform, which no doubt afforded some unfavorable publicity to the College.

James Cowie: "How many beers

could a college man drink if a col-lege man could drink beers—and still

Until the next Martlet, any ques-

tions, articles or complaints may be sent directly to editor Bill Broadley.

be able to walk a straight line."

FAST START

Freshmen thanks (?) are due several sophomores who were prominent in arranging the many details of frosh week. Second year students who were here last year will readily appreciate the greater interest in College activithat has ben a direct result of ties this fast start.

In addition to special thanks to the Registrar's office for publishing song sheets at this busy time of the year, the soph students who earned an extra word of praise are: Ted Horsey, Al Thackray, Lyle Robertson, Fran-cis Appleton, George Metcalfe, Mal-com Anderson, Walt Young and Lloyd Orchard.

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EDITORIAL

Politics For Everyone

In both elementary and high school we have been taught the virtues of our system of democratic government contrasted to the fascism of Germany and the communism of Russia.

Teachers have informed us that it is our duty in a democratic society to use the power of the vote. But few bother with any details on how to use the vote wisely.

They have provided little insight into the political machines of a democracy-possibly by way of fear, in that they are employed by whichever of these political machines or parties currently is in the public favor.

Keeping politics out of the classroom is no doubt a necessary thing. But to keep the relation of party politics to our democracy out of the classroom is an entirely different matter.

Many students graduating from high school receive no further formal education. Yet upon reaching the required voting age of 21 they are expected to know how to use their franchise intelligently.

Some, of course, go no further than reading the newspaper accounts of the political campaigns-which, however unbiased they may be, usually only touch the surface of the issue.

But to better understand the intricasies of any campaign, membership in a political party can often clarify certain of the issues. And a further advantage is that each member of a well-run party has a say in his party's final campaign strategy.

In fact it is perhaps more in the opportunity to play a part in the formation of a party platform that the individual citizen of today has a say in our democracy.

So that a party may be well-run, it is nearly imperative that it have a large active membership. Here many of today's and tomorrow's citizens fail.

As evidenced in last June's provincial election, political parties that to all intents and purposes are ruled from above will ultimately meet defeat at the polls.

But in condemning the downtrodden Liberals and Conservatives we are apt to forget that it is within our power as individuals to belong to these parties. And by taking an active interest in party affairs there is much less chance that the organization can be controlled from above by a few all-powerful individuals.

Truly, either liberal, conservative, or socialist principles will prevail in our society. But whether the parties supposedly representing these principles actually carry them out in office is another matter.

The individual citizen believing in any one of these principles should take an active part in the affairs of the party which purports to support them. Once there he should make it his duty to see that these principles are followed.

Although he may often disagree in method with other party members, he should be willing to abide by the majority opinion. However, he should not carry his allegiance to any party to the point where he is being dictated to from above.

As the old line parties set about to rebuild their organization and the Socreds and C.C.F. attempt to strengthen their present organization, there will be an increasing demand for young people within their ranks.

In fact, if more of us would join the young organizations of the adult political parties, our democracy would have little to fear from communism or fascism.

The Martlet believes that the time for a person to take an active interest in politics is before he becomes of voting age. Then by the time he has reached his 21st birthday he will be well acquainted with any problems at hand.

For this reason we suggest that all students at some time during this year should inquire about membership in some political party. The best time for such action is now, when the parties are beginning their new year.

Students desiring information con-cerning any of the four major political parties may do so at the following places:

C.C.F.-W. O. Clunk at Garden 9507. Or at the C.C.F. Hall, Pandora near Quadra, any Monday night or the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.

Liberal-Don Anderson, 202 Kresge Building (Fort and Douglas) or call him at Empire 1431.



By GERRY BILOU

I've had quite a few requests about this article, but I'm going to do it anyway. I used to send jokes to maga-zines. Now I tear them up myself Lately I've been receiving a lot of sound advice on how to write my articles. The only trouble is, most of it's sound and very little advice. I'm supposed to tell you a little about myself, so I think I'll start with high school. I was smart in high school. My buddy and I never got less than 95 per cent. He got 90 per cent and I got 5 per cent. I used to spend my mornings in school and my afternoons in a poolroom. It was a shame the way I wasted those morn-ings. One day I got an F on my recard and was father pleased! I told him it meant phenomenal. In my fourth, or freshman year, I made all the other kids look sick. I had the measles and they caught them. Then I got into Grade II. Four years passed but I didn't. I even flunked recess. But after years of toil I finally graduated. My father even threw a party in the backyard, but mother didn't like it one bit. She was the party. When I graduated from high school I was hoping they would give me the "Chair of Journalism." All When I graduated from high the other students hoped so, too. They kept yelling, "Give Bilou the chair, give Bilou the chair."

Then I came to college, and there's one thing sure I've learned here. I've learned I should have stayed in high college? Who can make a living necking? I almost dropped psy-chology but I couldn't. I needed the chology but I couldn't. I needed the sleep. I'll never forget the day I had to spell "impudent" in my English to spell "impudent" in my English peting for College. class. I said, "I-M-P-U" and they As yet, no defini made me stop right there. It was then I found that Archeology is the science that proves you can't keep a good man down. Every day the English teacher would spank me. He wanted me to be well-read... and I was... in the end. I would write letters a lot. I'd write one to my father that would go something like this, "Dear Dad, let's hear from you more often. Even if it's only \$10 or \$15." Then he would reply with a letter that read, "Dear son, sorry I didn't put any money in this as I have already money sealed the envelope.

I'm really interested in sports tho'. go in for boxing a lot. My first opponent only came up to my chin, but he came up once too often. My manager said I'd beat him hands down. The only trouble was, he wouldn't keep his hands down. He finally won on a decision, tho'. I decided I'd had enough. I even fought our school champion once and did I have him worried in the first round. He thot he'd killed me. Just before the fight started my manager yelled in my ear that my opponent beat his wife, kicked his children, and starved his mother. That made me fighting mad. If there's anything I can't stand it's someone yelling in my ear. As soon as I got into the ring my oppon-ent gave me one of his Sunday punches. That's where you get hit and land on your week-end.

Well, that's enough of my ramb lings for now, but if you didn't like it, remember: My prose is bad, but

GIRLS' SPORTS

During this coming week after our new girls' sports rep. has been elected, the girls' athletic activities should be well under way for another season. Meetings concerning basketball, badminton and grass hockey will be held on Monday and Tuesday.

GBY OPENER TODA

Victoria College teams, it is hoped, will participate in basketball and badminton tournaments at Vancouver this spring, while the Bridgeman Cup matches for grass hockey will probably be held sometime in November. Let's have a good turnout to these first organization meetings. Sports is definitely the very best way to keep that slender College girl figure and to relieve those "sit-me-down" aches.

FRESHETTE TEA

Saturday, September 27th was the date of the annual Freshette tea. The object of the tea was to introduce the frosh girls to the faculty, and to make them familiar with the college in general. The tea was held one week later than in previous years; however, its success was not diminished by the change in date. It was opened by Miss Downes at three o'clock. Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Hickman presided at the urns.

STUDENT COUNCIL NOTES

Although the three meetings of the Victoria College Students' Council held so far have dealt extensively with tidying up matters from last year, several new questions have arisen.

Prime among them is accident insurance for students playing for Col-lege teams. Up until now the Council has been held responsible for any claims by students injured while com-

As yet, no definite insurance policy has been taken out.

A letter to the B.C. Electric, requesting that students' fares be applicable to College students is now in the mail. In previous years this request has met with denial.

Are YOU a loyal College studen wanting to prove to your Council that their hard work on Frosh weik was not done in vaine Do YOU want to see your fellow students striving

for victory on the battlefield? Then come out on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 to McDonald Park to cheer your Rugby XV in their open-ing contest of the season against J.B.A.A.

You will see what is probably the speediest three-line in the Rugby Union league and what is certainly the most spirited scrum in, or out of, circulation.

Coach Keith McDonald admits, although under pressure, that our chances of a strong second place finish in the standings are excellent. So let's all turn out to the park and give our team some much needed support in their quest for the championship.

On Monday the largest turnout in years, over 20 enthusiastic players, appeared to vie for positions on the soccer eleven-Tryg Carlsen, Trev Jeans, and Al Cliff are back for the Vikings while Gary Webster, Art Dawe, and Trev Johnston are starry newcomers to the College eleven—a "new look" on the soccer field will be in evidence on Sunday when the squad meets Combines in new uniforms at Beacon Hill Park. Game time is about 2:00.

Basketball will be fighting for survival this year due to the negative appearance of various experienced players—could it be they prefer out-side colours over the blue and gold? "Doc" Miller is the repeat coach and Hal Gregg is the lone repeat player.

The College badminton season will officially open next week—all inter-ested should attend the Monday organization meeting — probable open-ing day of play is Wednesday.

Good news is forthcoming for table tennis followers with the Council's plans to purchase one table and the Normal School's plan to match that purchase—situation of said tables, in

the old library.. Remember! Help your college— come to McDonald Park at 2:30 Saturday.

The Scrap Book

By STUART BEAVERIDGE

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ON ENGLISH 200

I understand, though not too well, That during Queen Elizabeth's reign Life was really not the same As it is in this twentieth century world Of dough-nut machines and Esquire girls Of crime-comic books and Stravinski's Ballets Of virtue and church too, and T. Williams' plays

I understand, though not too well, That life was particularly hell That baths were had but once a year So even wise lovers came not too near One another without having on Several ounces of "eau de Cologne" Moreover that one might walk a mile In search of the time at the nearest dial And what to do when the sun is down? And how does the sun know when it's dawn? Electric lights were Marlowe's taper

CLUB CLIPPINGS

For the students who are interested in Christian Organizations there are two clubs available. The Varsity Christian Fellowship, with president Ken Barker has the motto "To know Christ and to make Him known." Club meetings throughout the year will include discussion groups and it might be verse. visiting speakers. The other club, The Students Christian Movement, with president John Maunsell, has a pro-gram during the year of Bible study groups, discussions, guest speakers and reviews of pertinent books. The SCM, an affilliate club of the National Christian Movement (head-quarters in Geneva), will hold a Christmas conference in Calgary this year and an annual spring conference in Toronto.

Progressive Conservative-Vic Allan, Garden 1005.

Social Credit-Call at Social Credit headquarters on Pandora Avenue, one half block above Douglas at any time.

College Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Under direction of the faculty, celebration of Victoria College's fif-tieth anniversary will be observed the week following Thanksgiving, Octo-ber 12 to 17 ber 13 to 17.

During the week a panel discussion will be held in the auditorium; of-ficial opening ceremonies of the Ewing Building will be performed; the portrait of the late Dr. J. M. Ewing, former principal of Victoria College, will be unveiled, and scholar-shins and prizes will be formally preships and prizes will be formally pre-sented to students.

Prize-giving ceremonies are scheduled for the evening of October 17.

Editor

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The Jazz Club program features records "of all types as long as they are jazz." Special guests will be present at some of the jam sessions dur-ing- the year.

This year the Chemistry Club, under president Lyle Robertson, has an agenda including guest speakers, such as Dr. Petrie from the observatory, tours of certain laboratories and special science films. This club is par-ticularly directed toward the interest of physics, chemistry and biology students.

The Pre-Med Club although primarily for prospective doctors is also of interest to future X-ray, lab technicians, biologists, etc. The purpose of this club is to introduce its members to the various fields and intricacies of their planned vocations. Well known Victoria doctors will be guest speakers at meetings during the year.

The main project of this year's Camera Club is to provide a dark room for the College. In this way the club hopes to enlarge its interest and membership. Commercial photographers will attend the club meeting to assist and teach members the finer points of photography.

For pre-law students, the Forensic club offers discussions and guest speakers of interest and education. President Barrie Brinkworth has lined up several Victoria lawyers as guest speakers.

According to President Robin Maunsell, the Women's Undergrad-uate Society (WUGS) is more than President Robin ust the women of the college united, is an organization whose purpose to stimulate social and intellectual ideas in its members. This year's activities include sponsoring the annual Co-Ed dance and decorating the Women's Commons.

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THE WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS

He drinks too much; such men are dangerous.-Shakespeare. Honi soit qui mal y pense: Medieval French for "Shame on the guy with the dirty mind."

(Ed. Note: Articles such as the following do not necessarily coincide with the point of view of Martlet editors. They will be printed, however, in line with the customary editorial policy concerning controversial issues.)

B.C. is going to have another election. All parties are preparing once again to spend several thousands of dollars extolling the virtues and denying-the vices of their various candidates. Does it not sometimes make you wonder if there are not more benefits conferred. in the winning of an election than the small salary involved.

It would of course be unwise to suggest that there was anything even slightly undesirable in the government. One must therefore retreat to the other horn, and say that the great expense of running for a seat in the legislature is made because the noble candidates sincerely feel that we the people should have the best of governments -and each of these men-so free with their money-is sure that his party is the best.

It is all of four and a half months since the last election was held. This system of voting-the preferential ballot system--is the one used in France. I suppose, though, that it is good for the people to take part in their government so frequently. But when will there be time for legislation?

