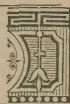


# College Chronicle



In the College Hall on Friday, April 12th, Mr. J. H. Bell, K. C., of Summerside, delivered an excellent lecture on "Canada and the British Empire." Mr. Bell has the reputation of being one of the best of the many good lecturers of which our Island can boast, and his admirable presentation of an interesting subject on this occasion showed that reputation to be well merited. For more than an hour he held the undivided attention of the students, as step by step, he traced the development of Canada from weak and divided provinces to a great and united Dominion. He spoke of England, tracing the rise of its navy, the development of its power, and advancement of its might. Imperialistic federation was the dominant note throughout the lecture, and he believed the time will soon arrive when the British Colonies will be welded into one great nation which will continue to dominate the world. The maintenance of undisputed supremacy at sea is the first and fundamental condition of the integrity of the British Empire, and the surest safeguard of the interests of the British people.

Comparison was made of the strength of other nations and that of Britain, and the supremacy of the latter clearly shown. In order to maintain this supremacy and to ensure the ruling of the waves by Britannia, it is the duty of Canada as well as the other colonies to contribute their share to Imperial defence.

The lecture was an interesting and instructive one, interspersed with humorous anecdotes. Mr. J. Rooney occupied the chair. At the conclusion, a vote of thanks moved by Mr. J. L. Saunders and seconded by Mr. A. Rooney, was tendered the lecturer and fittingly acknowledged. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

The drama "Richelieu," which had been in course of preparation for several weeks was first staged by the S. D. C. Dramatic Club in the College Hall on Tuesday, April 2nd. It was presented in the Market Hall, Summerside, on Easter Monday night, April 8th, at Miscouche the following night, and at the Opera House. Charlottetown on April 18th.

On each occasion the players were greeted by a large audience who by their keen interest and hearty applause showed their appreciation of the ability with which the different characters interpreted Lord Lytton's great drama.

The life and work of the great French Cardinal and Statesman of the seventeenth century are well known to our readers. His patriotism and devotion to France and the manner in which he overcame the intrigues of his enemies are well portrayed in the play.

The different parts were interpreted by the players in a manner which showed much study and careful training, and reflects credit on themselves and Professor Cameron under whose direction the work was undertaken. King Louis interpreted by Ed. Curley; Cardinal Richelieu by W. V. McDonald; Chevalier De Mauprat by V. Fisher; Roland De Mortemar, by C. O'Connell; Count De Baradas, by Thos. Greene, and Joseph a Capauchin Monk by M. McIntyre were the principal characters and performed their parts in an admirable manner while the different secretaries, officers, guards and pages discharged their duties in a graceful and becoming way. The Dramatic Club wishes to tender its thanks to the people of the different places visited for their kind reception and to all who in any way assisted them in the preparation for the staging of the play.

The caste of characters was as follows:

Louis XIII. King of France—Ed. Curley.

Gaston, Duke of Orleans. brother to the King—A. J. McDonald.

Count De Baradas, the King's Favorite—Thos. Greene.

Cardinal Richelieu, Minister of France—W. V; McDonald.

Chevalier De Mauprat—V. Fisher.

Roland De Mortimar—C. F. O'Connell.

Sieur De Berenghen, one of the conspirators—F. F. Walker.

Clermont, a courtier—C. Conway.

Joseph, a Capuchin, Monk—M. McIntyre.

Francois, a page to Richelieu—A. Jobin.

De Lorne, a spy—J. N. Conroy,

Huguet, an officer in Richelieu's household—G. L. Smith.

Secretaries of State, M. Burns, B. Gaudet, H. Crepeau.

Capt of Guards—J. J. McIsaac.

Courtiers—A. Murphy, M. Chalifour, W. Hughes.

Kings Guards—L. Hebert. E. Byrne, C. Trainor, A. Rodriguez.

Richelieu's Guards—E. McDonald, B. Gorman, R. McCarthy, T. Ellis, R. Gillis.

King's Pages—V. McNair, J. Connolly.

Richelieu's Pages—W. Grant, L. Jean.

The annual retreat for the students was this year held on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24th.

During these days study and class-work ceased and silence reigned within the college walls. It was a time of recollection and self examination.

The retreat was preached by Rev. Dr. McMillan of Cardigan, who in a number of beautiful discourses pointed out to the students what should be the true aim and conduct of their lives and the manner in which they should overcome the temptations by which they would be assailed in the performance of their Christian duties.

For college students it would be difficult to imagine a more potent influence for good than a well-made retreat, and we sincerely trust that the good seed sown by the Rev. Father may not have fallen upon barren soil but that it shall take root in our hearts and that its full growth and development may find outward expression in the improved conduct of our daily lives.



Tuesday, May 7th, was celebrated as Arbor Day at the College. The students were granted a holiday and willingly set themselves to the performance of the work proper to the occasion. As a result of their efforts about a hundred trees were planted and a distinct improvement made in the appearance of the College grounds. The good work of students and faculty in this particular is worthy of commendation, and it is regrettable that Arbor Day is not more generally observed throughout the province.

A great deal is now heard of the conservation of natural resources, and in America today thousands of dollars are being spent for the reforestation of areas which have been despoiled by the operations of the lumbermen or through the agency of fire. Similar agencies though on a much smaller scale are at work in our province and sparse effort is made to combat their evil influences.

Forests are a great aid in retaining the moisture of the atmosphere and the fact that the province has become almost denuded of its trees may, to a considerable degree account for the drought experienced during our summer months.

If our farmers would undertake each year to plant a number of trees, which could be done with little labor and no cost, they would probably find that apart from the aesthetic value, which alone would be worth the labor expended. This gain from a utilitarian standpoint would not be unconsiderable,

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On Sunday, May 10th, we had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. Dr. Kelly, founder and president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, which has supplied so many missionaries to the remote parts of the Western States of America. He was accompanied by Rev. Father Constantineau, Provincial of the O. M. I. for Texas. The students were assembled in the chapel where Father Constantineau gave an interesting history of the country which is now the scene of his labors, and of the conditions prevailing in Texas and Mexico today where hundreds of thousands of

poor natives are awaiting to hear the word of God, and to receive the ligat of faith. The harvest is great but the reapers are few.

Prince Edward Island has already supplied to the United States many of her best missionaries and it was with a view to obtaining a number of young men of zeal and devotion, who are willing to engage in work in the missionary field, that the Rev. Father visited the province. He has arranged for the establishment of a number of scholarships at St. Dunstan's which could be taken advantage of by worthy students.

The Rev. Father said that those who engage in the work with the proper spirit find abundant happiness and consolation therein and he assured any students who would decide to enter their field of labor that they would be given the necessary assistance to prepare themselves for the noble work.



Military drill has now become firmly established in St. Dunstan's and this year the cadet corps has reached a higher degree of efficiency than that attained at any time during the past. Seventy members are enrolled. Mr. J. L. Saunders who acted as Instructor for the past two seasons is now assisted by Messrs W. V. McDonald, V. Fisher and G. L. Smith; who last year took the Cadet Instructor's course at Halifax and hold Sergeant's certificates.

Drilling besides inculcating the habit of obedience and prompt execution of orders is an excellent means of physical development.

The cadets receive full training in the handling and use of fire-arms and have their rifle range a short distance from the college where some good shooting is done.

On Wednesday, May 15th the corps was inspected by Captain Outhier of Halifax and made a very creditable showing.