

external influences, to abandon his teachings. This points to the dictators' eventual ruin.

In passing, an addendum referring to Machiavelli's opinion of an Italian army may be appropriate. Machiavelli stated in this connection: ". . . . . Whenever there has been an army wholly Italian, it has always given a poor account of itself; . . . ." (p. 214). Perhaps the Greeks also, have read *The Prince*.

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### **The Late Reverend Thomas Curran**

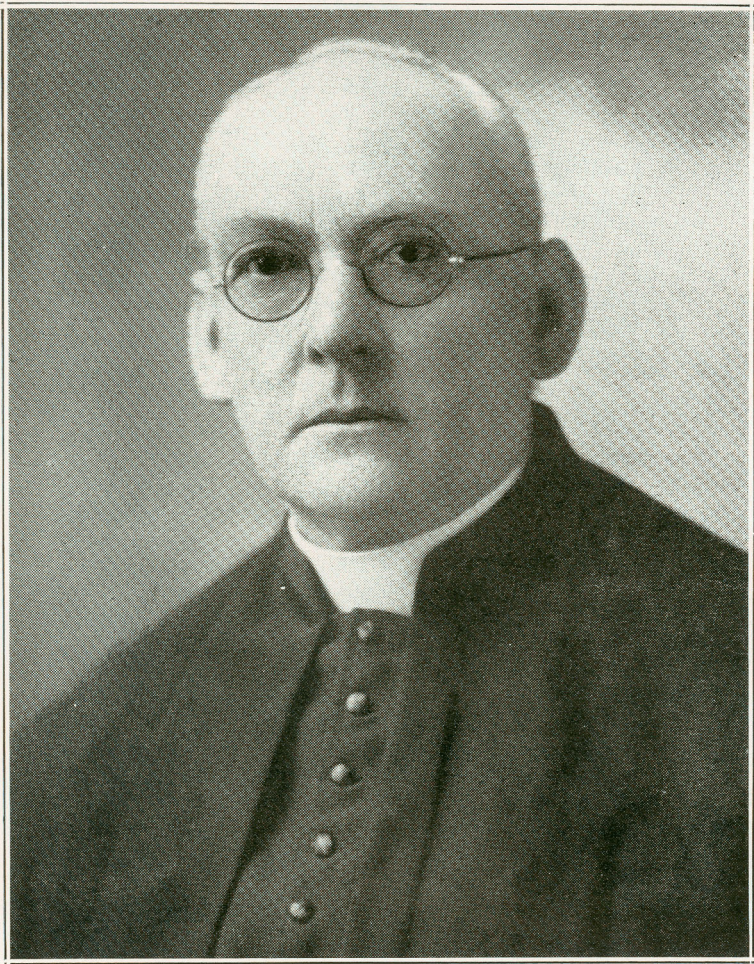
#### **An Appreciation**

When the history of St. Dunstan's College will have been written, the name of the Rev. Thomas Curran will loom large in the story. This great priest, whose death occurred last September, was one of those who laboured for many years to further the real interests of education and, in particular, to promote the best interests of the College which he loved so well.

Father Curran was born October 12th, 1864, at Baldwin's Road, P. E. I. He attended Baldwin's Road School and Prince of Wales College; then taught at Bear River, St. George's and Elliotvale. Two years at Ottawa University were followed by six years at the Propaganda in Rome whence he returned, after ordination, 1896, with a Doctor's degree in Philosophy and Theology. On his return from Rome, he was appointed to the staff of the College. Four years later he became Rector of the Institution, which position he occupied for nine years. Four overworked priests constituted the staff at the time. These devoted their time to teaching the fundamentals and to instilling into the minds of their pupils a love of thoroughness and a love of their faith. Sharing in this labour, Father Tom also found time to devote to improvement of the College grounds, to plant trees, to prepare a lawn. Many of the beautiful trees which now grace the College campus, some of them grown to full size, others set out in recent years, will long stand as living monuments to keep his memory green in the hearts of his former associates and students.

From 1909 to 1925, Father Tom was pastor of Kelly's Cross Parish, whence he returned to the College where he remained for fourteen years. The last year of his life was





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spent in retirement at the Sacred Heart Home in Charlottetown.

Father Tom was a courageous man, a man of character. Such a man cannot remain a non-entity; he makes an impression wherever he goes. Being human he has his faults; not being infallible, he makes mistakes. But neither his faults nor his mistakes can dim the greatness of his character. Father Tom was loyal. Friendship was a sacred word to him, and he remained loyal to his friends at whatever cost to himself. His charity was universal. He loved his God, and he loved the image of God in his fellow man. That charity was freely given, regardless of persons, to all who needed it. The sick, the poor, the young student in need of assistance to enable him to pursue his studies were the recipients of a generosity that kept him poor till his last days. His name will go down as a priest who was zealous for the glory of God and the interests of God's Church, as a man of exceptional talent, as a friend who knew the meaning of friendship and loyalty, and who based his life on the principles which they inspired. In his passing, the priests of the College and of the Diocese have lost a shining example of priestly dignity and propriety and exactitude, and of genuine care for the flock, "lest they dash their foot against a stone". May God grant him rest and "bring him to a place of refreshment, light and peace".



Rule, Britannia, rule the waves!  
Britons never will be slaves!

—Thomson.

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He who provides for this life, but takes no care for  
eternity, is wise for a moment but a fool forever.

—Tillotson.