



Most Rev. James Boyle, D.D., Bishop of Charlottetown

THE MOST REVEREND JAMES BOYLE, D.D.

On March 18, 1944, Reverend James Boyle, D.D., of the Diocese of Antigonish was elevated to the episcopal office. Simultaneously, Msgr. Boyle, then parish priest of Holy Redeemer Church, Whitney Pier, N.S., was nominated Bishop of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

At St. Dunstan's Cathedral on June 6, 1944, he was solemnly consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown.

The Most Reverend James Boyle, a native of Antigonish County, was born on August 9, 1885. After receiving primary education, he entered St. Francis Xavier College in 1903, graduating with honors in 1907. Bishop Boyle taught school for a short time; later he entered the University of Louvain for one year, thence he went to Urban College, Rome, to continue his studies for the priesthood. At Rome, on May 13, 1913, he was ordained by Cardinal Pompili.

Returning to Canada, Bishop Boyle became a student at Columbia University, where he received a Master of Arts degree.

He began parish work in 1922 at Havre Boucher and in 1938 was transferred to Whitney Pier, displaying leadership in clerical and lay matters of the diocese at all times. His greatest accomplishments in these areas were in the domain of adult education and in the Co-operative Movement in its various forms. The following, from a tribute to Bishop Boyle, while at Havre Boucher, on the occasion of his silver jubilee in 1938, gives testimony of his zeal for the welfare of his people: "Under your direction the co-operative movement has taken root and flourishes in every region. Study clubs have been organized and a credit union formed. Your influence has guided us in our temporal achievements, the goal of your present efforts being the electrification of our homes. What greater benefactor has Havre Boucher ever known."

During a short time in our midst, Bishop Boyle has, in paternal fashion, acquainted himself with the people of his diocese, with their problems and needs. Already steps have been taken for the establishment of a hospital at Alberton and the erection of a Nurses' Home at the Charlottetown Hospital. Most worthy of mention are the sincere convictions of his Excellency of the necessity of a socially-minded laity as a foundation for Christian peace. May his sojourn with us be long, fruitful, and blessed.