



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Philosophers' Day.

On Monday, March 7th, the College celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. It was a holiday for all the students, but it was observed in a special manner by the Seniors as an exterior manifestation of their appreciation for the Saint's literary and scientific contributions to Christianity.

The Mass in the morning was celebrated by Rev. G. J. McLellan, D.D., PH. D. The service in the chapel was both pleasing and impressive. The vocal and instrumental music for the occasion was supplied by the Junior and Senior Philosophers who are to be congratulated on their success, as well as the organist and choir leader Messrs. Gagnon and Trudel.

The customary "friendly" game of hockey between the Junior and Senior Philosophers took place in the College rink at ten o'clock in the morning. The ice was good and the teams were in excellent condition so that the game was fast and exciting. The score at the end of the game was three goals for the Juniors and one for the Seniors.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the banquet was held in the College refectory. The tables were prettily decorated and almost creaked under the weight of delicious cakes and pies. It would not interest any one to know all the courses that were served, but suffice it to say that every one went away with his appetite satisfied.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the banquet was the unusual high literary standard of the speeches. The first toast was to the King and Sovereign Pontiff. It was replied to by Mr. Louis Callaghan in a well prepared speech. Mr. Leo Nelligan, who once more won laurels in the field of oratory did the honors to the toast to St. Thomas. The Rector spoke on St. Dunstan's University. It was a powerful speech and breathed forth the enthusiasm and the high ideals which have at all times

been characteristic of the Reverend gentleman, in making this Institution one of the best in Eastern Canada. The Press was well represented by Mr. Frank Cain while Mr. Paul F. Hughes spoke on the fine work of Father Lortie. Mr. A. Tessier replied to the toast to the fair sex. There are few men in the College with better qualifications to extol the virtues of women. Had any of the latter been within sight and hearing they would surely have nodded encouragingly. Mr. A. Gagnon spoke on the good-will existing between the French and English students in St. Dunstan's. He hoped that other institutions of the kind would be established throughout Canada to radiate national harmony between the two great races.

On the whole this holiday was one of the best in the College calendar and the men of the graduating class will have a pleasant taste of old St. Dunstan's to take away with them.

Mr. I. Martin

We sincerely regret that Mr. I. Martin, who occupied a position on the teaching staff of this Institution has been compelled to resign, owing to the sickness of his brother at home. We trust, however, that next year will see him back again at St. Dunstan's.

Mock Parliament

After the Christmas holidays the St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society, resolved itself into a Mock Parliament. The Hon. Frank MacAulay was called upon by His Excellency to form a Cabinet. It was rather a difficult task to reassemble the scattered remnants of the party but after a fine exhibition of diplomacy he announced his Cabinet to be made up as follows: Premier, Hon. Frank MacAulay; Minister of Justice, Hon. W. J. McDonald; Minister of Finance, Hon. Louis Callaghan; Minister of Railways, Hon. Martin Monaghan; Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. Sullivan; Minister of Labor, Hon. John Buote; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. A. Gagnon; Postmaster General, Hon. A. Tessier; Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. T. Murtagh; Minister of the Interior, Hon. W. McCabe; Minister of Militia and Defence, Hon. P. Walsh; Minister of Public Works, Hon. C. Trainor; Minister of Inland Revenue, Hon. E. Doyle; Minister of Aviation, Hon. W. O'Leary; Secretary of State, Hon.

Urban Gillis; Ministers without Portfolio, Hon. R. Sirois, Hon. W. LaPointe, Hon. P. Sullivan, Hon. G. Gallant.

Jan. 22nd—The Hon. Rev. James Murphy, B.A., by unanimous consent was chosen Speaker and then the opening of the house took place. His Excellency the Governor General, Rev. L. Smith, B.A., read the speech from the Throne which had been carefully prepared by the Premier and his Cabinet. It forecasted many important matters to be dealt with, during the session, among which may be mentioned: "Canada's Naval Policy, The Customs, Tariff and Immigration." After the reading of the speech the Hons. L. Callaghan, W. J. McDonald, F. MacAulay, L. Nelligan, S. DesRoche were named a committee to draft and present an address to His Excellency.

Jan. 29th—Deputy speaker Hon. J. K. Godkin, A.B., occupied the Speaker's chair. Hon. Louis Callaghan (Halifax) moved the reply to the address. The honorable gentleman congratulated the Government on the prompt and satisfactory attention paid to the industrial and economic questions that had presented themselves during the last twelve months. Then he reviewed the financial condition and finished his speech in a flow of eloquence that has seldom been heard in the House.

Hon. W. J. McDonald, Nanaimo, seconded the reply to the Address. He was loud in his praise of the Government. He told of the confidence reposed in the present administration by the country. The hon. gentleman from Nanaimo also showed that he was well acquainted with the Immigration Question, both as the result of private investigation and knowledge obtained through the reports of various commissions.

The next speaker was Hon. S. DesRoche (Montreal) Leader of the Opposition. He supported the reply to the address and congratulated the mover and seconder on the literary merits of their respective speeches. He tried to make the political situation clearer by reviewing the History of Canada from Confederation to the present day. Then he showed that the mismanagement of the present administration had divided Canada into two distinct parts, the agrarian West and the industrial East; that the Government did not hold the confidence of the people and that a general election should be held immediately. The leader of His Majesty's loyal Opposition then criticized the naval policy of Canada and expressed the opinion that the Minister of Finance would soon become well acquainted with the three White Elephants—the Aurora, the Patricia and the Patriot.

The discussion was next taken up by the Premier. He agreed with the last speaker in supporting the reply to the address and congratulating the mover and seconder. There had been an abundant harvest in almost every part of Canada and unparalleled prosperity reigned throughout the Dominion. He was quite pleased with Lloyd George's gift to Canada and said that the Government would consider a Bill during the session to increase Canada's Navy. He criticized the platform of the Opposition by saying that it was narrow and did not meet the requirements of the day.

The Premier was followed by the Hon. Leo Nelligan, who in an excellent speech impressed upon the members the importance of the duties they were to perform; that they ought not to hesitate to join any and every movement that is made for the betterment of the country. The house adjourned until February 5th.

Feb. 5th—The session this evening was very quiet. There were a few jokes "cracked" on both sides of the House but none were original.

Feb. 12th—The discussion on the address was carried on with more vim. The Hon. C. Trainor severely criticized the actions of the Government. Hon. E. Doyle, better known as "Thunder" Doyle, belched forth a volley of witticisms and criticisms. The Postmaster General, Hon. A. Tessier, felt quite confident for the future of Canada while entrusted to the present administration. He said that the Premier was "still quite young" and a man of outstanding ability. This statement brought forth a storm of protest from the Opposition, who claimed that speeches delivered forty years ago by the Honorable gentleman could be found in Hansard. When the discussion had reached a climax, order was established in the House by the speaker.

Feb. 19th—Hon. A. Gagnon introduced a Bill to increase Canada's Navy. In a short and carefully prepared speech he explained the provisions of the Bill. A lively discussion followed in which the Hons. F. MacAulay, W. J. McDonald, J. Buote spoke in favor of the bill; Hon. J. S. DesRoches, L. Nelligan, F. Cain, C. Trainor, J. W. Hughes spoke against it.

Feb. 26th—Since the last session the MacAulay-Callaghan-McDonald combination has been defeated at the polls and the former Opposition has taken over the government. Hon. S. Des-Roche announced his Cabinet, which consisted of the following members: Premier, Hon. S. DesRoche; Minister of Justice, Hon. J. W. Hughes; Minister of Finance, Hon. L. Nelligan; Minister of Railways, St. C. Trainor; Minister of Agriculture, Hon. E. Clinton; Minister of Labor, Hon. J. Fay; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. C. Sampson; Postmaster General, Hon. A. Poirier; Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. J. F. Campbell; Minister of the Interior, Hon. L. McDonald; Minister of Militia and Defence, Hon. F. Cain; Minister of Public Works, Hon. B. L. Walsh; Minister of Inland Revenue, Hon. B. Murphy; Minister of Aviation, Hon. P. F. Hughes; Secretary of State, Hon. E. Morin; Ministers without Portfolio, Hon. T. Arsenault, Hon. V. Pineau, Hon. P. Rooney, Hon. W. Burgess.

March 5th—Hon. Frank Cain introduced a Bill governing Immigration. He said that to safeguard our high standard of citizenship in Canada, such a measure was necessary. Hon. M. Monaghan contended that the Bill was so badly drawn up that any immigrant could come into Canada without having to worry about the immigration agents at the ports of entry. Hon. A. Gagnon thought that there was nothing in the Bill worth discussing. He also criticized the phraseology and offered several valuable suggestions to help writing English correctly. This of course was the only thing wanted to start a conflagration. More fuel was added by the Hons. M. Monaghan, J. W. Hughes and F. Cain. The speaker had to call the gentlemen to order, but by this time the fighting ardor was beginning to subside and when the Hon. F. Cain retired with a bad scorching the last flames had died out. During the next half hour fine speeches were delivered by Hon. B. L. Walsh, Government Whip, and Hon. B. Croken. Although it was the latter's maiden speech yet he did not manifest any symptoms of trepidation and treated his subject in a manner that would have done credit to more experienced speakers.

After the first fifteen minutes of the session had been devoted to asking questions by the Opposition, the discussion of the Immigration Bill was resumed. The Premier addressed the House. He answered the objections raised at the last session by the Opposition and then proceeded to enumerate the advantages which the Bill would bring to the country. Hon. W. J. McDonald was the next speaker. He suggested inserting in the Bill a

clause to amend the Immigration Act of 1906, as he claimed that otherwise there would be two Immigration Acts on the Statutes. Hon. St. C. Trainor in a ringing speech smashed all the arguments of his opponents. He said that the Opposition reminded him of the school-master in the Deserted Village, "Although vanquished he would argue still." The House was favored next with fine speeches by the members from Antigonish and Hamilton. Some remarks in the latter's criticism's were almost too personal to be mistaken and an exciting discussion followed in which Hon. M. Monaghan, F. Cain, B. L. Walsh and A. Gagnon took part. At one time it seemed as though the debate was going to end in a "free for all," three speakers trying to address the House at the same time. But at this juncture the Sergeant-at-Arms executed some very serious manoeuvres so that the disorderly members thought it best to observe proper decorum. It was understood by both parties that this would be the last session of the year and that, after the Immigration Bill had been put to a vote the House would prorogue. Accordingly at the appointed time the war hatchets were buried and the pipe of peace in the shape of a fine box of cigars went round the board, while Messrs. Gordon and Nolan favored the members of the Debating Society with excellent musical selections.

This undoubtedly has been one of the most successful years of St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society. The attendance was always large and each one of its members tried to do his utmost to make it a success.

The speeches delivered during the different sessions of Mock Parliament had been carefully prepared. In this way the undivided attention of the members was always given the speakers and no time was lost dragging over words to "kill time." Although there were many heated arguments during the debates of the house yet peace and good will existed on the campus between the former opponents.

Elmer Duffy

It is with profound feelings of sorrow that we chronicle the death of Elmer Duffy, which occurred at his home in the city on Feb. 20th.

Elmer's death will be keenly felt by the student body. He always took a lively interest in athletics and though quite young

had a ready secured for himself an enviable position on the college diamond and hockey team. During his two year's residence at this Institution he had created a host of friends. He always had a kind word to say to everyone and his smile went down to the heart. On behalf of the faculty and students of St. Dunstan's the Red and White offers its sincere sympathy to the parent and relatives of the deceased.

Charles Kelly

On Jan. 31 St. Dunstan's lost another of its students in the person of Charles Kelly. Kelly joined the class only at Xmas but during his short stay here he had proved himself an industrious scholar and had won the respect and esteem of both his classmates and teachers. To his parents and relatives, Red and White extends its sympathy on behalf of the Faculty and student-body.

