

College Chronicle

On Saturday, September 24th, Rev, J. T. Roche, LL.D., delivered a lecture before the students on the "Church Extension." Father Roche is the editor of the Catholic Register, a well known periodical, and at present resides in Toronto. He came to the Island on a visit to his old home at Iona, but at the invitation of our rector he kindly consented to address the "boys."

He spoke first of his own school-boy days, and as one who has seen something of the world, counselled the boys to make the most of the opportunities for study offered them at college.

He then turned to the main subject of his discourse and spoke clearly and forcefully of the religious conditions existing in the West—of the work already done by the Catholic Church Extension Society and of the magnitude of the task yet to be accomplished.



On Friday, October 14th, the students assembled in the college hall to hear a lecture delivered by Edmund V. Hessian, Head of the Ordnance Department, London, Ont. Mr. Hessian, who received his military training in England and who is a veteran of the Boer War, had many interesting things to tell us and told them in that concise style peculiar to the military man. He pointed out the great necessity of learning to perform our tasks with speed and ability ; to obey promptly and cheerfully ; for only those who have learned to obey can successfully command. The concluding portion of his lecture was

particularly interesting to the Cadet Corps, dealing mainly with the method of making the corps a success and with the care of the Ross rifle. Before the lecture a short programme was rendered, the two most appropriate numbers of which were: "O Canada," by the French Canadians, and "The Maple Leaf," by their English fellow-students.



The students are greatly indebted to Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis for the active part he has taken in providing for their amusement during the long autumn evenings. Father Gillis usually begins the fun after "Smoker Bell" has rung, either by getting up impromptu concerts or by starting a dance.

Dr. Gillis has spent much time in training the choir, duets, quartettes, etc., and in teaching songs and choruses to the student body. We thank him heartily for the pleasant way in which he has relieved the monotony of college life and for the deep interest he has taken in the welfare of the students. L Cheverie, who plays the piano for the singers, and W. Sharkey, who acts as violinist for the dancers, also deserve our thanks for their readiness in placing their services at the disposal of the students.



On Thursday evening, December 8th, a very enjoyable concert was given under the direction of Rev. Dr. Gillis. The different numbers of the programme were well executed and vigorously applauded. The choruses were particularly good, a credit to the singers and to their instructor, the singing of the juvenile quartet being much enjoyed by everyone.

PROGRAMME.

Solo..... "Celebrons le Seigneur "
J. Marois

Cornet Solo..... "Where are the Scenes of Yesterday "
J. Bradford McNeil

Solo..... "The Men of the North "
J. Connolly

Declamation "L'Epave "
L. D. Durand

Piano Duet..... "Galop de Concert "
L. Cheverie H. Meahan

Quartette..... "Oft in the Stilly Night "
E. Growley J. F. McDonald
J. B. Brennan P. J. Koughan

Declamation..... "Merchant of Venice." Trial Scene
Thomas H. Greene

Solo..... "Beyond the Gates of Paradise "
S. S. Hessian

Quartette..... "Far Away in the South "
J. Connolly A. Barry
E. Gillis H. Mambourquette

Solo..... "The Choir Boy "
Rev. Dr. Gillis

Chorus..... "La Marseillaise "
French Canadians

Chorus..... "The Maple Leaf "
Glee Club

"God Save the King "

Messrs. Cheverie and Farley, Accompanists

The Columbian Society of St. Dunstan's College was re-organized on November 14th. The officers for the year are :—

Moderator—Rev. Bernard Gillis, D.D.

President—Edward V. Crowley.

Vice-President—Eugene L. Farley.

Secretary—Thomas H. Greene.

Committee—Charles J. McDonald, Frank X. Hawkes, Delphin Young.

Only Americans are eligible for membership in this society, one of the objects of which is the fitting celebration of Washington's birthday, February 22nd. The society always puts on a good entertainment on that day and the Americans of this year will undoubtedly maintain the standard set by their predecessors.



On Monday, December 5th the St. John Debating Society was re-organized, the following officers being appointed for the ensuing year :—

Moderator—Rev. D. P. Croken, B.A.

President—Austin Gillis.

Vice-President—Delphin Young.

Secretary—Owen Trainor.

Committee on Debates—James Soy, John Sweeney, Henry Fitzgerald.

The object of this society is to train the younger members of the house in public speaking ; it is, in short, a training school for future members of the Mock-Parliament. The society is this year setting out under favorable auspices and will, no doubt, be as beneficial as in years gone by.



A meeting of the older students was held on November 21st, for the purpose of re-organizing St. Thomas

Literary and Debating Society for the year 1910-11. Mr. J. C. MacDonald was appointed chairman.

The following officers were chosen :—

Moderator—A. B. MacDonald, D. D.

President—J. C. MacDonald.

Vice-President—J. B. Brennan.

Secretary-Treasurer—F. F. Walker.

Executive Committee—J. F. MacDonald, A. Rooney, L. D. Durand.

After some discussion it was decided to continue the Mock-Parliament during the coming year. Messrs. H. Blanchard, J. Rooney and C. J. MacDonald were chosen to revise the constitution and by-laws, to draft laws to govern the impending election and to apportion the members to constituencies.

The second meeting of the society was held on Monday, November 28th. Mr. Henry Blanchard read the constitution and by-laws as revised and they were adopted after some discussion. The rules governing the coming election contest were read and adopted. Mr. Blanchard then read the list of members with their constituencies as drawn up by the committee, and this also was adopted without dispute.

Immediately after adjournment both parties held meetings. W. McNeill and J. Rooney were elected leaders of their respective parties and it was agreed that Mr. McNeill and his party should take the Government.

Mr. McNeill selected as his cabinet the following :—

Hon. Henry Blanchard—Minister of Finance.

Hon. J. B. Brennan—Minister of Justice.

Hon. J. F. MacDonald—Minister of the Interior.

Hon. A. Rooney—Minister of Railways & Canals.

Hon. W. V. MacDonald—Minister of Militia & Defence.

Hon. J. J. McIsaac—Minister of Marine & Fisheries.

Hon. A. J. MacAdam—Minister of Inland Revenue.

Hon. L. D. Durand—Postmaster General.

Hon. F. F. Walker—Secretary of State.

On Wednesday, November 30th, the nomination of candidates for Queen's County took place, Hon. J. J. McIsaac being put forward as Government candidate and Mr. C. J. MacDonald by the Opposition. The date of the election was set for December 7th. In the meantime a very vigorous campaign was carried on by both parties, and many excellent speakers mounted the rostrum in support of their respective platforms. Speeches were addressed to the electors each evening and some very forceful political harangues were given in both languages.

As election day drew nearer excitement increased, and canvassing, although prohibited by law, was quite prevalent. It is even hinted that bribery was used to win the votes of youthful electors.

On polling day the electors assembled at the polls and were addressed first by the candidates, each of whom stated the platform of his party and urged the electors to vote for himself and his platform. The leaders of the parties then spoke attacking vigorously the platform of their opponents and endeavoring to bring home to the voters the strong points and the sound policy of their own. Several other speakers then addressed the electors, and at 9 p. m., when the polls were opened, the excitement was so intense that the Squad constables drafted for the occasion had great difficulty in keeping order.

The polls closed at 9.45 p. m. and the votes were counted. In a few minutes it was announced that C. J. MacDonald, the Opposition candidate, was elected by a majority of thirteen and the air was filled for a time with the delighted cheers of his loyal supporters. The victorious Opposition now takes the reins of government and Premier Rooney has already announced the following cabinet :—

Hon. J. Rooney—Premier and Minister of Justice.

Hon. J. E. Gillis—Minister of Finance.

Hon. J. C. MacDonald—Minister of the Interior.

Hon. J. B. McNeill—Minister of Militia & Defence.

Hon. J. A. MacDonald—Minister of Public Works.

Hon. R. Dolan—Minister of Railways & Canals.

Hon. R. Boudoin—Minister of Trade & Commerce.

Hon. R. Normand—Minister of Labor.

Hon. C. J. MacDonald—Minister of Marine & Fisheries.

Hon. Lawrence Smith—Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. L. McInerney—Secretary of State.

Hon. L. L. Cheverie—Postmaster General.

The first session of the Mock Parliament opens on Wednesday, December 14th. The opening is looked forward to with interest, and sharp debating and virile speeches are expected. Our old debaters skilled in parliamentary usage and speaking must look to their laurels as there are several new politicians in the ring who bid fair to outdo in argument and oratory their more experienced rivals.