

The Graduates

PHILIPPE NORMAND.

We shall begin with the youngest and best looking. Mr. Normand comes from Three Rivers, Quebec, and if we mistake not is the youngest graduate in the history of St. Dunstan's. He is an exceptionally clever student, prefers oral to written examinations and in his few spare moments relieves the tedium of class work by picture puzzles and glass blowing. Naturally of a migratory turn of mind he spent part of the year oscillating between Room No. 5 and the study hall uncertain as to which offered the best opportunities for study, but finally decided upon the former. Besides the regular subjects of his year he took up drawing, German, pyrography and cooking,—the last named with avidity, and under the painstaking instruction of Professor Greene pursued all four with cautious but uninterrupted persistency. We learn from secret sources that the story of his applying for a position on H. M. C. S. Niobe is a canard. Though a staunch Imperialist he believes that "peace hath it victories no less renowned than war" and will do his killing with pills and powders instead of grape and canister. He intends studying medicine.

RAYMOND DOLAN.

Mr. Dolan is a native of Nelson, N. B. He entered St. Dunstan's in the autumn of 1906 and for five years has been an exemplary student possessed of a clear head, a warm heart, no bad habits and a well developed faculty for minding his own business. It is generally understood that he intends studying for the priesthood, but on this subject he is uncommunicative, preferring to keep his purposes to himself. Mr. Dolan is reputed a shy man, but we think the charge unfounded. He is rather gifted with a reserve which at times we might wish to see more generally distributed.

JOSEPH LOUIS DELEVOIE DURAND.

The name is somewhat misleading. Mr. Durand is not a long as that, though perhaps he is slightly broader. In intellect and ambition, however, he is a giant. His motto is "excelsior"

and even his hair has a tendency in that direction. Possessed of a glib tongue, a comprehensive knowledge and rarer still the faculty of controlling in great measure the sympathies of his hearers, he is gifted with a power which we doubt not will be used for good. An enthusiastic Nationalist his one supreme comfort during the year was the election of Gilbert in Drummond, Arthabaska, and his fertile source of inspiration at all times is the eloquence of Henri Bourassa. Before coming here at the beginning of the year he took the greater part of his arts course in the college of Three Rivers, his native town, and entered St. Dunstan's in his final year to acquire a better knowledge of English. How well he has succeeded is evident to those who heard him on the floor of parliament during the debating season just closed when his

Words of learned length and thundering sound
Amazed the gazing members ranged around.

We cannot adequately place Mr. Durand before our readers in so short a space, and shall therefore not speak further of him. Unless he joins the Canadian Navy and sheds his blood for the Empire we shall all hear from him later.

ROSAIRE BEAUDOIN.

On account of the limitations of our language we cannot hope to do justice to the versatility of Mr. Beaudoin. A native of Broughton, Beauce County, Quebec, he received the greater part of his education at Ste Anne de la Pocatiere and entered St. Dunstan's to complete his course at the beginning of the year. In the campaign of last autumn he was in charge of the main branch of the Commissariat and made a most effective distribution of the supplies. Mr. Beaudoin has only one weakness that has come to our notice,—a chronic disposition to corner languages, and this we hear is about to lead him next year into the immoderate diversity of breakfasting in Italian, lunching in Spanish, dining in German, courting in English and studying law in French. Happily Montreal which is to be the theatre of all this is a cosmopolitan city. We cannot suggest any changes in the programme, but from Mr. Beaudoin's reputation we fear that he will acquire proficiency in English at the expense of the other languages and even his own.

BRADFORD McNEILL.

Mr. McNeill selected the otherwise small town of Summerside for his birth-place and attended school there. After

spending a year in one of the colleges of Quebec he entered St. Dunstan's to complete his course and has been here continuously since. There is nothing meteoric about him except perhaps in football or in hockey, where he is considered something of a shooting star, but he is none the less a clear-headed and successful student. He is what might be called an all-round man, with deliberate movement, not much to say and a short distance to fall. He doesn't smoke in Lent, was never known to be late for class and when not otherwise engaged the cornet is his inexhaustible source of comfort. Without attempting criticism however we think it a pity that Brad's musical tendencies were not directed to the zither, an instrument of entrancing sweetness and less volume. Such instruments as the cornet should not be used indiscriminately. When Gabriel's trumpet sounds reveille we may take it for Brad's cornet and neglect to answer the summons. There is a possibility that Sousa, if alive, may hear of him, but it is generally understood that he will study for the priesthood, and if he does we know of no one who will bring to the sanctuary more singleness of purpose or a higher character.

JOSEPH HENRI BLANCHARD.

Mr. Blanchard is a subject that must be approached with some caution and this is why we have hesitated in introducing him. He is a native of Bloomfield P. E. I., the valedictorian of his class and the only representative of the faculty among the graduates of this year. A resounding laugh and shady political tactics are his chief attributes. In early life he forsook the narrow way and entered politics and has since held several high offices of State,—the last being that of Finance Minister in the now defunct government of Sir Willard McNeill. Always a deep student of parliamentary practice he is generally looked upon as the greatest living exponent, and since the death of Sir J. G. Bourinot has added copiously to the rules of procedure. Mr. Blanchard is a firm believer in the truth of the dictum attributed to the late Mr. Tarte that "elections are not won with prayers" and accordingly resorts to other methods. A remarkable feature about him is his keenness of hearing which deserves a place in history with the memory of Lord McAulay. Brick walls, etc., seem to intensify the sound waves which reach his ear through them, and for this reason when he is at the Capital it is useless to hold an opposition caucus with any assurance of secrecy. He never smokes but uses the pipe quite freely.