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Editorial

Christmas Christmas! What a host of happy memories this magic word awakes. Memories that were buried beneath the mound of worldly interests revive again and fill with pleasure the retrospective mind. Across the shadowy background of the past flit pictures of the Christmases that we have known, and clear and vivid show us once familiar scenes

and faces for a while forgotten. The glistening snow, the frost-bespangled trees, the cheerful fires, the smiling faces gathered round the Christmas board—how easily we can visualize all these. And we see the happy laughter glow in eyes which we may never see again save in our dreams.

What a splendid heritage these Christmas memories are! What a chastening influence they have upon man's soul by their association with all that he has known of what is truest and best. Christmas was merely something to be enjoyed in youth, but looking back through the years, we can appreciate what the spirit of Christmas really is. We can understand why it is that man is joyous on this, the anniversary of his deliverance, and why it is that we commemorate by giving, that day on which mankind received the greatest gift of all.

Archbishop O'Leary The elevation of Biohop O'Leary to the Archbishopric of Edmonton is a fitting tribute to his devotion and outstanding ability. Monuments to his industry, his zeal and his endearing personality exist in the material advancement of the Church, in the responsive piety of his people and in their enduring love and affection.

Our New Bishop It is a great pleasure for us to welcome the new episcopal head of the Diocese of Charlottetown. We are glad to observe his keen interest in our University and to hear that its advancement will be the object of his special sttention. We are confident that the splendid work of his predecessors will be continued and enlarged under his wise direction and that his appointment augurs a happy and prosperous future for St. Dunstan's and the diocese as a whole.

Modern Education Never in the history of education was an emphatic reassertion of the old adage, "There's no royal road to learning," more imperative than at the present time. There is a growing tendency in modern education to eliminate as far as possible all that savors of hard work. Faddists are daily introducing new devices to make education more interesting and less and less laborious.

This is commendable up to a certain point but there is a very grave danger of carrying it too far. The function of the school-room is to stimulate the child to self-activity, to teach him to educate himself. If, however, he is taught only what is pleasant and agreeable, he never learns to grapple with difficulties and overcome them. When a difficult problem comes up for solution in school or in life, he either shirks it altogether or makes a weak and superficial attempt to solve it. He never goes to the bottom of a question, because the radius of his study extends only to what is congenial to his taste.

It is evident, therefore, that education must be more or less of a grind. The student who devotes three or four hours to Greek translation may not come away raving about the beauties of the Odyssey, but he is being practised in habits of industry and application that will stand him in good stead when he has occasion to meet and overcome the difficulties of real life. It is only by their constant use that the intellectual faculties can be perfected and the approximate end of education achieved.

**Hon. Arthur
Meighen**

Hon. Arthur Meighen enters upon the highest administrative post in the Canadian Government eminently fitted for such a position both by genius and experience. He is in the prime of life, and possesses amazing industry and capacity for work. He is an excellent scholar as the record of his work in the University of Toronto shows, a clear thinker and a logical reasoner.

Since his debut into Parliament in 1908, he has always taken a very important part in the proceedings of the House. As a debater he stands almost without an equal. His fluency of speech and cogency of argument have given him a prestige enjoyed by few other members of the House. He was a tower of strength to Sir Robert, especially in all the complex and intricate legislation in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway. He is a moderate Protectionist, and an Imperialist, although his imperialistic views are greatly modified by a strong spirit of Canadianism.

Sir Lomer Gouin. The Province of Quebec owes a great debt of gratitude to Sir Lomer Gouin for the wise and careful manner in which he administered her public affairs during the fifteen years of his premiership. His term of administration is a record of agricultural and industrial progress, that stands unique not only in the history of that province but of any province in the Dominion. The undisputed sway he held was not due to any personal magnetism, nor to the shifts and artifices of the politician but solely to his shrewd and practical statesmanship.

His withdrawal from an active participation in politics is regrettable, as we need men of Sir Lomer's stamp at the head of our public affairs. It is to be hoped, however, that he will enter federal politics which will provide a much wider field for the exercise of his wonderful administrative ability

The United Farmers' Party

The United Farmers' Party is fast becoming a very potent element in Canadian politics. Whether the influence they exert will be for good or evil, however, is another matter. Although their allegations that the agricultural interests of the country are being neglected by the parties at Ottawa may be true, and although their fiscal programme is a good one, the fact remains that class legislation is wrong in principle and a direct and unequivocal challenge to responsible government. The fundamental principle of this government, "of the people, by the people, for the people," is that it should be representative of all classes and all interests. The men we elect to parliament, and in whose ability and integrity we place our confidence should not be pledged to carry out the policy of any faction but should be left free and untrammelled to legislate in the interest of all.

The Soldier's Memorial

We heartily endorse the proposal to erect some sort of monument to commemorate the heroism of our brave Island boys who lie buried in France. It is fitting that there should be some material memento of the self-sacrificing patriotism which was

theirs—a memento that will perhaps be some slight consolation to the bereaved, and an inspiration to the generation of Canadians who are to possess the heritage for which they died.

As to what form this monument should assume, we are strongly of the opinion that such a memorial should be purely commemorative. Any attempt to make it utilitarian will defeat the purpose for which it is being erected. It will obscure that one great message it is intended to symbolize—the noble and unselfish patriotism of our brave boys who sleep in unknown graves in far-off France.

Sir W. W. Sullivan We wish to pay a well-merited tribute to the memory of Sir. W. W. Sullivan, whose death occurred at Memramcook on Sept. 30. Very few of our public men were better known or more highly esteemed than Sir Wilfrid. His long and distinguished career, as lawyer, Premier and Justice of the Supreme Court was a glowing record of unselfish devotion to the public interest. Never can it be said of him that he subordinated his principles to the exigencies of the hour. May the example of his life inspire in us a greater attachment to ideals and a more unselfish and devoted interest in the welfare of our fellow-man.

Acadia College We sympathize with Acadia in the recent loss of one of her college buildings. We hope, however, that it will not occasion any serious derangement of class-work and that a new building will soon stand on the ruins of the old.

Entente Cordiale The members of our football team are loud in their praise of the hospitality shown them by the students of Mt. Allison on the occasion of their recent visit to Sackville. Nothing is more conducive to national unity and harmony than a proper "esprit de corps" among the different colleges. We hope to have an opportunity of reciprocating in kind, when the football season comes round again.