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### HONOR CONFERRED ON OUR RECTOR

On January 13, 1948, His Excellency, Most Reverend James Boyle, D.D., Bishop of Charlottetown, announced to the students of Saint Dunstan's that their rector, the Very Reverend Raymond V. MacKenzie, Litt. D., had been elevated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII to the rank of Domestic Prelate. An extra touch of joy was added to the announcement in that it came on the eve of Msgr. MacKenzie's Silver Jubilee, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood.



Father MacKenzie, born at Vernon River, P. E. I., graduated from Saint Dunstan's University in 1917. After overseas service during World War I, he returned to Canada in 1919 and entered St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto. On January 14, 1923, he was ordained at Saint Dunstan's Basilica in Charlottetown by the late Bishop Louis O'Leary. He then took post-graduate work at the University of Toronto and at Harvard University. In 1943 he was appointed rector of Saint Dunstan's University, and also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Laval University, Quebec. Since Msgr. MacKenzie has been made rector, a great deal in the way of improvements has been accomplished at Saint Dunstan's, among which we may cite the erection of a new building on our campus. We are pleased and proud, therefore, that this honor has been bestowed on one who so well deserves it.

On behalf of the alumni and students of Saint Dunstan's University, **Red and White** extends hearty congratulations to Msgr. MacKenzie. He has brought distinction not only to himself, but also to our University.

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**DR. W. J. P. MACMILLAN,**  
M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S., O.B.E., K.C.S.G.

On Sunday February 15, 1948, the Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan was invested as a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, Civil Class. The high papal honor was bestowed on Dr. MacMillan in recognition of his service both to the Church and State.

The order was founded by Pope Gregory XVI to reward civil and military virtues; and he placed it under the patronage of the great pope whose name it bears. The civil decoration is a bifurcated, eight pointed, gold cross, in the centre of which is impressed in gold the image of St. Gregory. On the reverse side is the device "Pro Deo et Principe." The cross of the knight of the civil class is surmounted by a crown of gold oak leaves. The ribbon of the order is red with orange borders.

Dr. MacMillan was born at Clermont, P. E. I., on March 2, 1881. He graduated from Prince of Wales College, and entered the faculty of medicine of McGill University, where he was awarded the Holmes Gold Medal on graduation. He practised medicine for a time in Kensington, then took up residence in Charlottetown, where he became an outstanding Catholic leader. First elected to the Provincial legislature in 1923, he has served as Provincial Treasurer, Minister of Education and Health, and Premier.



Not only in provincial politics has Dr. MacMillan been active. He is a member of the Board of Governors of St. Dunstan's University as well as being the visiting physician. He was also the chairman of the recent campaign carried on in this diocese to obtain funds for the expansion of our University; it was a trust which he discharged with the same zeal and energy that characterized his whole career. Dr. MacMillan has been the president of both the Red Cross and Children's Aid societies for a number of years; indeed there is hardly a welfare organization in the province of which he has not been an active and valued member.

And now, in recognition of his life of service to the Church, to the State, and to his fellow men, His Holiness has conferred an honor on him as the most outstanding Catholic leader of this diocese and province. With the people of this diocese, and of this province, we rejoice with Dr. MacMillan on the honor and distinction that has been conferred upon him by the Church. May his distinguished life of service both to the Church and State serve as an inspiration to our Catholic youth.

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### N. F. C. U. S.

This year for the first time in our history the St. Dunstons' student body became a member of N. F. C. U. S., familiarly known as "Nifcus." To many, the fundamental questions arise: "What exactly is Nifcus?", and "What will it do for the students at individual universities?"

Replying in order to these questions, we say, first, that N. F. C. U. S. stands for "National Federation of Canadian University Students." It is a national syndicate of Canadian students—a syndicate because it implies service to students' councils and to students in general. It is a means whereby students may work together on a national scale to obtain common ends and to further common interests.

Canadian student leaders long ago realized the need of promoting unity among the various universities in the country, and they, therefore, instituted "Nifcus" with this end in mind. The idea of a federation took birth from a proposal by a member of an Imperial Debating Team visiting Canada in 1926. This British student, a former president of the National Union of Students in Britain, suggested that Canada should form a national union of university students. Acting on this suggestion, the largest universities of Western Canada commenced to exchange opinions regarding the feasibility of forming such a union. In December, 1926, representatives from twelve Canadian universities met at



McGill University, and at this meeting the Federation came into being. For several years "Nifcus" functioned successfully, but gradually some members lost interest and the activities of the Federation declined sharply.

The outbreak of war impeded the efficient operation of this body, and, hence, during the war years very little was heard of "Nifcus." With the close of the war and the spread of international thinking, students saw additional need for rebuilding "Nifcus." The growth of an international student movement made it plain that Canada had need of a federation which could represent Canadian student opinion outside of this country. In 1946, it was revived and has since been growing steadily, with more and more universities coming in. Last December, twenty-one universities across Canada were represented at a most successful conference held at Winnipeg (St. Dunstan's was represented by Len MacDonald and Cliff Murphy).

Since we know what "Nifcus" is, we shall now turn to the second question: "What will "Nifcus" do for the students of individual universities?" The benefits that may be derived from this federation are many: "Nifcus", for example, has brought about reduced students' rates for rail travel; helped to establish scholarships and student exchange; and has assisted in the organization of a national debating union, D. I. D. L., which is in operation this year. Furthermore, it has obtained a student discount in the purchase of athletic equipment, and has made plans for the establishment of a Dominion Athletic Union. At the present time, it is petitioning the government to exempt students in summer employment from the paying of unemployment insurance fees, and is seeking a reduction in theatre rates for all students.

These are some of the tangible results and benefits of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. Beside these accomplishments, we place the intangible successes of close cooperation, better understanding and firmer unity among Canadian universities.

We feel that, with a lively interest (and adequate publicity), "Nifcus" will prove to be a big thing in the life of each university student across this great country of ours.

—A CONTRIBUTED EDITORIAL