

# College Chronicle

## PHILOSOPHER'S DAY CELEBRATED

On Tuesday, March 7th., the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas was observed in the traditional manner by the students of philosophy. High Mass was offered in the morning by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, assisted in the sanctuary by students of philosophy, Joseph MacIsaac, Fernando Chateaufneuf, Thomas MacLellan and Joseph A. MacDonald. The choir was also made up of philosophy students.

Following breakfast the annual, philosophers' hockey game was played in the college rink and resulted in a six-all draw. The contest produced everything, including some hockey and would have ended in a victory for the Seniors and Juniors over the Sophomores were it not for the costly penalties handed out to "Big" Aylward (3), Sharkey, and Murray.

In the afternoon a most enjoyable banquet was held at the Charlottetown Hotel. The Rector, Very Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, Litt. D. and the professors of philosophy, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, M. A., Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley, Ph. D. and Mr. H. L. Johnston, Ph.D., were guests of the students.

The following is the program of the banquet:—

Toastmaster, Owen Sharkey.

Toasts:

The King, Proposed by Owen Sharkey.

The Church, Proposed by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, M. A., Responded by Very Rev. Dr. R. V. MacKenzie.

The Day We Celebrate, Proposed by Francis Aylward, Responded by Louis Dooley.

Our Country, Proposed by Francis O'Keefe, Responded by Allan MacDonald.



Our College, Proposed by Vincent Murnaghan,  
Responded by Cletus Murphy.

Saints in Arms, Proposed by Joseph MacIsaac, Re-  
sponded by James Kelly.

The Ladies, Proposed by Paul Landrigan, Respond-  
ed by Gertrude Butler.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. R. G. Ellsworth, D.D., who outlined the history of philosophic thought until the time of St. Thomas Aquinas. The speaker showed how St. Thomas was a leader in the Golden Age of philosophy and why the work of that great teacher and philosopher has become the summa of modern Christian philosophy.

A vote of thanks to the speaker was moved by Langis Lamontagne

The program was interspersed with solos by Clark MacAulay, assisted at the piano by Charles MacIvor.

On Thursday, Feb. 24th, a detailed report was given by Frank J. O'Keefe of the special meeting of the officers of the Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students held at Sacred Heart Convent, Halifax, on Feb. 18th.

Following a discussion of the aims of the Federation many recommendations were made including the following: that a form of Gallop Poll be established which would tabulate student opinion on the great social questions of today, that student opinion be clarified and crystallized through panel discussions and published in campus papers, that the C. F. C. C. S. should attempt to voice its conclusions in the secular press, and that a greater effort be made to acquaint the students with the Catholic attitude towards modern social questions.

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#### THE EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

The Extension Department of St. Dunstan's College, under the direction of Rev. M. E. Francis, conducted a successful extension course at Borden from March 21st to the 24th. The first day of this course, which was well attended, was devoted to Credit Union activities and to



general discussions under the following directors: Rev. M. E. Francis, C. F. Richard and J. D. Dennis, Inspector of Credit Unions. On the second and third days, problems of fishermen and farmers were aired and many helpful suggestions were brought forth.

Study Clubs have been organized during the spring and are already functioning at Souris, Rollo Bay, Tracadie, Summerfield, Palmer Road and Lot 7.

Plans are now being made to start co-operative stores at Vernon River and Bloomfield.

No more courses will be held until the first of October, but field work will be continued throughout the summer months.

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On March 2nd, the Apostolic Delegate announced that the Most Reverend James Morrison, D. D., Bishop of Antigonish, N. S., has been granted the personal title of Archbishop by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Bishop Morrison, who is the oldest member of the Catholic Hierarchy in Canada, was born at St. Andrew's P. E. I. on July 9th., 1861. He was educated at St. Dunstan's and in Rome. On May 25; 1912, he was named Bishop of Antigonish.

*Red and White* extends respectful and sincere congratulations to Bishop Morrison on the signal honour which has come to him.

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On February 15th. an organization called the Scouts' Auxiliary Corps was formed at St. Dunstan's by a group of Scouts the purpose of which was to enliven the interest of formerly active Scouts and to advance their knowledge of Scouting that they might make Scouting more active when they return to their homes.

The following were elected officers of the organization:—

President.....Frank Costello, Charlottetown  
Vice-President.....Ronald Blacquiére, Rustico



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Secretary.....	Ralph Bernard, Tignish
Treasurer.....	Adrian Gagnon, Chicoutimi, P. Q.
Reporter.....	William MacDonald, Charlottetown
Chaplain.....	Rev. Parnell Wood

The Corps consists of members from Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.

Several successful meetings have been held since the Corps was formed, every member having taken a keen interest in its object. Red and White, the College colors, have been adopted as the colors of the neckerchief.

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Congratulations are due Major D. F. Tierney who has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Decoration for long service and good conduct with the Canadian Army. Major Tierney is Chief Instructor of the St. Dunstan's Unit of the C. O. T. C.

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*Red and White* extends congratulations to Sgt. Frank E. Pineau, ex '39, on being awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal and Ribbon. Sgt. Pineau was a most efficient fullback and a member of the football team from 1935-39. Sgt. Pineau has proved himself efficient in more ways than one.

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At long last music is coming into its own at St. Dunstan's. This year has seen wonderful progress for the choir and Glee Club.

The college choir under the direction of Reverend Sister Cecilia Joseph, C. S. M., held regular classes throughout the year, in which the students were taught to sing and to appreciate church music.

Our Chapel Choir was given the honour of broadcasting over Radio Station C. F. C. Y. each Sunday afternoon during the holy season of Lent. This Lenten series consisted of liturgical part-singing, explanation and rendition of Gregorian Chant, and other choral presentations.

For several years the boys of the choir have devoted



much of their free time to the hard work of preparing for such an opportunity as was afforded them. Ours, we believe, is one of the very few choirs in the diocese which has made an extensive study of Gregorian Chant, and so the boys considered it was a splendid chance for Catholic people to hear this type of church music and to develop an appreciation for it. Besides awakening in the people an interest in Gregorian Chant, it was hoped that there would be developed also a greater interest in St. Dunstan's College itself. In presenting this religious program the boys of our choir saw a grand opportunity for the furtherance of Catholic Action in the Province.

The immediate response made by listeners through numerous letters of appreciation and encouragement showed our program had helped to arouse a new interest in church music.

Besides preparing for the Sunday afternoon programs, the choir practised faithfully for the Tenebrae services during Holy Week at St. Dunstan's Basilica.

This year also has been a banner one for the Glee Club. During the year the students were entertained by sing-songs and concerts. A quartet from the Glee Club sang in the Minstrel Show which was held in the city. A special word of praise, we feel, is due Charles MacIvor, the director, who by his zeal and interest in music has been a big factor in the success of Glee Club activities.

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We have learned that Pius Bernard Rooney, a former student of St. Dunstan's, was wounded recently in Italy. Bernard, who is a brother of Rev. M. J. Rooney, Bloomfield, is serving in the United States Army.

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Capt. Frank A. MacMillan '33 of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, has recently arrived in England.

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Dr. William T. Hynes, a student here in 1897-99, died on February 9th. last. Dr. Hynes practised medicine in Lacombe, Alberta. He was a very highly esteemed citizen of both church and state.



The many friends of Austin O. Murphy were shocked to learn of his sudden death on February 26th. Mr. Murphy, who graduated from here in 1930, was a prominent Bedeque farmer.

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After having completed a tour of duty overseas, Flt. Sgt. Alphonsus Campbell, ex '40, R. C. A. F., visited the college on March 28th. on his way to his home in Primrose.

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*Red and White* extends its sincere sympathy to Frank O'Neil on the sudden death of his father.

