

## His Eminence James Charles Cardinal McGuigan

When his Holiness Pope Pius XII made public, during the last days of 1945, the names of those elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals, in the largest single creation in history, the world rejoiced. Canada shared in that universal joy, for in that princely list was numbered one of the most distinguished members of the Catholic Hierarchy in Canada. The Most Reverend James Charles McGuigan, archbishop of Toronto, a Canadian by birth and in his work, had received the signal honor of being named to the Senate of the Church.

His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan, whose heart was stirred to its very depths by his being honored with the 'sacred purple', has received the congratulations and acclaim of all, regardless of race or creed, who see in the conferring of this high honor official recognition of the outstanding successes of his episcopate. Possessing a brilliant intellect, he has distinguished himself as an administrator and as a pulpit orator, and speaks, in addition to his mother tongue, French, Italian and German fluently. Endowed by nature and grace with outstanding dignity and with sterling qualities of heart and mind, he has won for himself a host of friends in the archdiocese of Toronto and throughout Canada as a whole. As Archbishop of Regina, he won highest praise for his labors on behalf of the social needs of his flock during the years of one of Saskatchewan's worst droughts. Indeed it is the opinion of all Canadians that he is a man most worthy of a place among the Princes of the Church.

There are none who rejoiced more in the election of the new Cardinal than the people of Prince Edward Island, for he too is an Islander. Born at Hunter River, he attended Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's College. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he was a member of the teaching staff of St. Dunstan's for a short time. His early surroundings, and especially his college days, were so much like ours that we, who are now associated with St. Dunstan's, claim him for our own in a special way. Such an intimate connection with St. Dunstan's as he has had gives us all a feeling that we are, in some small way, sharers in the honor that has been conferred upon him. This most distinguished graduate of St. Dunstan's is the first English-speaking Canadian to receive the Red Hat, the insignia of the cardinalate. In his own words, this is "recognition of the strength and devotion of our English-speaking Cath-





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olics." We of his native Province, and especially of St. Dunstan's, joyfully share in the honor that he has brought us and his Alma Mater.

His Eminence, with characteristic faith and humility, has commended himself to the prayers of his people and fellow-citizens. As a Prince of the Church, he shoulders new responsibilities, and indeed will be called upon, in these days of post-war readjustment, for even greater labors in the service of the Prince of Peace. In our Canada, and especially here in his native Island, it is our most fervent wish that all his endeavors will be crowned with the highest success. *Ad multos faustissimosque annos!*

— REV. F. L. CASS.

### CARDINAL RED OR SACRED PURPLE

Not in figure alone but in very fact may the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church be called princes. For from Medieval times, when they addressed kings and emperors as "brother," their rank has been acknowledged by even the secular temporal powers of to-day to be equivalent to royalty. These princes of spiritual and temporal dignity have been known to us, at least vaguely, from our first acquaintance with the hierarchy and the general governmental system of the Church. But apart from a shadowy notion of their great power and the one bit of specific knowledge of one of their duties, the election of the Pope, most of us never acquire any more knowledge of these important prelates of the Catholic Church. An attempt is made in this article to supply some general information on the subject.

With regard to their origin, cardinals were not at first eminent figures, for cardinal was the name given to every priest permanently attached to a church. But the meaning of the title changed gradually, and in its present usage it signifies one of a group of prelates, never numbering more than seventy at the one time, whose duties are to act as special counsellors and representatives of the Pope, and who have rights commensurate with these duties. The intermediate usages of the title were for such people as the chief priests of the principal churches in and near Rome, then for the seven deacons each of whom presided over one of the regions into which Rome was divided for the systematic care of the poor and collection of facts regarding the martyrs, and, finally, for the bishops of the diocese near Rome, who were first called in as the papal counsellors and representatives. All of these, though cardinals, retained