

College Chronicle

PHILOSOPHER'S DAY

On Tuesday, March 7th, St. Dunstons celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. The holiday of the occesion was extended to all the boys, but the feast was observed with particular solemnity and rejoicing by the Juniors and seniors, who claim St. Thomas as their patron.

The holiday was opened with a high Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. G. J. McLellan, D. D., Ph. D., and was served by members of Junior and Senior years. The music too was supplied by the Philosophers who turned out in a body to do honor to their patron Saint.

At ten o'clock in the morning, the Juniors and Seniors clashed in an exciting hockey match. The ice was good and the play fast, but the Juniors were severely handicapped because of the illness of "Thunder", their crack centre, and consequently came out at the bad end of an 8-0 score.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the Philosophers assembled in the College refectory, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and sat down to the annual banquet held in honor of St. Thomas. The Juniors then, ably seconded by the sympathetic Seniors, began philosophically, not to say systematically, to crowd out whatever remained of the sting of the morning's defeat.

Mr. W. J. McDonald replied, in a well prepared speech, to the first toast, "the King and Sovereign Pontiff." The toast to St. Thomas was responded to by Mr. J. S. DesRoches, who outlined that great Saint's life and paid a glowing tribute to his memory. Father McLellan then spoke on St. Dunstan's University. He brought home clearly and forcibly to the students the great work that the University was doing, and reminded them that 'twas upon them their Alma Mater would depend for support when

they were established in life. Mr. W. J. O'Leary spoke on the fine work of Father Lortie and Mr. P. F. Hughes ably toasted the Press. Mr. V. Pineau speak on the harmony in which the English students of St. Dunstan's lived with their French brethren, and Mr. St. Claire Trainor responded to the toast to the fair sex. We congratulate the chairman of the banquet committee on his good judgement in enlisting Mr. Trainor to reply to this toast, for Mr. Trainor was, without a doubt, the only logical man for the honor. We regret indeed to acknowledge that but one of our philosophers has devoted himself to mastering the intricacies of femininity.

A letter from a former student, which the Rector read to the philosophers, told them that at least one graduate entertained pleasant memories of just such a holiday spent here some time ago,—memories which, we feel assured, will one day be shared by all who participated in celebrating March 7, 1922.

MOCK PARLIAMENT

St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society resolved itself into a Mock Parliament after the Christmas holidays. His Excellency the Governor General called upon the Hon. Thomas Murtagh to form a Cabinet, a task which required all the energy tact and diplomacy for which the Hon. gentleman is famous. At an early date he announced that his Cabinet was composed of: Premier, Hon. T. Murtagh; Minister of Justice Hon. W. J. McDonald; Minister of Finance, Hon. St. C. Trainor; Minister of Railways, Hon. B. L. Walsh; Solicitor General, Hon. L. Sullivan; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. W. J. O'Leary; Post master General, Hon. V. Pineau; Minister of Militia and Defense, Hon. A. Gallant; Minister, of Interior and Immigration, Hon. G,

McInerney; Minister of Health and Soldiers' Re-establishment, Hon. P. Sullivan; Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. V. Smith; Minister of Customs, Hon. B. Murphy; Minister of Public Works, Hon. F. Campbell; Minister of Labor, Hon. B. Croken; Secretary of State, Hon. U. Gillis, Ministers without Portfolio: Hons. L. Gelinas, H. Murphy, T. McAvinn, C. Jenkins.

Jan. 18—The Hon. Rev. J. A. Murphy, B. A., [St. Dunstan's] was chosen Speaker of the House by unanimous vote, and then the session was formally opened. His Excellency the Governor General, Rev. L. Smith, B. A., read the speech from the Throne in which he called attention of the house to many important measures that were to be discussed during the session, particularly bills on Education, Revision of Customs Tariff and Government Control of Mines and Trust Monopolies. After the reading of the speech the Hons. W. J. O'Leary, L. Gelinas, T. Murtagh and P. Goodwin were named a committee to and present an address to his Excellency. The house then adjourned.

Jan. 25—Hon. W. J. O'Leary [Pictou] moved the reply to the address and the Hon. L. Gelinas seconded the motion in his own language. He was profuse in his compliments on the speech from the throne and prophesied great things for his party. The next speaker was the Hon. P. Goodwin [Montreal] Leader of the Opposition. He supported the reply to the address and congratulated the mover and seconder on their exceptionally fine speeches. He then launched in a lengthy and fluent invective against the Government and made dire predictions in view of certain eventualities.

He was followed by the Premier who agreed with the previous speaker in supporting the reply to the address and in congratulating mover and seconder, but agreed

with him on every other point. He relied on the splendid support he had always received from his party to reestablish Canada on her prosperous pre-war basis.

Hon. J. S. DesRoches [Hamilton], of His Majesty's loyal Opposition was the next speaker. Early in his speech he mis-employed a "t" for a "p" with very ludicrous consequences. He immediately corrected himself, however, and held his audience spellbound during the rest of the time he was on the floor. The house then adjourned.

Feb. 1—Discussion of draft address continued. Quiet session.

Feb. 15—Premier introduced a bill to amend Canadian Tariffs. The Hons. L. Sullivan, F. Campbell, V. Pineau and A. Gallant supported the bill, while it was opposed by the Hons. S. DesRoches, M. McCarthy and L. McDonald. The house adjourned after a quiet session.

Feb. 22—Stormy session in the house. Deputy speaker Hon. B. L. Walsh [Calgary] occupied the chair, and after the time allowed for questions had elapsed, a lively discussion ensued as to the procedure on the second reading of the Tariffs bill. The Hon. St. C. Trainor, familiarly known as the "sage", was the first to raise the point, and the Premier espoused his cause against the temporary leader of the Opposition, Hon. J. S. DesRoches; both quoted their authorities and a battle royal had commenced when the deputy speaker called the house to order and cleared up the point to the satisfaction of all. The house then adjourned.

Mar. 1—Since the last session a Dominion election has taken place and the Murtagh McDonald combine was defeated by an overwhelming majority, and the former Opposition has now control of the reigns of government. The Hon. P. Goodwin, has announced that his Cabinet consists of: Premier Hon. P. Goodwin; Minister of Finance, Hon.

J. S. DesRoches; Minister of Railways, Hon. J. L. McDonald; Minister of Public Works, Hon. G. J. Gallant; Minister of Justice, Hon. E. Doyle; Minister of Militia and Defence, Hon. J. Cass; Minister of Health and Soldiers' Reestablishment, Hon. P. F. Hughes; Minister of Agriculture, Hon. M. McCarthy; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. L. Doyle; Minister of Labor, Hon. B. McTague; Minister of Customs, Hon. L. Farmer; Secretary of State, Hon. C. O'Hanley; Minister of Interior and Immigration, Hon. J. F. Campbell; Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Rich. O'Neill; Postmaster General, Hon. Jas. Murphy; Solicitor General, Hon. T. Monaghan; Ministers without Portfolio; Hons. P. Walsh, C. McCarthy, P. Doran and E. Cote.

The Speaker, the Hon. Rev. J. A. Murphy, B. A., occupied the chair. The Hon. M. McCarthy moved the reply to the draft address, and Hon. E. Cote seconded the motion. Then the Hon. T. Murtagh, Leader of the Opposition, complimented the mover and seconder and inveighed at length on the policy outlined by the present government in the draft address. The Premier followed him and ably defended the stand taken by himself and supported by his party. The Hon. V. Pineau spoke next and criticized the government on the state of its treasury, particularly in view of the fact that bonds which were issued during the war were very near to maturity. They house then adjourned until March 22.

March 22—Discussion of the draft address continued. Deputy Speaker Hon. W. J. O'Leary occupied the chair. Hon. W. J. McDonald questioned the advisability of lowering freight rates as was proposed by the government, and attacked the Minister of Finance on his avowed intention of investing heavily in Mexican mining stock. Hon. J. S. DesRoche, B. McTague and L. Farmer support-