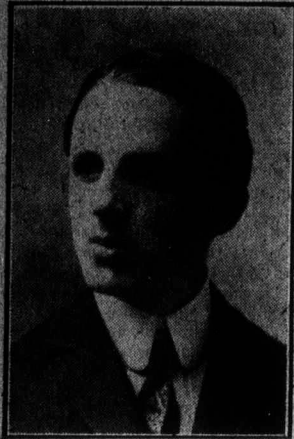
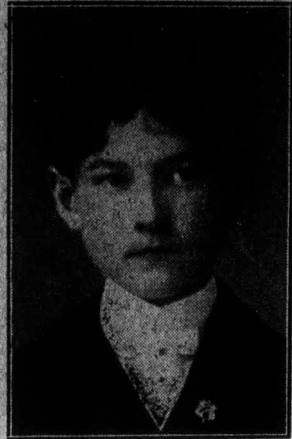


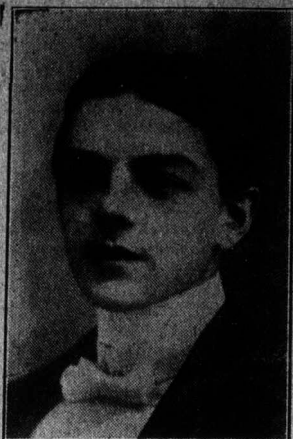
The Mount St. Louis Institute.



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MR. JOHN MULCAIR.



MR. H. DOUCET.



MR. E. CUMMINGS.



MR. J. T. STEVENS.



MR. JOHN HAMMILL.

One of the notable contributions in honor of the festival of Ireland's Patron Saint, was that held at Mount St. Louis Institute, on the 9th inst. This well known educational establishment has been made the subject of many notices in our columns in the past, owing to the fact that from its portals have gone forth, during past years, scores of young Irish Catholic lads, who now occupy places in professional and commercial life which are full of promise. We need not refer in detail in this notice to the work of the Institute, in its classes, in its drama-

tic section and its military department. Our readers are all familiar with the facts. The St. Patrick's Day entertainment was advanced one week, owing to the presence in this city, of Mgr. Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate to Canada. It would be a difficult task for us to go into details as to the merits of the individual performers in the programme which we give below, but from our past experience we have no hesitation in saying that all concerned upheld the reputation of the Institute, and the best evidence of this fact was, that His Excellency, the guest of the occasion, spoke most enthusiastically of the efforts of the students. It might be mentioned as an evidence of the scope of studies of this establishment that, in conveying congratulations to the distinguished guest, three addresses were presented, French, English and Spanish, and to each of which Monsignor Sbarretti replied.

We present our readers with the portraits of some of the performers, many of whom are well known in our circles. We regret very much not being able to reproduce those of Messrs. P. Burke and J. Hughes, both of whom took part in the programme of the day.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

Overture, Roma, O. Coquelet, M. S. L. Harmony.
 Declaration, La Locomotive 3672, Paul Duot, M. C. Victor.
 Sword exercise, the officers of M. S. L. Cadet Corps.
 Drill contest, First and Second Companies, Sergeant Major Phillips, instructor.
 Waltz, Italian Nights, J. M. Lohani, M. S. L. orchestra.
 Scenes from Hamlet (Tragedy), Shakespeare, M. S. L. Literary Union.

PERSONS REPRESENTED.

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, M. E. Cummings.
 Horatio, friend of Hamlet, R. Quigley.
 Marcellus, an officer, J. Hammill.
 Bernardo, an officer, H. Doucet.
 Francisco, a soldier, J. Hughes.
 Ghost of Hamlet's father, P. Burke.

PART II.

Overture, William Tell, Rossini, M. S. L. Harmony.
 Recitation, La Conscience, Victor Hugo, M. T. Mongeon.

Scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," Shakespeare, M. S. L. Literary Union.

PERSONS REPRESENTED.

Duke of Venice, J. Hughes.
 Antonio, the merchant of Venice, J. Hammill.
 Bassanio, his friend, P. Burke.
 Portia, J. Stevens.
 Gratiano, J. Mulcair.
 Shylock, a Jew, H. Doucet.
 Fantasia, Donny Brook, T. White, M. S. L. Harmony.
 Addresses, E. Ethier, J. Stevens, March, Au Revoir, Laurendeau.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, March 16.

THE GAMY CHARGES.—The interest that might be expected to centre in the political affairs at the Capital is evidently transferred for the present to Toronto, where the now famous Gamy exposures have worked the people up to a state of excitement almost bordering upon political frenzy. It would be a long story to review the entire question— which day after day becomes more interesting as events develop— and the press of the country, for the past two weeks, has been absolutely deluged with the subject. Suffice to say that Mr. Gamy was elected recently in the Conservative interest, to represent the Manitoulin Islands in the Local Legislature of Ontario. Soon after his election the entire country was surprised to find that he had openly agreed to support the Ross Government. He was abused high up and low down by his former supporters, the Conservative press accused him of cold-blooded treason, and he was the most bitterly criticised man in all Canada. When the House met, after the proposing and seconding of the address, Mr. Gamy rose in his place, and accused the Government, and especially one of its members, of having sought to bribe him. He stated that he had led the Government people on, until he was able to secure evidence. Needlers to say that the blow was like a bomb bursting in the House.

THE SESSION OPENED.—A few days after I had forwarded my last letter the third session of the ninth Parliament opened with the usual ceremonies. The speech from the Throne was not a very lengthy one. I take the following extracts from it:

"Representatives of this Government participated in the important Colonial Conference which was called by His Majesty's Government in connection with the coronation. The report of the proceedings of the conference, including the documents submitted by the Canadian representatives, has already been given to the public by His Majesty's Government in London. I feel assured that much good will result from the bringing

the leading public men of the great self-governing colonies into direct contact with each other and with the statesmen of the Motherland.

"The great influx of population into our Northwestern territories and the very large additional areas of fertile land which are being brought under cultivation combine to further press upon us the need for increased transportation facilities for the forwarding of our grain and other products to the markets of the world, through Canadian channels. The whole question of transportation and terminal facilities continues to occupy much attention, and my Government will immediately appoint a commission of experienced men to report on the subject.

"A treaty has been entered into between His Majesty and the Government of the United States, under which the proper delimitation of the boundaries between Canada and Alaska is to be judicially determined by a tribunal of six impartial jurists of repute.

As a result of the recent decennial census, the representation of the different provinces must be re-adjusted, as required by the British North America Act, and a Bill will be introduced for that purpose.

"Bills with respect to the creation of a Railway Commission, the amendment of the Patent Laws, the Militia Act, Chinese immigration, the reorganization of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the settlement of railway labor disputes, and various other subjects will be submitted to you."

THE ESTIMATES.—On Monday the Finance Minister laid on the table of the Commons the estimates for the fiscal year 1903-4, which is three million, seven hundred and forty-eight thousand, three hundred and thirty-six dollars, more than the estimates of the present fiscal year, brought down last session. As many of the readers take an interest in this phase of the legislation, I subjoin a synopsis of the entire blue book:

Last year's estimates amounted to \$53,361,638, but supplementaries were brought down during the session to the tune of \$5,700,296, bringing the total voted last session for the present year up to \$59,061,934. Of course there will be supplementaries yet this session, but Mr. Fielding, as usual, compares only his main estimates for 1903-4 with the total vote for 1902-3, and this shows a decrease of \$1,951,960.

But even this method of comparison shows some notable increases. There is for instance an increase of \$1,099,680 for railways and canals (collection of revenue), which would indicate a provision for the promised

increase in pay for Intercolonial railway employees. Other increases are: Immigration, \$150,000; mail subsidies and steamship subventions, \$144,000; customs, \$100,000. A decrease of \$1,220,481 is estimated in public works.

The indications of a long session are strengthened by an increase of \$20,000 in the estimated cost of publishing the debates. The cost of the census is estimated at a decrease of \$85,000, and exhibitions a decrease of \$45,000. Sir Henry Strong's pension is \$5,338. The disbandment of the Halifax garrison saves \$315,000. Revotes of \$50,000 each for the mint and Victoria Memorial museum are asked. There is an increase of \$20,000 for lightning and \$15,000 for heating the Dominion public buildings.

The estimates show that Mr. Fielding will have to provide for the conversion of \$33,512,000 during the year. There is no provision for increasing the provincial allowances or the salaries of the civil service.

THE JUDGE'S BILL.—Mr. Fitzpatrick's bill in reference to the retirement of judges applies to the Supreme Court of Canada, exchequer courts, superior courts, and provides for the retirement of a judge on full salary who has attained the age of 75 years, and served 20 years or over; or has attained the age of 65 years and has served for 30 years or upwards.

JUDGE CRAIG'S ALLOWANCE.—A report of treasury board over-rulings submitted to Parliament on the 16th March, shows that the auditor-general refused to pay Judge Craig, of the Yukon, the \$250 per month living allowance, which he was entitled to while in Dawson, for the period of four months during which the judge was in the east last winter on sick leave. The auditor also contended that Judge Craig had, while in the Yukon, received certain perquisites as rent, fuel, etc., to which he was not entitled, amounting in all to \$2,214 in two years, besides his salary and regular living allowance. The treasury board decided that the auditor was wrong, and that Judge Craig should be paid the \$1,250 living allowance he claimed while on leave of absence.

CIVIL SERVICE INSURANCE.—Statements in reference to the operations of the civil service insurance for the last fiscal year and of superannuation for the year ended Dec. 31st were tabled in the House this week by the Finance Minister.

Premiums on insurance were paid to the amount of \$2,356; balance on

hand, \$15,027; interest allowed, \$900; total, \$18,781, from which one death claim, that of N. S. Garland, amounting to \$1,710, was deducted, leaving a fund of \$17,701 on hand. The premiums issued during the year were: 3 for \$6,000 at 610 years; 2 for \$3,000 at 15 years; 4 for \$6,000 at 20 years, one for \$2,000 at 13 years, and one for \$2,000 at 20 years. On June 30th there were 54 policies in force for \$98,000. Fifty-six persons were superannuated during the calendar year, adding a yearly charge of \$27,631 against the fund. The ages of those retired ran from 44 to 76 years, and their period of service from 7 years to 53 years.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH.—If ever the Feast of St. Joseph had been celebrated in a marked manner, it certainly was in Ottawa, last Sunday. At the Basilica High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Canon Bouillon. The choir, under Mr. A. Tremblay, sang a Mass in plain chant, Gounod's "Laudate Dominum" being rendered at the Offertory, closing with the brilliant Sortie of "Hosanna," by Wachs. Rev. Father Richard, superior of the Order of the Company of Mary, Montreal road, preached an eloquent sermon on the feast of the day.

At St. Bridget's Church Rev. Father Harkin officiated at High Mass, during which the choir, under Mr. Louis D'Auray's direction, rendered Wiegand's St. Joseph Mass, the solos being well taken by Mrs. Lynitt and Mr. Thomas Stringer. At the Offertory the choir sang a chant to St. Joseph. Rev. Canon McCarthy preached, on the feast of the day, setting as an example the humble existence of St. Joseph, who was the impersonation of the true Christian father of a family. At the Vespers at night the choir sang Hamel's Ave Maria, O Salutaris and Cramer's Tantum Ergo, during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At St. Ann's Church Rev. J. O. Lavergne sang Mass. A sermon was given by Rev. A. Beausoleil on "The Adoptive Father of Christ." During the ceremony the choir sang with fine expression O. D. Klein's Mass, under the direction of Mr. Lionel Dansereau, the solos being well rendered by Mrs. E. J. Lemaire, Miss Alphonsine Leblanc, Leocadie Leblanc, Messrs. Joseph Diguier and Albert Carter. At seven o'clock in the evening the closing ceremony of the men's retreat of the parish took place. Rev. Father Portelance, O. M.I., of the Sacred Heart Church, delivered the closing sermon, interspersed by the singing of the "Credo," "Christian I Am" and the renewal of vows of baptism. The sermon was followed by a consecration to the

Sacred Heart, ending with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

But above all, at St. Joseph's Church, was the feast of the patronal saint celebrated with exceptional ceremonial and pomp. Rev. Father Gauvreau celebrated solemn High Mass and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the pastor, Rev. Father Murphy. His subject was "St. Joseph," the saint of the day. He spoke of the great privilege that St. Joseph enjoyed, that of being the foster father of Jesus Christ, and urged his hearers to look up to him as their model and patron. They should strive to imitate his humility and submission to the will of God. He was the patron of the whole Catholic world, and in an especial manner the patron of a happy death. They should not hesitate to request favors of St. Joseph, for the great St. Theresa said that she did not remember ever having asked him for a favor, spiritual or temporal, that she did not obtain.

A MONSTER IRISH MEETING AT LIVERPOOL

A monster Irish meeting was held in Liverpool, Eng., on Sunday last. Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., and Mr. T. P. O'Connor, were the speakers.

Mr. Redmond spoke at length upon prospects of a Land Bill, and the greatest enthusiasm was displayed throughout the proceedings.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. McCormack, Clerk of Ottawa, was in this city during the week to sing at St. Patrick's Society's banquet, by special invitation. Hosts of Montrealers were glad to see their genial friend.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE PARADE.

In this issue we print two snapshots of St. Patrick's Day parade, taken by Mr. P. J. Gordon, near his studio.

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Sarsfield School Concert

Last Friday evening, the pupils and ex-pupils of the Sarsfield School in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day celebration, entertained their parents and friends to an entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed and highly commented upon.

The success of the concert was principally due to the foresight of the gentlemen in management, Professors P. J. Fitzpatrick and J. J. Shea, musical director, in placing before the audience a programme of melody, comedy, melo-drama, operetta and vaudeville, which ran from beginning to end without any of these tiresome delays which often mar the enjoyment of amateur concerts.

The sweet singing of Masters Edward Marnell and Jasper Stanford in their rendering of "Why did they Sell Killarney" and "Alabama," caused an electrical wave of enthusiasm to strike the audience, which continued throughout the evening. Masters Jno. and Joie Asselin sang "Only a Soldier Boy" with much taste. The comedy "When Women Have Their Rights," was artistically played by Masters Ed. O'Flaherty, Robt. Dowd, and Henry Crotte. Messrs. Thos. Murphy, Walter Daly, and Masters Behan, Marnell and Stanford, in the melo-drama "Only Another Foot-print," showed a true conception of the characters assigned them by their effective acting.

"The Brownie Band," an operetta composed by the talented young musician Prof. J. J. Shea, was sung by a chorus of over fifty voices in a very creditable manner.

The vaudeville portion, composed of songs and dances, was well looked after by Messrs. Dowd, Murphy, Carter and Kelly, and Wm. Heagerty.

The real hit of the evening was the clever travesty on the famous Florodora Sextette, taken part in by Miss May Marnell, the Misses Deegan and Miss Meaghan, and Messrs. Hennessy, Murphy, Daly and McCarthy (ex-pupils of the Academy). Prof. Oatheart Wallace, in his usual masterly manner, presided at the piano.

Rev. William O'Meara is to be highly congratulated on the success of his series of school concerts given for the benefit of St. Gabriel's Church fund. The large attendance at Friday's and Sunday's concerts showed that the people of St. Gabriel's parish heartily endorsed the efforts of the pupils by coming in large numbers to these entertainments.

Cardinal Vaughan Letter on Religious Training Children

AN IMPORTANT Eminence Cardinal religious training read in the churches of Westminster. His Eminence says that changes are contemplated by the fear of commercial supremacy to increase the wealth of her sons, and aims, England is at large expenditure on path of education. State is extended to