

He continued, saying that the missionary, until recently had acted as government agent; indeed, he frequently received the mining records; he acted as policeman, and law-maker, and the government of this colony had placed great dependence on him.

It did not depend upon a broken reed. When the history of this country is written, the part played by the Oblates will be revealed.

He could recall instances in this short period, when the Oblate Fathers in British Columbia had rendered valuable aid to the government.

The good Father Fouquet, who is well known by all of us, was the first white man to enter many sections of British Columbia.

If you examine the records in Victoria; if you look over the early history of British Columbia, you will find therein mentioned the Oblate Fathers.

Referring to the Oblate Father as a teacher, he said that Westminster boys can readily recall the college on the hill; the great work that it has done in the early days. It was the only educational institution here, save one other, upon which the public of the country had to depend for the education of the young. If it were possible to take a complete roll of the students who had graduated from St. Louis College, it would disclose to you that some of our most prominent men have received their education from that college.

"I refer to my good friend, Mayor Keary, a graduate of St. Louis, an official of high order, who helped to make the Royal City what it is today. I might refer to