

**EXERCISES AT ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE**

INTERESTING FUNCTION MARKS  
CLOSE OF THE ACADEMIC  
YEAR.

Last week in St. Boniface college were held the closing exercises of the college year. The convocation hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Bunting floated from the ceiling, and pillars and walls were illuminated by a profusion of flags—the white and yellow of the papal flag, the bold out-standing colors of the Union Jack, and the delicate shades of the recently adopted French Canadian ensign. About the walls were placed evergreens duand poplars and palms decorated the stage.

The hall was packed to its utmost capacity by the students, their relatives and friends, and friends of the college. Standing room was at a premium and fully six hundred people were present. The honored guests of the evening were Sir Daniel and Lady McMillan, who on their arrival in the college grounds were received with due military honors by the St. Boniface cadets.

The programme presented during the evening was as follows:

St. Boniface grand march.....  
.....P. de Mangeleere, S.J.  
College Orchestra.

**PART I**

Distribution of medals and diplomas.

The Inchcape Rock.....Ch. Short  
La Souris qui n'a pas la langue dans sa poche.....A. Chenier  
Can the Soldier be an Atheist?.....  
.....A. Sparrow  
La poudre de Rebolledo.....  
.....Ph. Toutant  
Sancta Maria.....Faure  
Solo—A. Beaupre

**PART II**

Distribution of prizes.

Marmion and Douglas...L. Russell  
Waterloo.....J. Trudel  
The Black Horse and His Rider...  
.....D. Long  
Romance du 2nd concerto...Chopin  
Violin duett.....  
P. Bleau.....J. B. Tremblay

**PART III**

Distribution of prizes (continued).  
The Drummer Boy...J. McManus  
Les Cinq Brigands de Ch. Nodier...  
.....A. Lambert  
Spartacus to His Gladiators...  
.....A. Baribeau  
Le Dimanche.....Delibes  
Glee Club

**PART IV**

Distribution of prizes (continued).  
La Tentation du Lepreux.....  
.....A. Bernier  
Robert Emmet's Defense...J. Walsh  
L'Epave.....A. Beaupre  
Loin du Bal (valse).....Gillet  
College Orchestra.  
God Save the King

**PRIZE WINNERS.**

Of this programme one of the chief features was the excellent declamations of the students. Seven English selections were given and six in French. For the best in each language a medal is awarded yearly. After listening to all, one might express as the judge did, regret that all could not receive the coveted prize. For even if two were rightly given the highest places, others were not far behind.

A lad of scarce ten years of age with distinct enunciation and natural gestures gave "The Inchcape Rock."

"Can the Soldier be an Atheist?" called for the calm speech of logic and argument, and was given in a good clear manner.

"Marmion and Douglas" and "The Black Horse and his Rider" in English and "Waterloo" in French, stirring war pieces, were given with much vigor and spirit.

"The Drummer Boy" and "Spartacus to His Gladiators" full of deep pathos both were given in a manner which moved all present.

"Robert Emmet's Defence," a stirring piece of patriotic eloquence, was given as Emmet himself might have given it, by Mr. James Walsh, a young Englishman of Irish ancestry. The three judges, Father Drummond, S.J., Father Cherrier and Dr. Belliveau, after due deliberation awarded the prizes as follows:

French Declamation—Medal, A. Lambert; honorable mention, A. Beaupre, A. Cherrier.

English Declamation — Medal, James Walsh; honorable mention, D. Long.

The medal for English declamation was presented by Lady McMillan. Before the judges had announced their decision Father Dugas asked Lady McMillan her opinion with regard to the speakers. She had the good fortune and good judgment to select those who, as it afterwards turned out, were chosen by the judges.

Besides the medals awarded for declamation, and the medals and scholarships won by students of St. Boniface in the university examinations, medals and prizes for work in each class and each subject in the college during the term were presented. The prefect of studies, Father Chaput, S.J., made many a young scholar and many proud relatives and friends glad as he read from his list the names one by one. The winners of medals in the work of the college were:

Bronze medal in philosophy—Presented by Lord Minto, governor-general of Canada, won by Albert Laurendeau.

Silver medal in the course of religious instruction—Presented by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, won by Norbert Bellavance.

Gold medal for the English course of Christian Doctrine—Presented by His Honor Sir Daniel McMillan, won by Joseph McManus.

Silver medal in rhetoric—Presented by His Honor Sir Daniel McMillan, won by Jacques Mondor.

Bronze medal in commercial course—Presented by His Honor Sir Daniel McMillan, won by George Dutton.

The medals for declamation, which were of gold, were the gift of "a friend of the college."

The music of the programme beginning with the stirring and inspiring "Grand March of St. Boniface," composed by Father P. de Mangelure, S.J., and played by the college orchestra, down to the closing selections rendered by the orchestra, was worthy of great praise.

At the close of the programme, the prefect of studies made announcements about the time of the reopening of college for the autumn term. The rector, Father Dugas, S.J., then said a few parting words to the students, and urged their parents to watch over them carefully that nothing in the way of training during the term be lost in the holiday season. He thanked the lieutenant-governor and his lady for their presence.

The lieutenant-governor expressed Lady McMillan's pleasure and his own at being present, and at being able to contribute somewhat to the work of the college by the presentation yearly of three medals. He congratulated the students on their aptitude in sports as well as in study, commending especially their military drill. He spoke of the unequalled opportunities this province presented to young men of energy.

The enjoyable exercises of the evening closed with the singing of the national anthem, after which the successful young men and their relatives came in for a good deal of handshaking and congratulation.—Free Press.

**INSPECTION OF CADETS**

SIR DANIEL McMILLAN MAKES  
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WINNIPEG TRIBUNE, JUNE 20TH

In the presence of the lieutenant-governor and a large number of spectators, Col. Evans, C.B., reviewed and inspected the cadets of St. Boniface college on Saturday evening, and expressed his hearty approval of their military style, and on behalf of the representative of the King, announced that a stand of forty rifles and a challenge cup would be presented to the well-drilled boys of the colleges.

It was a fine evening, and warm, and the banner of England and the fleurs-de-lis on the blue flag of French Canada lifted languidly in the breeze when the smart turn-outs of Sir Daniel McMillan and Col. Evans swung briskly on to the fine parade ground of the college. The uniformed companies of boys came to the general salute and the bugles sang till the call could be heard in Winnipeg. With military directness the colonel sailed right into inspecting the boys, and the anxious Father who had spent three long years in bringing the corps to such

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perfection, was in some trepidation when the inspecting officer used a few words of command and orders with which his proteges were not altogether familiar. Nevertheless, the boys, with Gallic keenness, soon caught on to the "change of tune," and the colonel was more than pleased, and the Rev. Father d'Orsonnens, the clerical drill master, more than relieved. Nearly 90 boys took part in the manoeuvres, which were many and intricate, and held the interest of the spectators throughout. Colonel Pleased.

At the conclusion of the review Col. Evans spoke a few brief words of commendation and praise for the boys, and in doing so, said that he expected the St. Boniface corps would come out alright anyway, especially considering the fact that the father of the reverend drillmaster, Col. d'Orsonnens, was at one time the officer commanding military district No. 5, Quebec. He announced that next year, there was every probability that the lieutenant-governor would donate 40 rifles to the college corps and give a challenge cup for competition in squad firing.

Sir Daniel also addressed the boys in complimentary terms and corroborated the colonel's announcements. The governor's announcements were received with loud and prolonged cheering from the faculty and students; whereupon Col. Evans called for cheers for the soldier-priest and Father d'Orsonnens received full measure.

The officers of the corps are Father d'Orsonnens, drillmaster, Serg.-Maj. Sparks, instructor, No. 1 company, Capt. Albert Baribeau, Lieuts. Alponse Paradis and Joseph Chabot; No. 2 company, Capt. Edmond Fritz, Lieut. Henri Manseau and Albert Sparrow; Bugle Maj. Dupas.

Among those on the parade ground or watching the drill were Sir Daniel and Lady McMillan. Col. Evans, C. B. Capt. Ketchen, R. C. M. R., Capt. F. E. Gauntier, A. D. C., Mrs. Gautier, Judge Prudhomme, Mrs. Prudhomme, the Misses Dubuc, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cass. Before the gubernatorial equipage drove off little Sergt. Chas. Belcher presented Lady McMillan with a magnificent bouquet of roses on behalf of his comrades, and Col. Evans on behalf of her ladyship, returned thanks.

On the governor's departure, the rector of the college, the Rev. Father Dugas, S. J., addressed the lads. The rector also invited Sergt. Maj. Sparks to visit the college, and hinted that a tangible recognition of the seargent's services to the corps would be made. The seargent will attend. There will be a jubilation and the boys headed by their fine bugle band, will pay a visit to Winnipeg and see what marching on asphalt is like.

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