

plexing heraldry, having for various obvious reasons entirely failed to evoke national enthusiasm. A device for a flag should be one easily made, easily discerned at a distance, and one about which national sentiment could cling. Mr. Dougall discussed the rival merits of the beaver and the maple leaf as a device for the flag. With great respect for the beaver, he preferred the maple leaf, and had reason to believe that the preference would be general. He explained why the maple leaf would need to be in yellow.

—The Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A., of Cowansville, has sent in his resignation, which was accepted. He has started for Berthier, where he has accepted the dual position of rector and principal of the school. The following resolution was passed at the vestry meeting: "That this united vestry desires to place on record its appreciation of the faithful and efficient manner in which the Rev. R. D. Mills had discharged his duties as rector of this parish."

—*La Minerve*, referring to the action of the Dominion Government in refusing to disallow the North-West Territories Ordinance relating to separate schools, denies that the new law does away with any separate schools now in existence. These continue to exist as in the past. The Catholics, it says, claim that they are not given justice in the composition of the Council of Public Instruction. It hopes that the authorities there will take into consideration the pressing representations of the Federal authorities and see that justice is done.

—The new engineering laboratory of the Heavilon hall of Purdue University, just completed, has been destroyed by fire. The fire was started by escaping natural gas exploding in the boiler room. A second explosion of air-accumulated gas blew out the south wall of the machine shop and the room adjoining, which was in the south-east corner of the building. The facilities for fighting the fire were poor and the flames spread to the other shops and main building, which were all destroyed. Only the wood shop was saved. The building cost \$100,000 and contained apparatus valued at \$80,000, all of which is a total loss. The insurance is believed to be light. The disaster will seriously interfere with the school work, and be a severe though temporary blow to the university, as new facilities were greatly needed.

—Dunham Ladies' College will re-open next September. This institution, after a great deal of self-denying effort on the part of the committee appointed at the last Synod to undertake the collection of funds, has now been placed upon a satisfactory