

his days there. This house was at 240 Daly Avenue, previously occupied by Sir Charles and Lady Fitzgerald until he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec in 1918, and then by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson, (later ~~parents~~ of the Hon. Senator Carine Wilson.) In 1930 it was bought by the Sisters of the Holy Cross as a children's school. (1)

In 1940 the Belgian Legation acquired for its official residence and chancery the fine old house at 395 Laurier Avenue, in Sandy Hill, known as Stadacona Hall. It was built in 1871 by Mr. Mather, a contractor for John A. Cameron, who was in the lumber business. In about 1875 it was rented to Joseph Cauchon, who later became Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. On his departure for Winnipeg, Sir John and Lady Macdonald moved into the house and lived there for a few years. The present dining room was Sir John's office and the present kitchen the office of his secretary, Joseph Pope. It was Sir John who named the house "Stadacona", after a men's club in Kingston to which he belonged. The Camerons and their large family of eleven children then occupied it for some years. Sir Frederick Borden and his family made their home there when he was Minister of Militia in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet. In 1912 it was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Rowley. When Mr. Rowley died, Mr. and Mrs. MacNider became tenants of "Stadacona" when he was United States Minister. Then the French Minister, M. Raymond Brugère and his wife rented and occupied it until Mrs.

(1) Lillian Desbarats: Recollections.