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THE HOLIDAY.

Tomorrow, Dominion Day, the Star will not be issued.

DOMINION DAY.

Canada reaches another milestone in its national life with every reason for satisfaction with the progress made during the past year. For a country still in its early youth, this Dominion possesses a confidence, and a strength of purpose which augur well for future development along the broadest and highest lines. By reason of its great natural wealth, as yet almost untapped, this nation can afford to adopt a more unselfish policy than seems to characterize the older countries, a policy at once stimulating and attractive, and calculated to promote progress while at the same time conserving the national resources in the best interests of the rightful owners.

The year now ending has seen the restoration of confidence, the resumption of industrial and commercial activity after a period of unnatural depression. Although Canada does not and will not allow herself to be governed by the eccentricities of finance elsewhere, world conditions must influence this country to at least some extent. Thus while the period of dull times was not particularly acute here, it was felt in a measure not wholly justified by home conditions. However, the recovery has been rapid and the new year of life is approached with practically the full measure of prosperity awaiting the Dominion.

The future of this country depends upon the people, and while the obvious thing to say is that Canada needs good men and women, it is equally apparent that our standard of national life is high in comparison with the standards of other countries; that we have the experience of other nations as guides on the pathway to nationhood, or warnings against the misfortunes which are to be avoided.

DEVONSHIRE SIGNS.

To the Editor of the "Express and Echo."

Sir—One comes across some curious shop signs and notices at times. Here is one from Dartmouth.

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Quench your thirst with minerals.

Or do anything in the saddle line? "Frodo in Devon," "Sally," Yours, etc.

Plymouth, June 11th, 1909.

profits by it. In more advanced communities the pupils, after reaching a certain grade, are allowed to specialize on the studies which will be of the most use to them in the future. Even if it meant additional expense, it would be a good investment for the city if the schools could be made to fit more closely the needs of the pupils.

The suffragettes have broken loose again. Mrs. Pankhurst has declared that the beacon light which guides them burns in Holloway jail. Evidently a goodly number now cluster round that torch.

The new scheme of international scholarships which Lord Strathcona and others are promoting, will, it is adopted, provide very enjoyable vacation for industrious students, at no cost to themselves. The details of the plan will, however, reveal wherein the direct gain along educational lines is to be found.

Canada's credit in Britain needs no higher testimony than the manner in which the new stock issue has been taken up, and the high price offered at a time when most securities are low.

SPRING IN THE BLOOD.

If, when Spring is in the blood

("Tis of Irish blood I'm speaking"),

All the peace of bachelorhood

Glad ye'd be to be friskin'!

For the hope of joy that lies

In a pair of sparklin' eyes

Wishful to possess ya,

Take your chance o' paradise

An' Heaven bless ye!

If, when Spring is in the blood,

Grosser appetites awaken,

An' ye feel a thirst that could,

Maybe, bear a little akin—

If to clear your throat o' dust

Mountain-dew will ease ye, just

Share, I'd never chide ye,

Take your tippie if ye must,

An' Wisdom guide ye!

If, when Spring is in the blood

Weary on your toll, ye're wishin'

You could wander through the wood

Where the other lads are flashin';

If such sport as ye could know

Where the Irish rivers flow,

Seize your day o' pleasure; go,

An' Luck attend ye!

If, when Spring is in the blood,

Play-boy pranks nor eyes o' woman

Sir your heart strifes as they should,

Faith, ye're somethin' less than human!

What ye needs another birth;

Though, indeed, 'twould not be worth

All the trouble to remake ye,

Fit for neither heaven nor earth,

The Devil take ye!

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TORNADOES DO MUCH DAMAGE IN DAKOTA.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., June 30.—Scores of people were injured and twenty-five farm buildings within a radius of sixteen square miles, were destroyed as a result of a series of tornadoes, which swept over an area near Miles, Bison County, last night. Unconfirmed reports from Leeds state that eight persons were killed and a report was received from Minneapolis that one woman was killed, several were injured and the town was destroyed.

MORE MUTINEERS KILLED BY TROOPS.

MANILA, June 30.—Word has been received here that three more of the Davao mutineers have been killed in a running fight with troops. Of the company of native constabulary that maintained the island of Mindanao, were at large. One company of the 23rd infantry and three companies of constabulary are in pursuit with orders to capture or destroy the entire band.

TROMSØ, Norway, June 30.—Walter Wellman and the other members of the expedition that is planning to reach the North Pole this summer by ship, left here this morning on the steamer Arctic with a large quantity of material for the rebuilding of the balloon shed at Spitzbergen, that was destroyed last winter by a storm.

BRETTONWOODS, N. H., June 30.—Business was suspended today at the American Library Association's 31st annual conference which is being held here, while the 800 visiting librarians took an advantage of the ideal weather to devote the day to mountain climbing.

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"There's a Reason"

THE CLOSING OF THE SCHOOLS.

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ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL.

Elaborate exercises and eloquent addresses marked the closing of the St. Vincent's High School, which was held this morning.

The programme was carried out in the presence of a large number of spectators. The accommodation was not sufficient for the number who desired to be in attendance.

Expressions of admiration were heard on all sides of the clever execution of their parts by the performers.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. Lordship Bishop Casey, Senator Ellis, and Mrs. Skinner, Superintendent.

Bridges presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class.

Tributes of respect were paid to the untiring work of the sisters. Rev. Francis and Carmella received hearty congratulations of the speakers.

A pleasing incident of the closing was the offer by Sister Maria to donate a gold medal to St. Vincent's school for competition among the pupils.

Assembling in the music hall, the graduates opened the programme shortly before ten o'clock. Mr. Lordship Bishop Casey presided.

The presentation of the diplomas to the graduates was the first item on the programme. In presenting the diplomas the superintendent called attention to the fact that they were certificates of the fact that a High School course had been completed. The speaker was highly pleased with the splendid condition of St. Vincent's High School, due largely to the principal, Sister Francis, and her corps of assistants.

Dr. Bridges considered that the St. Vincent's school contained one of the finest primary departments of the city. It was indeed a great pleasure for him to see the excellent manner in which sister Donnelly instructed the little children in grade one.

The superintendent also referred to the record attained by the graduates through the entire school course, except on one occasion when sickness prevented attendance. Dr. Bridges said this showing in attendance is evidence of the fact that the young ladies possess qualities which will make them successful in life.

Dr. Bridges urged upon the graduates the class the necessity of following up the teachings received at school. He declared it would be profitable for them to keep their minds fresh by reading good literature when opportunity afforded.

Dr. Bridges hoped the graduates would come back to their school at a future date, and by showing their appreciation to the instructors would give them encouragement.

The "Glad Summer Time" was sweetly rendered by a chorus of young ladies from Grades IX and X, with the graduating class.

The members of the graduating class then presented a dramatic sketch, "The Young Pilgrim." The cast was as follows:

Lightheart, the Pilgrim—Miss H. McGuire.

Conscience, the Guide—Miss G. McGuire.

Privetella, Queen of the Valley of Pleasure—Miss A. Ramsey.

Mirth, Revelry, Polly, Dwellers in the Pleasure Palace—Misses M. E. Martin, Miss A. Hennessy.

Celesta, Guardian of the Heights of Wisdom—Misses R. Phillips, Dwellers on the Heights—Miss A. Power, Miss E. Walsh, Miss V. King.

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ST. PETER'S BOYS.

At St. Peter's Boys School on Elm street in all the classes this morning a review and examination of the term's work was held. The pupils made a creditable showing in the different standards. An excellent programme was also carried out during the day. The exercises were as follows:

Song—Good Bye Little Desk—Grades II and III.

Recitation—A Hole in His Memory—J. Butler.

Recitation—A Child's Rebuke—R. Robinson.

Song—The Bird's Nest—Grade III.

Recitation—The Cat That Went to School—J. Shannon.

Recitation—The Boy and the Sparrow—J. Kane.

Recitation—Because He Didn't Think—P. Kane.

Song—Going Home at Dark—Grade V.

Recitation—Our Boy—E. Garnett.

Violin Solo—M. O'Neill.

Recitation—Somebody's Mother—E. McFarlane.

Song—Telling the Leaves—H. Conway.

Patriotic Songs.

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL.

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