

THE SILVER JUBILEE.

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM THE DUNNVILLE CHRONICLE OF SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1911:

The people of St. Michael's church, Dunnville, celebrated the silver jubilee of the formation of their parish into an independent parish last Sunday, September 17. There were two services, one at 10.30 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. The celebration was an unqualified success in every way. It is very likely that a better arranged and more elaborate service was never before carried out in this church. The impressive service of the Missa Cantata in the morning, the eloquent sermon of the preacher, the Rev. Father Mulheran, C. S. R., Toronto, the really excellent music, and the tasty arrangement of the altar and sanctuary, produced an impression that will remain fixed in the memory of those who were present for many a day. The devotional spirit displayed by the congregation was a proof that the members appreciated the privilege they received in living to celebrate this jubilee. The church was crowded at both services, and among those present were to be seen His Worship Mayor Bennett; Mr. F. R. Lalor, the late member for Haldimand at Ottawa, who is again seeking parliamentary honors; Mr. R. F. Miller of Rainham Centre, who as Liberal candidate is opposing Mr. Lalor in the present election; Mr. Thomas Marshall, chairman of the Board of Education; Mr. J. W. Holmes, Clerk of the municipality of Dunnville; Alderman Arthur S. Brunt; Mr. Geo. Brooks, reeve of Canboro; Mr. Charles Patton, reeve of Dunn; Mr. T. L. M. Tipton; Mr. David Hastings, editor of The Gazette, and Mr. W. A. Fry, editor of The Chronicle; Mr. J. P. Cowles, B. A., principal of the High School, and Mr. J. A. Alexander, principal of the Public School.

Mr. Michael McConnell and Mr. J. A. Murphy, K. C., both of Cayuga, and sheriff and County Crown Attorney respectively, were also present. Mr. Jacob Kohler, M. L. A. for Haldimand, who was unable to attend, sent his good wishes. Among others who could not attend, but sent their good wishes were Alderman George R. Smith, chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee, Mr. Charles Stevens, town treasurer, Dr. Masson and Mr. R. A. Harrison, all of Dunnville.

Promptly at 10.30 the ceremony began. The sanctuary boys, followed by the celebrant of the Mass, the Rev. Father Mulheran, marched into the sanctuary, the orchestra playing the beautiful Marche Pontificale by Gounod. After the singing of the first gospel, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Mulheran. He first spoke of the honor he felt at being asked to preach on the occasion of the silver jubilee of St. Michael's parish, Dunnville. He then began a sermon that was very eloquent, filled with much food for thought, and thoroughly dignified in tone throughout. He spoke of the faith of the people, of the worship of God, of the worship of God in the great central point of Catholic worship—the Sacrifice of the Mass—of the consolation that comes from the belief in the Real Presence, of confession and its benefits, and of the love of one's neighbor, without which God cannot be properly worshipped. It was a splendid effort. The speaker has a very pleasing appearance, is graceful in gesture and his language was simple and chaste. He referred to the first resident pastor, the Rev. J. E. Crinion, who is now no more. He spoke of his eminent business capacity. Reference was also made to the esteem in which Rev. Fr. Crinion's successor, the Rev. G. J. Cleary of Caledonia, was held, and of the good work he had done during his pastorate. He also told of the work of Father Englert, now of Hamilton, who