

THREE OLD ACADEMY BOYS

Address Delivered by Dr. J. H. MacDonald to the Graduating Class of Acadia Academy

This Academy is just now completing 95 years of history. During that time it has made a notable contribution to Canada and to the world—a contribution in manhood, the extent of which and the richness of which, few people, even among the Academy's own sons, have commenced to realize. During your stay here you have come to know your schoolmates well and you have been strengthened in character and ennobled in purpose by your school fellowships. But you know the students of your own day only. The great body of students who preceded you here you do not know. What I propose to do in my address tonight is to introduce to you THREE OLD ACADEMY BOYS of other days and tell you something of their character and achievements, so that you may feel the quickening influence of their personalities as you go forth to your tasks.

The Embarrassment of Riches
To introduce worthy and distinguished men is always a pleasing duty; but whom among the thousands of students who have studied here shall I present to you? To select only three is the most difficult part of my task. I am embarrassed by the wealth of distinguished men whom I find among the graduates of this Academy.

The names of the clergymen alone who have gone out from these halls is a legion. Among them you will find such men as Edward Manning Saunders, David Allan Steele, William S. MacKenzie, and among the younger generation Austin Kennedy DeBlois, W. B. Wallace, Harry Freda.

If I were to call the roll of distinguished missionaries who have taken their preliminary studies here, my difficulties would be even greater. Here are samples of Academy boys who fulfilled their mission beyond the seas: Richard Burpee, the first Christian Missionary who sailed from Canada to labor in a foreign field; Boggs, one of a great host in India; Crawley in Burma; Harrington in Japan; Brandshaw of China, Foote of Corea, Duval of Africa.

If you ask me the names of statesmen, I can begin the list by reciting the names of the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. P. C. Hill, Hon. J. W. Longley, Hon. William T. Pines, Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes.

In the legal profession you will find the names of fellow-students who on the honor roll as these names will indicate—Justice Alexander James, Sir Robert Weatherbee, Sir Wallace Graham.

In the medical profession the Academy has been to the forefront. Among distinguished sons you will find the names of Hon. Daniel McNeill Parker, so long honored and revered in this Province; Dr. Walter W. Chipman, so prominent in Montreal and particularly in McGill; Dr. A. L. Anderson, recognized as one of the foremost physicians of New York.

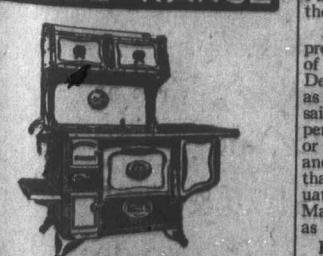
When I undertake to point out how the Academy stands in the field of education I am even more embarrassed. These flashes before me a vision of eminent teachers and administrators: Rand, Hunt, MacVane, Hartt, Jones, Higgins, Turle, Creed and others too numerous to recount.

If you are interested in following the career of your fellow-academicians to the realm of finance, I would point you to John Y. Payzant, so well-known in this country; Charles R. Higgins, of Idaho; Oregon; M. Haddon MacLean, Chicago; and Henry T. Ross, Secretary of the Canadian Bankers Association, Toronto.

The Academy has also made its place in the world of letters. The name of Theodore Harding Rand stands out prominently among Canadian poets—a poet so imbued with the spirit of his native land that he hears the music of the word "Canada" in the songs of the birds. Let me name also Dr. John Alfred Faulkner, of Drew Theological Seminary, the historian, and Edward Freeman Trotter, whose brilliant career was cut short in the great war.

Or would some one have me call the roll of soldiers, time would fail me to tell of their number and their gallant deeds. If you go into St. Paul's Cemetery, Halifax, you will find opposite the Government House the Parker-Randford Monument, erected to the memory of two men who distinguished themselves in the Crime War. Capt. William B. C. A. Parker is an old Academy boy, who fell gallantly at Redan. And what shall I say of the late war?

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Nearly 300 Academy students were with the colors. Among them Milton Fowler Gregg who won the Victoria Cross. I will mention only one out of a host of others with records of undimmed lustre, and that is Col. Chalmers Jack Mercereau, D.S.O., Officer commanding the 25th Infantry Battalion, a former Principal of this school. And lest someone should think I have slighted the old girls of Acadia Academy, let me flash upon the screen the portraits of Dr. Anne Marion MacLean, a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago and a writer of note; Dr. Evelyn Keirstead Farris, a leader among the educational forces of British Columbia; and Mrs. Margaret Coates Heritage of Paris, a linguist of such renown that she collaborated with Count Tolstoi in the translation of some of his later works.

You are beginning to appreciate my difficulty in the task of making a selection of THREE OLD BOYS, out of this great number. Mine is not the embarrassment of poverty, but of riches. I will, however, select three, and will ask you who are graduating tonight to think of them henceforth as your school-fellows and mentors.

Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper (Bart.)

Statesman.
The Academy was founded in 1828 and opened the following year. That was nine or ten years before the founding of the College and long before the Seminary was dreamed of. Horton Academy soon made a place for itself and became recognized as a classical school of high grade. It drew a large number of young men from all parts of the Maritime Provinces. It was a distinctively Christian school, without religious tests. It was attended by students of all creeds, as it has been ever since.

Tupper, a boy of 16, entered the Academy, in the summer of 1837, the year Queen Victoria ascended the throne. He spent two years here. He began the study of Greek in a class by himself. In a few weeks he was able to join the class in New Testament Greek and in six months he was advanced to the class reading Homer overtaking the students who had a start of two and a half years upon him. Tupper was not so keen on Mathematics. He approached the Principal one day with a problem in compound fractions which had given him trouble. The Principal spent some time over it, erased his figures and handed it back to the student to work out for himself. Tupper threw his text book into his desk and never looked at it afterwards. He said he had too much respect for his Principal to try to excel him in arithmetic. Tupper had not much time for athletics. During his last year he spent his extra time at work in a shoeshop, helping to defray the cost of his education. He came to know more of manufacturing calfskin in the shoe-shop than he did of handling the pig-skin on the campus.

Tupper studied medicine in Edinburgh University and began the practice of his profession in Amherst, N. S. But he had not gone far before he heard the call to politics, and entered public life at 34 years of age; and for the next half century no man in Canada led a more strenuous life and no man was more in the public eye. He became Premier of N. S. in 1863 and in the following year he introduced and passed through the house the legislation which gave this Province its Free School System. It is not too much to say that this was one of the greatest legislative measures enacted in this Province. It called for dauntless courage and far-sighted statesmanship, in both of which Tupper abounded.

He was among the first Canadians to advocate in a practical way the federal union of British North American Provinces. His name will be remembered as one of the foremost among the Fathers of Confederation. It will stand side by side with that of Sir John Macdonald as one of the master builders of our Canadian Commonwealth. B.

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—And—
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(Executor of the Estate of Effie Estella Gerard)

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MONDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE A. D. 1924.

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G. C. NOWLAN, Solicitor for Plaintiff

sides filling for a time the office of Prime Minister of Canada, he occupied no less than half a dozen portfolios in the Canadian cabinet and was closely associated with all the initial movements which laid the foundation of Canadian nationhood. He did not possess the diplomatic grace and bonhomie of his Chief, but he surpassed him in courage and constructive statesmanship. For fourteen years he served as Canadian High Commissioner in London, and his personality and administrative gifts were of such a nature as to give Canada her rightful place in the Overseas Dominions. He was honored by his Sovereign with the Knight-hood of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, and also with a Baronetcy.

Hon. Daniel McNeill Parker—Physician and Citizen.

Parker entered the Academy in 1835. He was among the number of boys who took an active part in planting those sturdy and graceful trees which adorn the College grounds and park. The Academy boys went up near Kentville, selected their trees and brought them down the Cornwallis River in scows, and transplanted them where you see them today.

Parker proceeded to Edinburgh and took a medical course in Edinburgh University and in the Royal College of Surgeons. He found his old Academy Seminary there before him. Both these men had exceedingly brilliant careers at Edinburgh. Both of them were gold medalists and prizemen.

Parker returned to Halifax and began the practice of his profession and continued in that practice for fifty years, during which time he came to be recognized by his fellow-practitioners as Dean of his profession. He was the first physician in Nova Scotia, perhaps in Canada, who used anesthetics in a surgical operation. During the first twenty years of his practice he contributed regularly to the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* and later in life he became corresponding editor of the *Canadian Medical Journal*. He was a physician of the old school—the guide, philosopher and friend of his patients.

Dr. Parker was equally eminent as a citizen. He was actively interested in every worthy cause. He gave unstintingly of himself and of his means to advance the common weal. Indeed, one might search the annals of our country in vain to find a man who more nearly approached the ideal of a professional man, Christian citizen and country gentleman. He was among the promoters of the Halifax Medical College and for years an examiner of that institution. For twenty-nine years he was a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia University. He occupied the position of President of the

Baptist Maritime Convention. He served for many years as a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia and was awarded the Prince Albert Medal in recognition of his valued services in connection with the First World's Industrial Exposition, London, under the patronage of the Prince Consort.

Professor Charles Frederick Hartt

Scientist.
Hartt was born in Fredericton, N. B., in 1840. When he attended the Academy his father, Mr. Jarvis Hartt, was Principal.

Charles Frederick Hartt was one of the most versatile of boys who ever attended this institution. He excelled in music, art and languages. He did not permit himself to be within the bounds of any prescribed course of study. He was interested in so many things that his friends feared he would never excel in anything. But Hartt was pre-eminently a scientist and ultimately to his Academy work, he went through the University. (Neither Tupper nor Parker took University work). After leaving Acadia he pursued postgraduate work at Harvard and accompanied the renowned Agassiz, his teacher, to Brazil on two expeditions of scientific research. He visited that country later on two geological expeditions and for a time settled down as head of the department of Geology of Cornell University.

In 1875 he was called by the Emperor of Brazil to undertake one of the greatest tasks ever committed to a man of science, namely, to make a geological survey of the Empire of Brazil, a country containing 3,288,000 square miles of territory and most of it virgin soil to the geologist. For three years he pursued his task as chief of the Geological Commission of Brazil, till his career was suddenly ended by a fatal attack of yellow fever, at the early age of thirty-eight years. (Parker lived to the age of 85 and Tupper attained the advanced age of 95.)

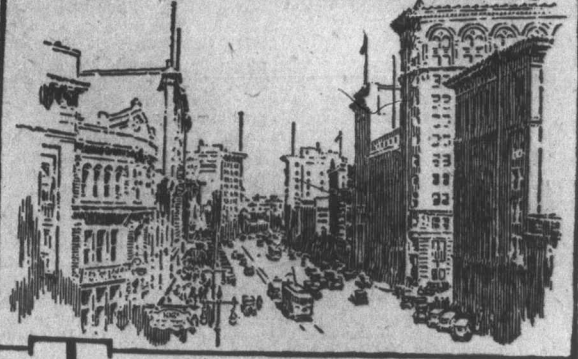
Before his death he published three valuable treatises. The *Geology and Physical Geography of Brazil*, *Brazilian Antiquities*, and *The Mythology of Brazilian Indians*. Scientific literature was also enriched by numerous articles from his pen.

Dr. Derby, who succeeded him as chairman of the Commission, characterized Hartt as "the most active, profound, versatile and disinterested investigator who ever set foot in Brazil. His contributions to geological and archeological literature outweigh all the rest put together."

Altho' spending only vacations in the Maritime Provinces, he made valuable contributions to our geological (Continued on Page 7.)

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