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### COMMENCEMENT SPEECHES.



COMMENCEMENTS resemble one another in their general features. THE REVIEW wishes, however, to place on record two notable speeches delivered at the fifty-ninth annual commencement exercises, held last June. Degrees of LL.D. were conferred upon Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General and Minister of Labor, and Senator Thos. Coffey, editor of the Catholic Record, of London, Ont. Hon. Mr. Lemieux and Senator Coffey, on that occasion, delivered the following addresses:

Very Rev. Rector, Gentlemen,

You have just conferred upon me the degree of Doctor of Laws, and I accept, with gratitude, your precious parchment. It is a title of nobility, the value of which I cannot over-estimate. It is an additional tie which binds me to the University of Ottawa, where I was fortunate enough to complete my course in 1883-84. Twenty-three years ago! It is a long stage in life. To me that seems almost a confession of decline, of old age; but, since I have stopped counting my grey hairs, I turn my thoughts, without regret, towards an already distant past. Shall I own it to you? Since the hustle of political affairs has brought me back to the Capital, I sometimes try