

Souvenir of the Silver Jubilee
of St. Michael's Parish
Dunnville, Ont.



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The History of Catholicity in Dunnville and its Vicinity

The following brief outline of the history of Catholicity in Dunnville and its vicinity has been compiled by the Rev. Father Donovan, the present pastor of St. Michael's church, Dunnville. The information that is furnished has been gathered chiefly from the older members of the parish, who have lived here during Father Donovan's pastorate. The late Father Crinion left a few notes that have also been used. The story of the experiences of Father Dollier and his band of faithful workers has been taken from Dean Harris' "History of the Early Missions in Western Canada."

There will be found, too, a full account of the Silver Jubilee of the parish, which was celebrated Sunday, September 17th, 1911.

St. Michael's parish, Dunnville, was formed into a separate parish on the 5th of September, 1886, with the Rev. J. E. Crinion as first resident pastor. Previous to this date Dunnville was attached to Caledonia parish. As nearly as can be ascertained, the first Mass ever said in Dunnville was celebrated in a tavern kept by a Mrs. McKeever. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Father McIntosh, in the year 1848. Mr. James Barry, now living in Dunnville, was baptised by this priest on the occasion of this visit. Father McIntosh was probably the first priest to visit Dunnville. Previous to, and even at intervals for a while after this visit, the few Catholics who lived here were obliged to drive to Buffalo to have their children baptised. After Father McIntosh's visit, at irregular intervals, came Dean Grattan and his nephew, Father Conway, also Fathers McLaughlin and Fitzgerald. We next hear of Mass being celebrated in a barn situated near the Grand Trunk station, and owned by John Timmons; then upstairs in Thos. Carroll's house. Mass was afterwards celebrated in the residence of Jasper Murphy. After this we read that just before the old church was built, the holy sacrifice was offered in the Amsden and Boswell Halls. Thos. Carroll and Andrew Devine are said to be the first Catholics of Dunnville.

It will be of considerable interest to add here that a Father Lee visited Broad Creek, now known as Stromness, about the year 1841. He came at the time the canal was being dug, and was instrumental in quelling what was known as the Broad Creek war. In 1842 Father Lee died of dropsy, after an illness of three months. A Father McDonough arrived in time to administer to him the last sacraments. He died at the home of a Mr. James Darraugh, a Protestant gentleman of Stromness, who kindly drove the remains to St. Catharines for interment.

THE FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DUNNVILLE.

The next priest of whom there is any mention is Father John McNulty. He came about the year 1858 or 1860. He lived at Caledonia, where he built the present brick church, and attended from there the missions of Caledonia, Walpole, Indiana, Binbrook and Dunnville. He was assisted as curate for a while by Father O'Shea, who was a doctor of medicine before he studied for the priesthood.

THE OLD CHURCH.

Shortly after the arrival of Father McNulty, he set a movement on foot to build any kind of log or frame church the people could call their own. This movement was hastened by the fact that it was considered that \$60.00 per annum was too much to pay for the use of a hall. At the first meeting there were sixteen present, and encouraged by Father John, they took courage and passed a resolution to build. Thos. Carroll, the father of Mrs. Bolger of Dunnville lent the lot for the church, and it is on this lot that the priest's house now stands. Daniel Barry and Thomas Carroll went around through the district to have the people sign the petition for the building of this church.

The frame church, which on account of its queer proportions and small windows was called "The Barn," was now built on this lot, and the poor people were delighted that they had a church which they could call their own. Some time after this Thomas O'Brien, a carpenter, remodelled and renovated the frame church, and deprived it of its barn-like appearance by the insertion of church-like windows.

Mr. Thos. Carroll lent the land where the priest's house now stands to the people to build the church on. After some time the lot on which the present church is built, was purchased, and the old church was moved to it. When it was decided to start the new church, the old church building was moved back to the Carroll lot, which was purchased from the owners. John Newman and Patrick Heffernan, now dead, father of James Heffernan, Canal Bank, Sherbrooke, drew the lumber and machinery necessary to move the church in the first removal.

FATHER McNULTY'S SUCCESSORS.

About the year 1876, Father McNulty, feeling the weight of years, withdrew from active service and was instrumental in purchasing the House of Providence, Dundas, Ont., where he spent the remaining days of his life. He died in 1882, and at his own request he was buried in the grounds of that institution. In the same year—1876—he was succeeded as pastor by the Rev. Father Cleary, who was succeeded by Rev. Father Doherty, now pastor of Arthur, Ont. Rev. Father Maddigan, now of Formosa, Ont., succeeded Father Doherty. In the year 1885 the Rev. Father Kelly followed Father Maddigan as pastor of Caledonia, to which Dunnville was still attached. Father Kelly, who is now the esteemed pastor of Mount Forest, Ont., bought the lot on which the church now stands. It was he who started the work on the new church, and the foundation had been completed when it was decided to

make Dunnville an independent parish, the Rev. J. E. Crinion being made the first resident pastor of Dunnville.

It was in September, 1836, that Father Crinion came. He took up the work of finishing the church, which was formally dedicated on the 10th day of May, 1837. This good priest for 17 years labored zealously for the good of the parish. His earnest work produced excellent results, especially in matters that pertained to the financial success of the parish, for when he left in June, 1903, there was only a matter of some \$550 debt left. This is remarkable, considering the few families that he had under his care. He died in Paris, Ont., in 1908. His successor in Dunnville was the Rev. G. J. Cleary, now pastor of Caledonia. Father Cleary's stay was just one short year, but in that time he succeeded in ingratiating himself into the affections of his people, and did excellent work. Another priest, the Rev. Father Englert, of St. Ann's church, Hamilton, was pastor here from March, 1906, to July, 1907, and his work in improving the interior of the church, decorating the sanctuary and improving the parish house, speaks well for his energy and zeal. He was succeeded by the Rev. Father Donovan, the present pastor. Father Donovan was also pastor of this parish from June, 1904, to March, 1906. On October 28th 1908, was made the last payment on the parish debt \$250.00—and so the parish was entirely free of debt at last.

THE NEW ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

In the year 1885, Dunnville being united to Caledonia, Bishop Carbery visited Dunnville to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and the congregation petitioned him personally for a resident pastor, or for more instruction. The Bishop promised to send them a resident priest, provided the congregation would build a new church. Some were not quite satisfied with this provision to build a new church, being quite contented to worship in their old frame church. However, Father Crinion was appointed resident pastor in September, 1886. When he came here he found the members of the congregation scattered over a wide district. The corner stone of the new church was blessed and laid by Bishop Carbery in the year 1886, and on the 10th of May, 1887—the Feast of the Ascension—the new church was blessed and dedicated. An account of the ceremonies of dedication as given by the "Reform Press," a local paper, may prove interesting to our readers:

DEDICATION OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, DUNNVILLE

"The interesting ceremony of the dedication of this church was performed on Ascension Thursday (10th May, 1887) by the Right Rev. Dr. Carbery, Bishop of Hamilton, assisted by the Very Rev. E. I. Heenan, Vicar General; the Rev. P. Cosgrove, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton; Rev. J. Kelly, pastor of Caledonia, and Rev. J. E. Crinion, pastor of Dunnville. The Vicar General said the Mass, and St. Basil's Church Choir, Brantford, under the able direction of Professor Zinger, rendered Farmer's Mass in B flat with good effect. Father Cosgrove preached the sermon. He took for his text: "This day salvation is come to Israel." At the end of the mass the Bishop gave the solemn blessing. Mr. Clohecy of Hamilton was architect of the church, and Robt. Bennett, Dunnville, the contractor. The style of architecture is Italian. The building consists of the nave 70 feet long by 35 feet wide, with chancel 20 feet long by 21 feet wide, having in the east side a beautiful Lady Chapel, and on the west side a commodious Sacristy. The chancel arch is ornamented with pilasters, surrounded by a rich

classic moulding. The Lady Chapel and entrance to the Sacristy have a similar finish. The ceiling is covered with rich moulding. Over the entrance is a good sized gallery calculated to accommodate over 100 persons, and exquisitely finished in front. The High Altar, the gift of Bishop Carbery to Rev. Father Crinion, is a splendid specimen of classic design, which adds a grace and beauty to the entire structure. It consists of the altar proper, with super-altar and Tabernacle. The Reredos presents a large ope with circular top, for a picture of the Crucifixion. On the freize is the inscription, "Gloria in excelsis Deo," and on the pedement of the entablature is a dove, emblem of the Holy Ghost, surrounded by rays, and the entire altar is surmounted by a floriated cross. The altar was painted by Mr. James, Dunnville, in a flat white, with carvings and enrichments richly gilded. The work was executed by Mr. Cruickshanks of Hamilton and reflects great credit on the skill and taste of his artizans. The pews were made by Messrs. Bennett, London, Ont., and finished in their usual careful manner. A new organ, the gift of Mr. Jeremiah Hartnett, parishioner of Dunnville, was built by W. Doherty & Co., Clinton, Ont. The entire appearance of the interior of the church has a finished and pleasing effect. The front of the church has a large circular window, with smaller windows, at each side, and a great door for principal entrance. On the southeast angle of the front is a campanile, or tower, and in this is another entrance to the church for winter use. It also contains a solid stairway to the gallery. The sides of the church are pierced with windows filled with ornamental glass. Between the windows are buttresses, which give an air of strength and massiveness to the entire structure. The entire cost is about \$9,000.00, and there still remains the debt of about \$3,500 on the building. The perseverance, assiduity, care and watchfulness bestowed on the work by Rev. Father Crinion is now amply rewarded by having one of the most beautiful churches of its size in the Province to minister to the spiritual wants of his faithful and devoted people. We wish him and his people many happy years to enjoy the fruits of his anxiety and care, and trust a sympathising community will enable him to liquidate the debt in a short time.

IN THE EVENING.

At the evening vespers, which were conducted by the Rev. Father Kilcullen of Port Colborne, the church was literally packed to the doors. More than one-half the audience comprised the representative members of the various religious denominations of the town, who were escorted to seats by the courteous ushers chosen for the occasion. The services were in keeping with the grandeur and solemnity so characteristic of Catholic worship. The Brantford Choir rendered "Est's Musical Vespers with splendid effect. The female voices were excellent. Mr. Flemming's fine bass voice was heard to advantage in Rendillis' "Pro peccatis," which he sang with an attention to accuracy entitled to high praise.

The sermon was preached by Very Rev. Dean Harris of St. Catharines, who chose for his text the 26th and 27th verses from the 5th Chapter of the Epistles to the Ephesians. The Very Rev. gentleman is unquestionably an able, eloquent and impressive speaker, and for the hour and a half he dwelt upon his subject he had the attention of his very large audience completely under his control. The treatment of his subject was masterly, and if he should again come to Dunnville standing room in the Catholic church will be at a premium. For eloquence that rivets the attention and captivates the human heart, Dean Harris possesses it. After the sermon a collection was taken up and a handsome sum realized, as well as in the morning. Immediately before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Mr. Klinhammer sang with fine ef-

fect Rivit's "O, Salutaris." The rendition of Lambillote's "Tantum Ergo" was superb, and was perhaps the finest vocal and musical piece of the day. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament immediately followed, and the services then closed."

ST. MICHAEL'S PRESBYTERY.

When Father Crinion came to Dunnville he boarded for fifteen days at the Royal Hotel. He next rented the McIndoe homestead, directly opposite the English Church, then in course of construction. He paid \$7.00 a month rent. Eventually it was decided to build a house, and on the 20th of September, 1887, the men of the parish assembled and began to pull down the old church, which had been moved to make room for the new church now completed. They began operations for the new house by cutting the old building in two. One half they made into a barn—boarding up the end, and moved it to the rear of the lot, where it still stands. The other half was taken apart, and the material, which was seasoned and sound, worked into the new house.

The old church had a double floor, and the sills were perfectly sound, so instead of taking the floor and sills apart, a stone foundation was built and the sills and floor placed on it. On the 20th of December, 1887, three months after the house was started, it was ready for use. The house remained pretty much as it was for some time. During the pastorships of Father Cleary and Father Donovan the interior of the house was improved very much. Father Englert had the house painted and made further improvement inside. This summer (1911) the house was raised $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and a wall $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet high put under it, the Pine Street side of the wall being built up with cement blocks. This year, too, a beautiful semi-colonial verandah has also been built in the front of the house, and the house and verandah have been painted and shingled.

Most of the trees around the new house were planted by Father Crinion. Some were planted in 1887, some in 1888, and some of them even in 1890. In planting some of them Fr. Crinion was assisted at different times by Thos. Woods, Patrick Warren and Felix Murphy, the last mentioned presenting the soft maples placed around the church and house. Father Crinion, Thos. Woods and Felix Murphy are dead, but the trees they planted have flourished so that they now protect the church and presbytery from the storm, and keep off the hot rays of the sun with their shade.

SOME OLD-TIME PARISHIONERS.

In the early days there lived in Dunnville Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Sullivan, an excellent couple who entertained the visiting priests down to the arrival of Father Crinion, the first resident priest. Many a Priest and the Bishops too, who had occasion to visit here previous to 1886 these worthy people entertained. Jeremiah Sullivan is dead this many a day, and when he died the parish lost a true friend if it ever had one, whose personal sacrifices for this congregation God knows and has rewarded long since. Alongside of his body was placed, six years ago, Johanna his wife, whose care for God's altar, and whose solicitude for His ministers, will bring its reward.

In 1846 came the late Mr. Daniel Barry, who settled in the Moote Settlement, and was a faithful member of this parish. His sons, James and William, live in Dunnville, and Jeremiah, another son, lives in Canboro Township. Mrs. Margaret Kenney was an-

other one of the early settlers. She died last year in her 101st year. She celebrated her one hundredth birthday on March 17th 1910, receiving the congratulations of her friends and townspeople generally. Mrs. Celeste Livingstone was another old timer who died recently. She was the mother of Mrs. David Jewhurst. Four years ago there died at Stromness another parishioner, Patrick Corcoran, who lived to the advanced age of 103½ years. The oldest living member of the congregation is probably Mr. John Newman, Lock Street, Dunnville.

Mr. Felix Murphy, father of Mrs. John Kunsdorf, who passed away just a little over three years ago, highly respected in the community, was for years the sexton of St. Michael's cemetery.

William Billington, a man very much esteemed and respected, died last February at a ripe old age. He has a son John in San Francisco, Cal., and two daughters living, Mrs. D. B. Clifford, Dunnville, and Mrs. Thos. Walsh, Cayuga.

Besides those referred to in the preceding pages, these are the names of some of the old-time parishioners who lived here before and after the arrival of Father Crinion: Michael Cleary, father of M. J. Cleary, Dunnville; Michael Corcoran, father of Mrs. Jos. Newman Byng; John Corcoran, father of Jeremiah Corcoran, Port Maitland; and James Corcoran father of P. T. Corcoran, Stromness; Thos. O'Connor, father of the Misses Ellen and Bridget O'Connor, Diltz Road, Moulton; John and Francis Scalfie, Patrick Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Bartholomew Hartnett, father of Thos. Hartnett, Moulton, and Jeremiah Hartnett, Canboro; Michael Ryan, Martin Hayes; Timothy Clifford, Diltz Road; Wm. Harris; Daniel Sullivan, father of James and John Sullivan, Bird Road; John Timmons, Patrick O'Neill; Edward Flanagan, father of John and Edward Flanagan, Wainfleet; Dennis McDonald, father of Thos. McDonald, Dunnville; Matthew Culleton, father of Mrs. Thos. McDonald, Dunnville; Owen Ryan, Patrick Warren, Casper Heisler; Malcolm Miller, Dunnville, father of Joseph, John and Sopha Miller, Dunnville; Michael McDonald father of Mrs. Jos. Miller, Dunnville; Patrick Hunter, John Hickey; John Cooley, father of J. B. Cooley, Dunnville; James Kenney, father of Frank Kenney, Robinson Road; John Kenney, father of Thos. J. Kenney, Attercliffe Station, John Kenney of Dunnville, and Dennis Kenney of Toronto; James Newman, father of Frank, James, John and Joseph Newman, of Dunn Township; George Jewhurst, father of Mrs. Sopha Miller; Maurice Clifford, father of Jeremiah, Maurice and William Clifford, of Canboro, and Timothy, Daniel B., and John Clifford, of Dunnville; Hubert Dumas, father of John Dumas and Mrs. Jere Clifford, both of Canboro, and Richard Sasse and James O'Keefe, the late of James J., and John and Frank O'Keefe, of Canboro. The late Messrs. James O'Keefe and John Kenney helped as carpenters to build the presbytery.

PIONEER MISSIONARIES ON THE GRAND RIVER

The part of the voyage of the Rev. Fathers Dollier de Casson, and Gallinee, which has reference to the Grand River and Port Maitland, and which is found in Harris' "History of the Early Missions in Western Canada," may prove interesting reading. The time was 1669—242 years ago. These two Sulpitian priests with their party, having reached Burlington Bay, on the shore of which Hamilton now stands, made their way thence to a bend in the Grand River, corresponding probably with that at Cainsville. Embarking here they sailed down the Grand River, and reaching Lake Erie, found it too rough to embark. Dean Harris writes in the history named above as follows:

They now encamped on the site occupied by the present village of Port Maitland, but at the end of fifteen days deemed it prudent to change their quarters. They retired about a mile and a half into the woods, and here, on the margin of a small stream, threw up a large hut, which they loop-holed, as a precautionary measure against attacks. One end of this building was reserved for a chapel, where Father Dollier celebrated Mass three times a week, and was consoled with the reflection that he was the first priest who ever offered up the Holy Sacrifice on the shores of Lake Erie. He tells us that the members of his party regularly assisted at Mass, and often went to confession and Holy Communion. On Sunday and festivals, High Mass was chanted and a sermon delivered. Every night and morning they had prayers in common, and sometimes during the day joined in pious exercises. Fortunately for them, the winter was comparatively mild. "If our winter was as severe," they write, "as it was at Montreal, especially in the month of February, 1670*, we would all have perished with the cold. Our axes were almost useless, so that if the wood, which we collected for our fires, was frozen as hard as it ordinarily is at Montreal, we would not be able to split it."

They remained here five months and eleven days, and before their departure planted on Passion Sunday a huge cross, and, after the example of Jacques Cartier, took possession of the country in the name of Louis the Fourteenth, whose arms they attached to the religious emblem. They also fastened to it the following inscription: "We, the undersigned, certify to having affixed on the shores of Lake Erie the arms of the King of France, with this inscription:—'In the year of Grace, 1669, Clement the IX., occupying the chair of St. Peter, and Louis the XIV., King of France, M. de Courcelles, being Governor of New France, and M. Talon, Intendant for the King; there arrived in this place two missionaries of the Seminary of Montreal, accompanied by seven other Frenchmen, who were the first of all Europeans to winter on this coast, which they have taken possession of, as of a land unoccupied, in the name of their King, by the affixing of his arms which they have attached to the foot of this cross. As a guarantee of good faith, we have put our names to this certificate.

"FRANCIS DOLLIER,

"Pretre du diocese de Nantes, en Bretagne.

"DE GALINEE,

Diacre du diocese de Rennes, en Bretagne.

The next day, the Feast of the Annunciation, they resumed their voyage, and after a stormy time landed on Pelee Island, worn out with exhaustion.† As they were greatly fatigued, they left their canoes at the edge of the water, and retired to rest. A storm swept the lake during the night, and carried off some of their canoes. Fortunately, one of the party awoke and aroused the others. When they had saved what they could, they found that the canoe containing their sounding lead, trinkets for the Indians, and their portable chapel, was lost. This was, for them, a serious disaster, for without the gifts they were carrying, they could do nothing among the tribes; moreover, Father de Casson could no longer say Mass, so they determined to go back to Montreal and from there begin anew their journey.

*The winter of 1670 was the most severe ever experienced in Canada. In the letters of Marie de l'Incarnation, we read that in the month of June ice still was found on the pond of the convent garden, and that their trees and berry bushes were killed with the cold.

†The place of their landing is marked on Galinee's map, and was probably on or near Point Pelee.

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. SS. 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

improved the parish property very much, and said that the excellent mural decorations of the interior of the church will remain a witness to his zeal and energy. He spoke of the present pastor, the Rev. Father Donovan, who for six years has presided over the destinies of the parish, referring particularly to the careful system of government of the church societies, of the excellent order displayed in the sanctuary, and of his solicitude for neatness and cleanliness in the church. He also referred to Father Donovan's zeal for building up the Kingdom of God in the hearts of his people—the chief work of a zealous priest—and of his kindly and gentle regard for those who differed from him in religious belief. His skill as a musician also received a passing tribute.

In the evening a sermon on faith was preached by the Rev. Father Mulheran. The discourse was brilliant and forcible, and once more the congregation was treated to a display of easy gestures and simple language that was most pleasing.

The Rev. Father Doyle, pastor of Cayuga, recited the rosary, and gave the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the service.

THE PROGRAMMES OF MUSIC RENDERED.

IN THE MORNING

- 1 Marche Pontificale.....Gounod
Orchestra.
- 2 Kyrie Eleison.....Donovan
Choir.
- 3 Gloria.....FromWebbe's Mass in G.
Choir.
- 4 Credo.....From Webbe's Mass in G.
Choir.
- 5 Duet.....O Salutaris
Miss Teresa Hammersley and Mr. J. B. Cooley,
with flute and clarinet accompaniment by
Father Donovan and Mr. Joseph Crowe.
- 6 Sanctus.....Loesch
Choir.
- 7 Agnus Dei.....Loesch
Choir.

IN THE EVENING

- 1 March.....Orchestra
- 2 Hymn.....Choir
- 3 Duet.....Ave Maria
Miss Teresa Hammersley and Mr. J. B. Cooley,
with flute and clarinet accompaniment by
Father Donovan and Mr. Joseph Crowe.
- 4 Hymn.....
Miss T. Hammersley.
- 5 O Salutaris.....Donovan
Miss T. Hammersley
- 6 Tantum Ergo.....Choir
- 7 Laudate Dominum.....Choir

The singing of the choir was excellent. The solo parts in the Gloria and Credo were taken by Messrs. John Kunsdorf, J. B. Cooley and John Jewhurst, and were rendered very effectively. The chorus parts were well supported by Father Donovan, playing a B flat tenor saxophone, and Mr. Joseph Crowe playing a clarinet. Miss Hammersley sang her solos with much feeling and expression. She sang especially well in the "O Salutaris" number, a composition of Father Donovan, that is remarkable for its sweet melody and devotional tone. The duets of Miss Hammersley and Mr. Jas. B. Cooley were beautifully done, the flute and clarinet accompani-

ment giving it a setting that was very delicious. Mr. Chas. Kenney presided at the organ in his usual good style.

The choir consisted of Mr. Chas. H. Kenney, organist and choirmaster; J. B. Cooley, John Kunsdorf, Miss Teresa Hammersley, John Jewhurst and Joseph Crowe. The choir was assisted by an orchestra under the leadership of Father Donovan.

The ushers were Mr. M. J. Cleary and Mr. William Granzow.

The altar and sanctuary were decorated by Mrs. Wm. Granzow, Mrs. J. J. Cleary and Miss Lena Cleary.

The sanctuary boys were: John Cooley, master of ceremonies; Peter Barry, thurifer; Wilfrid Barry and Fred Winters, acolytes; Donald Martin, Thos. Martin, Jack McDonald and Edwin Heath, torchbearers.

Just before the end of the morning service, the people assembled were asked to gather at the parish house, which has been very recently improved, having been raised, painted and a new semi-colonial verandah built. In accordance with the invitation this was done. His worship, Robert Bennett, mayor of Dunnville, was voted into the chair, and in a neat speech he complimented the congregation on its silver jubilee, and referred to the fact that he had been contractor in the building of the church, that he had known all its pastors very well, but he felt he should say that his personal regard for the present pastor was very great indeed. He then called on Mr. F. R. Lalor. In a very pleasing speech Mr. Lalor spoke of his acquaintance with the members of St. Michael's Church from his boyhood days, of his friendship with the late Father Crinion, and of his knowledge of Father Crinion's early struggles. He also spoke of his high regard for Father Donovan, the present pastor, whom he considered to be among all the clergymen who have lived in Dunnville, the best liked and the most highly esteemed by all classes of the community. Mr. R. F. Miller also complimented the people and the pastor on their silver jubilee, and in a capital speech drew attention to the noble work of the Catholic church, referring in particular to her efforts in rescuing the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the infidel, and to the noble self-sacrifice of her missionaries in this country and in other lands. Mr. Thos. Marshall, as chairman of the Board of Education, Dunnville, complimented the congregation and its pastor on their silver jubilee, making a really good speech. He closed by referring to the present pastor as a man of culture and scholarly attainments, and in every way capable of filling far more important charges, were his health such as to enable him to sustain the physical strain in parishes of a large population. Mr. J. W. Holmes, the town clerk, was next called on, and he reiterated the sentiments of the preceding speakers in regard to the present pastor, and spoke of some of his personal recollections of the early days of the parish that his official work as clerk of the town made possible. Mr. T. L. M. Tipton spoke of his intimate acquaintance with the present pastor of St. Michael's, and said that it was always a pleasure to converse with Father Donovan because of his geniality, and of his high literary attainments. Alderman Arthur S. Brunt made a very neat and felicitous speech. Mr. David Hastings, editor of The Dunnville Gazette, spoke for the press, and in an easy, fluent manner complimented the congregation on its silver jubilee, and spoke in a kindly way of his personal regard for the present pastor, with whom he had been associated in the printing craft in Hamilton, and with whom he still from time to time talked over the mutual reminiscences of newspaper days in the Ambitious City. Mr. George Brooks, reeve of Canboro, also expressed his pleasure at being present on the occasion, and wished the congregation every success. A few words of thanks from Father Donovan brought the meeting to an end, and the people departed for their respective homes very happy and pleased.