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Celebration of Silver Jubilee of Father MacPherson

Another pleasing epoch in the long and interesting history of St. Margaret's parish was marked on Wednesday, July 25th inst., by the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the present parish priest, Rev. Kenneth C. MacPherson, B.A.

The observances began at ten o'clock in the morning with the celebration of Solemn High Mass by the jubilarian, with Rev. A. McAulay, Dean; Rev. R. J. McDonald, Sub-Deacon; Rev. M. Monaghan, Master of Ceremonies. Censer Bearer and Accolytes were respectively, Revs. Joseph McMillan, James McIsaac and Phelan McKenna, third year seminarians, and all three nephews of the celebrant.

Assisting in the Sanctuary were three former pastors of St. Margaret's: Rev. J. C. McLean, V.G., now of Souris, in the parsonage; Rev. A. P. McLeelan, now of St. Andrew's, who was transferred from St. Margaret's in 1898 to become, for the second time, Rector of St. Dunstan's College, and Rev. J. F. Johnston, lecturer, whose literary attainments are favorably known to all who appreciate the finer things of life. There were also present Rev. A. J. McIntyre, of the Cathedral staff, a native of St. Margaret's parish; Rev. E. J. McEllan, S.J., Winnipeg; Rev. F. T. Conolly, St. John's; Rev. Fr. McCulloch, C.S.S.R., St. John's; Rev. Theodore Gallant, Mont Carmel; Rev. John Gaudet, Bloomfield; Rev. J. C. McDonald, St. George's; Rev. J. Rooney, Morell; Rev. A. Murphy, Rector of St. Dunstan's University; Rev. R. V. McKenzie, St. Dunstan's University; Rev. Joseph McKenzie, Revelstoke, B.C.; Rev. F. Mullally, St. Dunstan's University; Rev. A. L. Sinnott, Rollo Bay; Rev. R. F. McDonald, Brae; Rev. L. Callaghan, St. Charles; Rev. C. McCarthy, Souris; Rev. C. McPherson, St. Charles.

The choir was augmented by the presence of Rev. T. Gallant, who performed the duties of organist in his usual masterly style, and Rev. J. Gaudet, and Mr. Jerome Chaisson of Rollo Bay, whose voices were heard to fine effect, especially in the Te Deum with which the religious exercises were concluded. The sermon for the occasion was delivered by Rev. J. Charles McDonald, of St. George's, who gave a lucid and eloquent exposition of the origin and development of the priesthood. He dwelt with effective emphasis on the relative duties of priest and people and concluded with congratulations couched in graceful terms to his brother priest, to whom all had assembled now to pay their tribute of honor and high regard. Presentation by the Clergy. An address, as follows, was read by Rev. R. J. McDonald on behalf of the clergy, accompanied by a cabinet itself bearing a silver presentation plate on which the names of the donors were engraved: Reverend K. C. MacPherson, St. Margaret's, P.E.I. Dear Reverend Father—We, your brother priests, have assembled today to offer our sincere congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, and it gives us very great pleasure to be able to bear witness to the spiritual record of your life and labors from the spring-time of your sacerdotal career to the present time of ripened experience, which has been a source of constant edification to us and of legitimate pride to the members of your own flock. Like a cross upon a mountain road, a sacred milestone marks the pilgrimage of every priest, at which his brethren in the ministry and the members of his own charge will halt

for a few moments in prayerful solicitude, before they salute the fame of his past achievements, and give expression to the sentiments which they evoke.

You, Reverend Father, have reached that milestone today. Twenty-five years ago you were ordained a Priest of the Church, and by the sacred rite of Ordination, Twenty-five years ago you were appointed by Apostolic Authority "to offer gifts and sacrifices to the Lord—a minister of the Holy of Holies and of the true Tabernacle which the Lord hath pitched, and not man." During all that time wherever you have been called by the voice of your superiors, you have done your duty as a good priest and a faithful administrator. As professor in St. Dunstan's University, the first scene of your early career, in the Cathedral Parish of Charlottetown, you labored for two years, your priestly ministrations have produced a golden harvest for the Lord. The spiritual help you have given in the confessional and from the pulpit, the many secrets of charity, the words of encouragement to those burdened by an accumulation of life's sorrows, have been forgotten by you, but they are remembered today, and like the seed of the Gospel have grown into a wide-spread vine, beneath whose broad foliage you may rest from your labor with grateful reminiscences in the Vineyard of the Lord.

Twenty-two years ago you were appointed Parish Priest of St. Margaret's. At that time the Parish had a very meagre pastoral staff, and the ecclesiastical and rural importance, yet your work and that of your predecessor and of your people was reduced to ashes when the great fire of 1921 destroyed the Church, Rectory, and Parish buildings. Your people suffered a severe loss, yet you were fortunate in having at their head a man who knew how to inspire them with courage, and today, thanks to your devoted zeal and their faithful co-operation, St. Margaret's once again ranks amongst the most prosperous parishes of the Diocese. "If monumentum requirit circumspice." If we seek monument of your priestly zeal we have but to indicate the large and commodious Church, Rectory and Parish property which have been constructed by you within the past seven years, all of which furnishes us with a splendid proof of your administrative ability.

There are other monuments of your devotedness more lasting than wood or stone. We have them in the Virtue enshrined in the hearts of the people committed to your care. "Qualis sacerdos, talis grex." In fine as a priest of the Church of God, you have ever labored for the spiritual and temporal welfare of your people. Your kindly disposition, your gentle tolerance of others, your broad-minded culture, the precious inheritance of a truly Christian home, have attracted to the truth of our Holy Religion many who otherwise would have been strangers to it.

In conclusion, we ask you to accept this gift, our token of appreciation, bearing with it our congratulations on your Silver Jubilee, and we earnestly pray that Divine Providence, the Giver of all Good, will grant you years of health, happiness, and usefulness to labor in the Diocese. (Signed)—J. C. McLean, P.A.V.G., E. J. Walker, A. McAulay, R. J. McDonald, J. C. McDonald, A. L. Sinnott, L. P. Callaghan, F. L. Conolly, M. F. Monaghan, Maurice McDonald, D.P., A. J. McIntyre, A. P. McLeelan, J. F. Johnston, P. D. McGulgan, J. B. McIntyre, J. Arch. MacDonald, Joseph Rooney, P. J. McMahon, J. A. Murphy, R. F. McDonald, R. V. McKenzie, F. L. Mullally. St. Margaret's, P.E.I. July 25, 1928.

Presentation by Parishioners. This was followed by an address from the parishioners, read by Mr. A. J. MacAdam, and the accompanying purse presented on a silver

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salver by Mr. John D. J. McDonald: To Rev. K. C. MacPherson, B.A., P.P., St. Margaret's, P.E.I. Dear Reverend Father—With the happy event which is your privilege by Divine Providence, to celebrate so auspiciously today, your parishioners assembled here would fain associate themselves by extending hearty congratulations on this, the attainment of your "Silver Jubilee" as a priest. We would at the same time voice our humble prayer that you may be vouchsafed "Length of Days" to carry on the work of the holy ministry in this parish, which has been the vineyard of our fathers, and pray that the span in the celebration of which it is now our privilege to assist.

Bearing in mind how intimately and fundamentally the functions of the priesthood are associated and intertwined with the fabric of parochial well-being and advancement, both spiritual and material, the mere mention that for almost the whole period ensuing from your ordination you have been in continual charge here as pastor, prelates at once how large a place you have acquired in the hearts and minds of the people of this parish of St. Margaret's.

Coming, as you did, in succession to a number of priests serving in turn here, whose intellectual attainments, unobscured piety and administrative ability marked them as amongst the pre-eminent of the Diocese, it would seem but natural that exercise of qualities of the highest order should be necessary to maintain the standard set so high by them. But your sound judgment and unobtrusive devotion were equal to the various demands upon them, and when now, as passing this silver milestone, we pause to consider what has been accomplished since your advent amongst us, so high do they stand. But your sound judgment and unobtrusive devotion were equal to the various demands upon them, and when now, as passing this silver milestone, we pause to consider what has been accomplished since your advent amongst us, so high do they stand.

In a temporal sense those who would seek your monument need but gaze upon this sacred edifice and the adjacent rectory, and in the hearts of those to whom you have given such devoted leadership there is read "A house not made with hands" in which your memory shall remain enshrined. On an occasion such as this it may well be asked— "Can you, can you think of all the souls that you have led to drink From fountains pure; of countless ones who died, And dying, knew and loved this Crucified?"

"Nicht mehr deep than ours would till fall far short of adequately appraising the store of precious associations attendant upon a priestly ministry of such duration as your has now attained. No "Sound of trumpet" can ever voice the inward grandeur of that reciprocal esteem between a devoted priest and those committed to his pastoral care, and in this realization of the fullness of words alone we ask you, dear Father, to accept this material token of our regard, accompanied, as it is, by the sincere hope and prayer of all that Time may deal as kindly with you for the future as in the past, and that "The Giver of every good and perfect gift" may spare you many years to come in the pastorate by St. Margaret's. (Signed)—Allan Gillis, John L. McPhee, Charles A. Kelly, Chester McDonald, John D. J. McDonald, A. D. McIsaac, A. J. McKinnon, Allan J. MacAdam, J. Joseph McPhee (Committee). St. Margaret's, P.E.I. July 25, 1928.

Father MacPherson made fitting acknowledgement of both addresses, voicing his heartfelt appreciation of such demonstration of fraternal kindness on the part of his fellow-priests, whose regard in the past he had always highly prized, and which he hoped to merit in undiminished measure for the time to come. Referring to the fact that almost the total of the twenty-five years since his ordination had been spent in this parish, he made touching reference to the absence now of many "old familiar faces" that had greeted him so kindly on his arrival here. He was happy in the consciousness, however, that many of maturer years whom he met then for the first time were still present, enjoying a full measure of health and vigor, and for them as well as for the younger generation he hoped there may yet be spared many years of usefulness and happiness. With regard to the unusual heavy burden which they had usually called upon to bear in recent years by the total destruction of the church and all other buildings, he expressed his appreciation of the splendid spirit of co-operation evinced by the parishioners, which, if continued, as he knew it would be, will result in the completion in the near future of this "House of God" on which such progress has already been made, and earning for all an everlasting home in the "House of many Mansions" where they may receive the reward of peace and happiness without end. The visiting priests were then entertained to a banquet at the rectory, as were also close relatives and family friends, the number in each instance, by a happy coincidence,

MONTAGUE AND VICINITY

Some time ago it occurred to the writer that the prosperous town of Montague was not receiving the publicity which it should; therefore, submits the following for perusal: Before writing any personal notes, it might be well to give a short description of the town as a whole, of its development and of its advantages.

The town is equally divided by the Montague River, which is spanned by two bridges about a mile apart. Further up the stream is the electric light plant. With the increasing size of the town, it became necessary to construct a second plant, which is rendering service of a very high standard. For its prosperity Montague relies on the large area of excellent farming land, of which it is the business centre. Here a large portion of King's County sells its produce and buys its supplies; therefore, one need not be surprised at the great number of stores and the large trade by both rail and water. Indeed, the town is the third business centre of the Province. The first thing noticed by the stranger in Montague is the extraordinary beauty of the place. The town is probably one of the most attractive of the three hotels or at a private dwelling. His car will be efficiently overhauled at any garage, and any article which he may desire is provided at the stores. He may spend his time pulling in trout from some very stream or touring the surrounding country.

Quite recently the streets were gravelled, and we have now excellent roadways. The fine river scenery and the picturesque town itself are great attractions to tourists and well it deserves the appellation of "Montague the Beautiful."

Mr. Milton McLish, our sensational Whippet agent, was a visitor in Alexandria recently.

Dr. and Mrs. Heath McIntyre and family are spending their summer holidays in Montague.

Miss Donalds Crawford, of Charlottetown, is spending her vacation in Montague.

Mr. Bertram Stewart is working for the C. N. E. and stationed at Pisquid.

Mr. A. C. McKay, our amiable station agent, is at present on a visit to British Columbia.

Master Robert Dewar has proved himself a hiker of no mean ability. Recently he walked from Hazelbrook to his home in New Perth.

Rev. C. E. Armstrong is building a fine new home which is rising with amazing rapidity. The work is in the hands of Mr. William Campbell, our capable carpenter.

being exactly twenty-five—the "Silver Jubilee" number.

Following is the menu:— Fruit Cocktail, Chicken Broth, Au Claire, Breadsticks, Lobster a la Newburg, Green Peas, Hot Rolls, Tomato Jelly Salad, Roast Lamb, Mint Sauce, String Beans, Cranberry Sauce, String Beans, Kentucky Potatoes, Butterscotch Pie, Ice-cream, Fancy Cake, Assorted Nuts, Mints, Ginger Ale, Cafe Noir, Cigars, Cigarettes.

Instrumental music was furnished by a number of these performers for which this portion of the province is so noted, and also by several of the visitors. A few hours were pleasantly whiled away, and then all took their departure, thoroughly pleased with the day's proceedings and with both the religious and social aspect.

The church, considering that the interior is still unfinished, was beautifully decorated. Over the main altar was an appropriate scroll in blue and silver, with wreaths of evergreen on the walls and pillars, also entwined with silver, and draped over all the papal colors of white and yellow, in graceful folds from arch and pillars. Outside the church a tall staff on either side of the main entrance bore aloft the "Union Jack." A line from each flagstaff a line of streamers was connected to the church, on which alternated the papal colors, the Canadian ensign and the Union Jack. Those also flanked the Papal flag which was flown from the balcony of the parochial house.

The sanctuary and altar were adorned with a profusion of cut flowers and potted plants, presenting a very pleasing effect. The decorations in the rectory were also in exquisite taste, the motif here being also in blue and silver, enhanced by a copious use of blooms of harmonizing hue. The role of table waiters was undertaken by the three seminarians already named, and Mr. Emmet O'Hanley, B.A., who is shortly to enter that latter category also, and, no doubt as a result of recent experience at another ecclesiastical banquet, supplemented by natural ability, their presence in this capacity contributed much to the enjoyment of the festal occasion.

Rev. Kenneth C. MacPherson. "A native of the parish of Vernon River. Having begun his education in the primary schools, he graduated in 1892 from the High School of Prince of Wales College, and devoted himself to teaching in the public schools. He again took up his studies and went for a time to St. Dunstan's College, and afterwards to the Seminary, Quebec, and having finished his studies, he returned home and was raised to the priesthood in the Cathedral of Charlottetown on the 25th of July, 1903. He has been for a time at the Cathedral of Charlottetown and at St. Dunstan's College, and later was appointed to the pastoral care of the parish of St. Margaret's, where he still continues to work efficiently in the interest of souls." (Memorial Volume, Scottish Catholics in Prince Edward Island; page 125.)

Mr. Lorne Stewart, of Murray Harbor, is at present working with Dr. C. B. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. McPherson have returned to the Island after residing in California for several years. Jack tells us he finds no place to equal good old Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Horatio Nelson is paying his regular summer visit to his former home in Montague.

Among those spending their summer holidays in Montague and vicinity, are Misses Myrtle Campbell, Ruth Nelson, Muriel McGregor, Violet McLean, Ruby Bears, Marjorie Mabon, Ruth Shaw, Marion McDonald, Vanda Robertson, Jean McLeary, Nina Dewar, Viola McLaren, Jessie Dewar, Marguerite Dockerty, Messrs. Roddie McDonald, Miller McCleod, Robert McLean, Willard Campbell, Arthur Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Parkman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLean, Mr. and Mrs. George Bears and little son Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Shawe, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Vickerson.

The safety of the citizens is being insured by the rigid enforcement of the traffic laws. Much credit is due to Mr. Collins and his assistants for bringing about this satisfactory state of affairs.

Since the exit of hockey, the short instinct of the young people of Montague seems to be either dead or dormant. We see no reason why Montague's athletes should stay in the background. How about some track and field events, boys? M

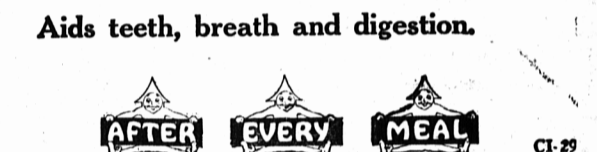
Royalty At Jasper Park

JASPER, Alta., Aug. 1. — After several weeks of strenuous journeying which included their first trip to the wealthy Peace River Country the Governor General and Lady Willingdon settled down at Jasper Park Lodge this morning for a quiet nine days. They spent part of the day renewing acquaintances with the golf course which gave them such pleasure last fall, and it is likely that golf will take up most of their time while they are here. Their Excellencies both played the 10 holes this morning, shortly after their arrival and Lord Willingdon went around again in the early evening while her Excellency enjoyed a swim. With their Excellencies are Viscount Hardinge, Captain the Hon. J. G. Jarvis and Capt. Melville. The Vice Regal party is occupying the beautiful cottage overlooking Lac Beauport. "The plans are definitely settled," said Captain Melville this afternoon, "we have been very busy for some weeks past and their Excellencies have looked forward to their visit to Jasper Park as a rest of course includes golf and for Lady Willingdon whose energetic ideal of rest is another

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form of activity swimming, and among the other guests were Hon. J. G. Jarvis and Capt. Melville. Plans have been sketched for a long trail trip for her and it is not terrior. Sir Henry Thornton, K. B., unlikely that she will ride to Pocaterra, E. President and chairman of the honatas and the famous Miette Hotel Canadian National Railways; Dr. Springs. Her enthusiasm for the R. McComb, Chief of Medical Officer, trails of Jasper Park has grown ever since she made the trip to Maligne Lake last year. This evening the Governor General was the guest of honor at a National Railways, Western Region dinner party given in the lodge by and Mr. Laubert, Norwegian Consul Mr. R. H. Knight, Supt. of the Park. General for Canada.

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