

# St. Alphonsus Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Over 220 parishioners, representative of the 500 families in St. Alphonsus parish and friends, were present at a banquet held in the school hall to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Alphonsus Monday evening, May 15th.

Occasion was taken to bid farewell to the departing pastor, Father D. J. O'Donnell, to whom a parting gift was presented by the parishioners. Mr. Maurice Gelley sang "O Canada."

The guest speaker, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Morton, P.A., dilated upon "The Humor of Nations" to a delighted audience. Father O'Donnell responded to the presentation speech. Father McCullough, the new pastor, proposed the toast to the Pope, and Mr. James Barry, M.L.A., proposed the toast to the King. Father Meehan was called upon as the priest longest acquainted with the parish. Mr. Petley spoke on behalf of the original parishioners, and Mr. Joseph Williams on behalf of the new. Father Enright was asked to tell of the workings, progress and projects of the Credit Union together with its effect on the future prosperity of the Co-operative movement in the district.

The original families represented were: Gelley, Cuff, Raleigh, Riley, Treger, Redman, Messner, Lester, Gallagher, Parkin, Neisner, Kuneman, Petley, McPike, Scollan, McCaffrey, Furnival, Purdy, McNeil, Fitzpatrick, Udink, Dowling and Allan.

The chairman, Mr. J. A. Treger, presided with his usual effectiveness. The celebration concluded with the singing of "God Save the King."

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