

ARCHBISHOP BELIVEAU OPENS NEW SCHOOL

Archbishop Beliveau, when opening the St. Alphonsus school at Elmwood on Sunday, strongly protested the system which, he said, imposed a double tax on Catholics who wanted to have schools of their own at which religious instruction could be given, and which compelled them to pay for the public schools as well as paying for their own schools. He cited the case of Holland where, after a century of fighting, the Catholics had succeeded in having Catholic schools placed on the same footing as public schools, and claimed this was only fair.

The St. Alphonsus school has been erected at a cost of \$10,000, and is located at the corner of Brazier and Munroe, not much more than a stone's throw from the East Kildonan public school. It is a neat building, with a couple of large class-rooms and other accommodation.

Prior to the ceremony of blessing the school, a benediction service was conducted by Archbishop Beliveau in St. Alphonsus church, which is just a few yards away. Many of the parishioners were present. Among the clergy in attendance were Mgr. A. A. Chevrier, P.A., V.G.; Rev. Father James McCandlish, C.S.B., parish priest, and Rev. Fathers Heffron, W. G. Moore, Hilland, O.M.I., Magnan, O. M.I., rector of the St. Boniface seminary, Macdonald, S.J., and Cecil J. McNeil. School trustees present were E. A. Parkin (Chairman), Dr. J. P. Raleigh, Thos. Gelles and Bernard Walsh. The choral part of the service was led by Maurice Gelles.

The service was opened with the reading of an address of welcome to the archbishop by Thos. Gelles, who is the commissioner of immigration in Winnipeg, after which the archbishop addressed the congregation, and thanked the people of the parish for their generosity and self-sacrifice.

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