

Graduation Exercises E. Kildonan Collegiate

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY IN KING
MEMORIAL CHURCH THURSDAY
— EIGHTY-SIX GRADUATES —
BANQUET IN EVENING

Graduation exercises in connection with the East Kildonan collegiate were held Thursday of last week in King Memorial church, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

The eighty-six girls and boys of the graduating class made a very fine appearance as they entered single file and took their places in the front pews. On the platform were Rev. D. G. Paton, minister of King Memorial church, who conducted the devotional part of the service; Rev. G. R. Calvert, rector of St. Matthew's church, who gave the address; Mr. B. R. Bennett, chairman of the educational committee of the East Kildonan school board, who addressed the students on behalf of the board; and Mr. J. H. Moir, principal of the collegiate, who acted as chairman.

A very interesting part of the ceremony was the "Passing of the Torch" by Ken. Duffield, retiring president of the students' association, to Earl Westerlund, the new president.

Mrs. Margaret Laidlaw Stevens, a former graduate of the collegiate, sang solos, accompanied by Miss Helen Horton, the church organist. Leslie Prodan, one of the graduating class, rendered violin selections.

Refreshments were served at the close of the service to the students, their parents and friends.

In the evening a banquet was given in honor of the graduating class in the Community hall, Melrose avenue. The new president, Earl Westerlund, acted as toastmaster. One hundred and forty students, teachers, trustees and parents sat down to the dinner; and a large number of parents and friends arrived later to listen to the toasts and speeches. The toast to the school board was proposed by Betty Damskov and responded to by Mr. E. Boyd, chairman of the board; that to the collegiate staff was proposed by Gwen Foster, and replied to by Miss A. R. Gray; and to the graduating class by Bernice Warne, responded to by Fred. Longstaffe. Priscilla Hughes gave a very interesting history of the class; Millan Nickle provided a humorous prophesy concerning several of the graduates; and Peter Weisner gave the valedictory address.

At the close of the programme the Governor-General's medal for general proficiency was presented to Peter Weisner, who was chosen by the staff as the best all-round student among the eighty-six graduates. The presentation was made by Mr. H. R. Haines, assistant principal of the collegiate.