

Graduation Exercises An Impressive Event

East Kildonan Collegiate Graduation Service in King Memorial Church Friday Afternoon—Social Hour Follows, with Banquet in Evening in Melrose Hall

The graduation ceremonies held last Friday in connection with the East Kildonan collegiate were an outstanding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

A graduation service was held in King Memorial church at 2.30 p.m. The parents and friends, assembled in a capacity audience, were thrilled by the gay and picturesque appearance of the graduates as they marched in. The address of the occasion was given in a very inspiring manner by Rabbi Solomon Frank, and will be long remembered by the students. Mr. V. M. Snow, chairman of the educational committee, conveyed the good wishes of the East Kildonan school board. Rev. D. G. Paton, Rev. F. J. Ison and Rev. P. V. Samson were present and took part in the service in a manner which was much appreciated. Mrs. Olga Irwin, one of the city's well known vocalists, sang two solos which were very much enjoyed. Miss Helen Horton added greatly to the charm

and dignity of the occasion with her delightful organ music. Mr. J. H. Moir, principal of the collegiate, was chairman.

An interesting feature of the programme was the "Passing of the Torch" by the retiring student-president, Earl Westerlund, to the president-elect for 1941-42, Shirley Nickle.

After the service a social hour was spent when, over the tea cups, friendships were renewed and former school days recalled. The reception was in charge of a committee consisting of the lady members of the staff with Mrs. S. Colville, of the school board, as convener.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Melrose hall. At this gathering the guests of honor included the graduates, principals of the junior high schools, and the members of the school board with their wives. The dinner was served by the collegiate Red Cross club, ably assisted by Mrs. Nickle, Mrs. C. Taylor, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. A. Grieve and Mrs. Scott. The president, Shirley Nickle, occupied the chair. The toast to the school board was given by Minnie Belton; and Mr. E. Boyd, chairman of the board, responded in a short address which was both humorous and inspiring. The toast to the collegiate staff was very pleasingly given by Joan Brisley and very ably replied to by Miss H. B. Hawryluk. Patricia Taylor of grade 10 said many pleasing things about the graduates in proposing a

toast to them; and Bernice Warne replied fittingly on behalf of the graduates. The history of the achievements of the 1941 class was given in humorous verse by Louise Lange and was greeted with much merriment. The humorous touch was continued in Jack Baillie's prophecy regarding the future doings of the grads. and his dissertation was much enjoyed. The valedictory address was delivered in a very able and impressive manner by Jim Lofthouse. A pleasing group-song was sung by several girls of the graduating class who presented a very charming appearance in their gay costumes. They were accompanied by Jim Thompson, one of the graduates. Margaret Grieve rendered two solos. Mr. L. W. Wiley, of the collegiate staff acted as pianist for the evening.

The Governor-General's medal, for general proficiency in grades 10 and 11, was awarded to Bernice Warne, the presentation being made by Mr. H. R. Haines, assistant principal. A medal for public speaking was awarded to Jim Lofthouse and was presented by the donor, Mr. Clifford W. Brock, K.C., who stated his intention of presenting a similar medal each year. The programme was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The church decorations, in lilacs and honeysuckle, were arranged by Mrs. Warne and Mrs. Brisley, and the hall decorations, in lilacs, daffodils and tulips, by the collegiate social,

committee.

A dance followed, for which the Sinclair Brothers provided the music, and a truly memorable day was brought to a close.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

Here in Canada, separated as we are from Europe's war by many hundreds of miles of ocean, we are indeed fortunate. But our good fortune can sometimes make us forgetful of what is going on around us. Our present apparent apathy in this struggle stands condemned from many quarters. Soldiers, upon returning to Canada from England, have expressed their amazement at our lack of organized effort. Only recently Hon. Mitchell Hepburn, Premier of Ontario, gave utterance to this thought: "We are satisfied to do too little too late while Hitler does too much too soon. We talk big, but we just do not deliver the goods commensurate with our organized capabilities. I am frank to confess that, in my judgment, only the stark realization of a two-ocean invasion will awaken us from our state of apathy."

Let us pray that Ontario's premier is wrong.

But it is up to Canadians to deliver the goods. Already Canada has delivered to the fighting front hundreds of men trained and equipped to fight our