

# Graduation Exercises

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### East Kildonan Collegiate in King Memorial Church

Graduation, May 22nd, 1942, will be often recalled with pleasure in years to come by every student of East Kildonan collegiate who took part in the exercises of that memorable day. The weather was perfect and a large number of parents and friends of the students assembled in King Memorial church, Cobourg ave., where the service was held at 2.30.

The graduates made a very fine appearance, in their colorful costumes, as they filed in to the strains of Handel's Largo played by the church organist, Miss Helen Horton. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Moir, principal of East Kildonan collegiate. The devotional part of the service was conducted by Rev. D. G. Paton and Rev. P. V. Samson.

The main address, one of outstanding power and inspiration, was given by Rev. W. G. Martin, of Grace United church.

Mr. Frank Dryden, vice-chairman of the East Kildonan school board, delivered an exceptionally fine message, on behalf of the board, to the graduating students.

A violin solo by Miss Betty Davison, accompanied by Miss Horton, was beautifully rendered and very much appreciated. The girls of the collegiate glee club, who occupied the choir loft, sang "Land of Hope and Glory" in a very pleasing manner. An interesting feature of the service was the "Passing of the Torch" by Pat Taylor, president of the students' association, to Don. Raleigh, president-elect for next year.

After the service a very enjoyable social hour was spent in the lecture hall where tea was served by the ladies under the able management of Mrs. McCreedy, Mrs. Colville and Mrs. Yates.

At 6.30 the graduates, teachers, members of the school board and other guests met in the Elmwood Community hall for a banquet, the dinner being served by the ladies of St. Stephen's church in their usual inimitable style. The toast-master of the evening was Don. Raleigh, president-

elect of the students' association. The toast to the school board, given by Miss Verna Stewart of Grade XI., was followed by a forceful and witty response from Mr. E. Boyd, chairman of the school board. Miss Hazel Tidquist, one of the graduates, paid tribute to the members of the school staff in a speech of high quality and deep sincerity, to which Miss C. I. Seale made a fitting reply. The toast to the graduates was proposed by Don. Raleigh, and Pat Taylor responded with words of wise counsel for next year's seniors. The History of the Graduating class, cleverly expressed in verse, was given by Ruth Drosda. A humorous prophecy concerning the graduates was read by Bill Balyk, who gallantly gave Miss Jacquy Betts credit for having written it. The valedictory address, given by Bob Ross, was a masterly production and delivered in a very effective manner.

The Governor-General's medal, awarded on recommendation of the staff for general proficiency in all phases of school activity, was presented to Miss Hazel Tidquist. The presentation was made by Mr. D. B. Moorhead, provincial high school inspector. The same student won the public speaking medal, the presentation being made in person by the donor, Mr. C. W. Brock, K.C. The award in this case was made by three judges who were not members of the teaching staff: Mrs. Redgwell, a former high school principal; Rev. P. V. Samson and Mr. John Colvin.

Musical numbers were given by Miss Joan Wallace, accompanied by Miss Jessie Nichol, and by the graduates' glee club under the direction of Miss Seale. After "Auld Lang Syne" had been sung in proper Scottish fashion under the able direction of Mr. John Colvin, dancing was enjoyed by students and guests, the music being furnished by the Sinclair Brothers' orchestra in their usual pleasing style. "God Save the King" at midnight brought to a close a day thoroughly enjoyed by young and old and one long to be remembered.