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**AT QUEEN'S CONVOCATION**  
 SEVERAL HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED ON WEDNESDAY.  
 Convocation Hall Was Filled to Overflowing With Relatives and Friends of Graduates—Principal Taylor Presided.  
 Convocation Hall was filled to overflowing on Wednesday afternoon, for the proceedings of Convocation. Principal Dr. Bruce Taylor presided, and conferred the degrees. Rev. Dr. R. J. Wilson offering the opening prayer. In addition to the degrees in arts, science, and theology, several honorary degrees were conferred.  
 The degree of D.D. was conferred upon Rev. George Duncan, of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal; Rev. Robert Laird, Toronto, a former Kingstonian, and secretary of the Finance Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; and Major and Rev. Alexander Gordon, M.C., D.S.O., son of Dr. Daniel Gordon, former principal of Queen's University. The latter could not be present to receive the degree in person as he is still overseas. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred on Rev. A. V. Brown, of Picton.

The degree of L.L.D. was conferred on Alexander Gordon, of Toronto University; J. Murray Clark, K.C., of Toronto, president of the Royal Canadian Institute; and Prof. William Nicol, emeritus professor of mineralogy, Queen's University.  
 Dean Cappon presented the graduates in arts, science, and theology. In science, an Principal Dyde of the Theological College, presented the graduates in theology; Prof. W. G. Jordan presented Rev. A. V. Brown for the degree of Ph. D.  
 Rev. George Duncan, who was presented for the degree of D.D., by Prof. Jordan, remarked that his father had been a trustee of Queen's University during its early regime. He also stated that he had been baptized by Rev. Dr. Daniel Gordon, former principal of Queen's University, and further he was an old college chum of Principal Dr. Bruce Taylor. The latter paid tribute to Rev. George Duncan and made some happy reference to their college days in Glasgow University, and left the audience to guess at some of the incidents which occurred on the third floor of a certain lodging house in Glasgow where he and his friend stayed.  
 Principal Dyde, in an eloquent address, presented Rev. Robert Laird, for the degree of D.D. Dr. Dyde referred to the great work accomplished for the Presbyterian church. Dr. Laird, as secretary of the Finance Board was a man who had ample capacity for administration and had faith and optimism for the future.  
 "Queen's has to-day in Canada stronger place than perhaps at any time in her history," said Dr. Laird in returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him.  
 Dean Cappon presented Prof. J. W. Alexander, for the degree of L.L.D. and Prof. Alexander made a most fitting reply in which he referred to the friendly relationship between Queen's and Toronto University.  
 In presenting John Murray Clark, K.C., for the degree of L.L.D., Dean Goodwin paid tribute to his work in law and science. Mr. Clark referred to the work of the Royal Canadian Institute, of which he is the president, and made a special appeal for science to be applied to industry so that everything possible might be done to pay off the great debt incurred by the war.  
 Prof. Matheson paid a glowing tribute to the work of Prof. William Nicol, in presenting him for the degree of L.L.D. It was very much regretted that Prof. Nicol, owing to illness, could not attend the ceremonies. The speaker gave a history of his connection with the college, and told of his devotion to the university. "Nicol has in his life one example of that devotion," said Prof. Matheson. He gave this splendid buildings, but in addition he spent years in getting together equipment in mineralogy for the students of Queen's.  
 Prof. Matheson stated that Prof. Nicol referred to his students as "my boys," and only the students could explain the love he had for them.  
 "We regret that Prof. Nicol is unable to be present," added the speaker, but I know he is here in spirit.  
 Principal Taylor also spoke briefly, referring to the big part Prof. Nicol has played at the university.  
 After all the degrees had been conferred, and the prizes distributed, Principal Taylor spoke briefly. He referred to the fact that this was the last convocation at which Dean Cappon would be found on the platform, as he was about to retire. He spoke of the valuable service he had rendered the university, and said that the university would be the poorer as a result of his retirement.  
 Principal Taylor also referred to the absence of Registrar G. Y. Chown, who is at Atlantic City recuperating his health. It was the hope of all that he would soon recover from his illness.  
 In speaking to the graduates, Principal Taylor pointed out that it was ability that would take them to the top, but that character and character alone would keep them there. In going out into the world, he appealed to all the graduates to abide by all the good principles.  
 The proceedings of convocation were brought to a close with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Dr. R. J. Wilson, and the singing of the National Anthem.  
 Following convocation, Queen's Alumnae held a tea in the botany room, and it was very largely attended. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund being raised for the erection of a woman's residence for the Queen's University.

Inspector J. J. Graham, of the Dominion police, who has been engaged with his staff for some time in rounding up military deserters and absentees, had three more counties, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville added to his district, making in all nine counties he has to cover.  
 E. Moores, assessor, begins his work of assessing this week.

**At the Theatres**  
 (Continued from Page 8.)  
 At the Grand.  
 For Friday only the Grand will offer the film sensation of the season when it will present the seven reel Pathe feature, "Common Clay," starring that well known actress, Fannie Ward. This gripping, interesting play of modern life was taken from the stage attraction by the same name which played for a solid year on Broadway and critics say the film adaptation is even better than the original. "Common Clay" is a tremendous success and it is the kind of a picture that puts over with a punch every human emotion that can be shown on the screen and its drawing power is wonderful. Other reels will also be on the bill and several comedies of excellence will round out one of the best film bills seen here in many a day. Don't forget that this will be for the one day only, Friday, as Gus Hill's Big Minstrels will hold the boards on Saturday matinee and night.—Adv.

Gus Hill's Big Minstrels.  
 Making time by progress is such a difficult matter that often it has the cause of much miscalculation and argument. For instance not so long ago a successful showman remarked that minstrelsy was such a dead letter issue that even the sternest of efforts to revive it on a program would be met with a reward of such disastrous proportions as to cause it to probably sink into obscurity for all-time. He no doubt overlooked the fact that what the universe wants just now is to smile and laugh rather than grope through the mist of tragedy which seems to have enveloped all humanity. Gus Hill's Big Minstrels is just such a show and it will be at the Grand on Saturday matinee and night.—Adv.

"The Better 'Ole."  
 The Better "Ole" with the Boston Company is to come direct from that city to the Grand Opera House here on Monday and Tuesday next with a special matinee on Monday. "The Better 'Ole" aims at nothing but entertainment, and will be liked by veterans who have served their country over there, as well as those who never knew the dangers and privations of trench life. Songs are interpolated during the action of the play and were especially written by Herman Darewski and Percival Knight and they will be interpreted by a large chorus of pretty girls. So there will be thrills as well as thrills. There are three modern musketeers in "The Better 'Ole"—Old Bill, Bert and Alf, and the audience will be enabled to follow them through many trench adventures.—Adv.

**FORTY-FOUR YEARS MARRIED.**  
 Rev. John Macalister and Mrs. Macalister Celebrate Event.  
 On Monday, April 27th, Rev. John and Mrs. Macalister, 331 Barrie street, celebrated the forty-fourth anniversary of their wedding day. Mrs. A. H. Scott, Perth, eldest sister of Mrs. Macalister, was present for the occasion.  
 Mr. Macalister is the eldest son of the late Alexander Macalister, surveyor of customs, Kingston. He graduated at Queen's in 1865 and was one of the first class that graduated in the Presbyterian college, Montreal. Mr. Macalister gave forty-three years of service to the ministry of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Forty years ago Mr. Macalister returned to Kingston from his last charge in the presbytery of Montreal and took up residence in his native city.  
 Mrs. Macalister is the eldest daughter of the late John Green-shields of Montreal. Two brothers are J. N. Green-shields, K.C., of the Hon. Justice Green-shields of Montreal. One son of Mr. and Mrs. Macalister is law clerk of the Quebec legislature; another son is a C.P.R. representative in the immigration and colonization department, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn.; the youngest son is a banker in Omaha; Mrs. Logie Macdonnell, a daughter, is on the Queen's university staff, and the youngest daughter is the wife of Major the Rev. A. D. Cornett, one of the chaplains overseas.

**DR. EDWARD'S DEMAND.**  
 Regarding Officers Who Would Not Go to the Front.  
 In discussing the Militia Department estimates in the House of Commons, Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, said that during the war there were a number of militia officers walking around in uniform who never went to the front and never wanted to go. He wanted to be sure that if any reorganization of the Canadian militia took place, these men would not be given their rank.  
 General Mewburn did not agree with Dr. Edwards' remarks about officers in the active militia. He said that the great proportion of officers in militia units organized previous to the outbreak of the war had gone to the front. As far as city battalions were concerned, he could not recall the case of a single officer physically fit who could go to the front and had not done it.

**BATH ROAD IS BAD.**  
 Residents Using Lake Front Road Into Portsmouth.  
 The county roads are not improving much, even with the continued dry weather of the last few days, and every wet spell sets them back farther. The Bath road to Collins Bay and as far as Adolphustown is very bad. The first stretch, which was recently rebuilt, withstood the open winter but the rest is a series of ruts and deep holes. Between Catawag creek and the village of Collins Bay there is hardly a stretch of a quarter of a mile which is fit for travelling.  
 The lake front road from Portsmouth west is fair and much better than the Bath road. Most of the traffic from the neighborhood is now using this highway.

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**KINGSTON EVENTS**  
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 Leonard Dick has been selected as manager of the Montreal Transportation Company's baseball team.  
 A choir has been organized for the Church of the Good Thief at Portsmouth.  
 Archbishop Cleary will lay the corner stone of the new chapel of the Hotel Dieu on May 24th.  
 The management committee of the Board of Education recommends a grant of \$15 to the Midland Fair Association, to be divided into prizes for specimens of drawing and writing.

**MERCHANTS REPLY.**  
 Farmers and Merchants Differ as to Time.  
 A farmer complained to the Whig Wednesday that some merchants, particularly farm implement dealers, opening on standard time and closing on daylight saving time. The reply made by one dealer is that there is no use of their opening at eight o'clock by the city time, as there is no business until nine o'clock, or when the farmers' clock points to eight o'clock. It seems to be one case in which the farmer cannot run on standard time and still enjoy the benefits of daylight saving.

Prof. T. E. Scott has resumed his duties at Queen's and will be one of the lecturers at the summer school for science students.  
 The steamer Missisquoi started Thursday in making two trips daily to Cape Vincent.

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