

PRINCIPAL ROBINS MAKES LAST REPORT

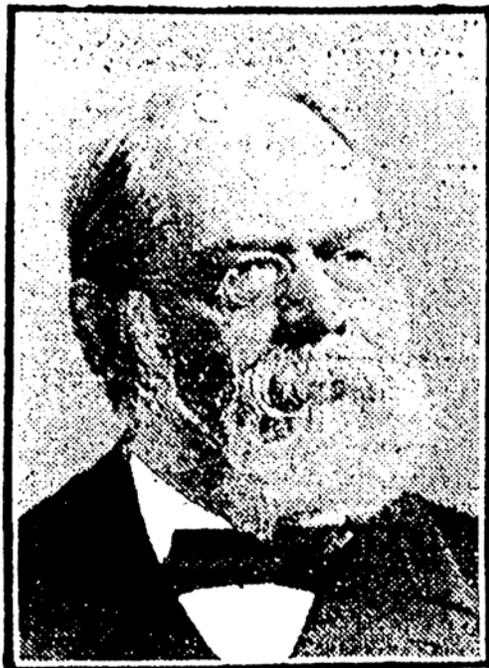
After Half Century of Service He Retires From
McGill Normal.

PRINCIPAL FOR 24 YEARS

McGill Normal, Which Is Being
Merged in Macdonald College, Has
Trained 2989 Teachers.

For half a century Dr. Robins has laboured faithfully and well in the interests of the McGill Normal School, and it is largely due to his marked ability as an instructor that Canada possesses so many excellent teachers of the young. But, theoretically speaking, McGill Normal School is no more, and with its passing Dr. Robins enters upon a hard-earned period of rest. That he may be spared for many years yet, and enjoy the evening of his days was the heartfelt wish of all present yesterday at the annual presentation of the diplomas gained by the members of the school.

Hon. Boucher de la Bruere, superintendent of public instruction in the province, presided, and with him on the platform were Sir William Mac-



Dr. S. P. Robins.

donald, Principal Peterson (of McGill University), Dr. Robertson (of the Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue).

The valedictorians were Miss Marshall, who spoke in French, and Miss Patterson, in English.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction paid a warm tribute to the splendid work of Principal Robins during his long connection with the school.

DR. ROBINS' LAST REPORT.

Principal Robins, who has been connected with the school since its foundation, and has been principal since 1883, in his report stated that the school had trained 2,989 teachers during its existence, to whom have been issued 4,118 diplomas—300 of academy grade, 1,452 of model school grade, 33 kindergarten and 2,333 elementary school diplomas.

During the fifty-first session there had been a total admission to the classes of 109 persons—four men and 105 women. Three men and sixty-six women were admitted by the Protestant Central Board of Examiners to the model school class, two women to the kindergarten class, one man and twenty-nine women to the advanced elementary class, and eight women to the elementary class.

For diplomas of the several grades were presented 116 persons, who have passed the prescribed examinations to the satisfaction of the central board. Thirteen graduates in arts for academy diplomas, sixty-two teachers-in-training for model school diplomas, two for kindergarten diplomas, thirty-one for advanced elementary diplomas and eight for elementary diplomas.

Principal Robins recalled the educational life of the institution, paying warm tributes to the first principal, Dr. (after Sir William) Dawson, who was succeeded by the late Principal Hicks.

HIS FAREWELL.

He then spoke of the coming replacement of the Normal School by a body of wider relationship—the new institution at Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

"In closing my official relations with the staff of the Normal School," said Dr. Robins, "it is imperative to acknowledge not merely my pleasant association with them, but my sense of their value as teachers. The teachers-in-training here assembled will, I know, join me, in recognizing the value of the quite remarkable industry, forethought and faithfulness of my colleagues of many years, Prof. A. W. Kneeland, M.A., B.C.L., and the enthusiastic skill shown by Madame Carnu in imparting a knowledge of her native tongue to students."

The work of the rest of the staff also received tribute from the principal.