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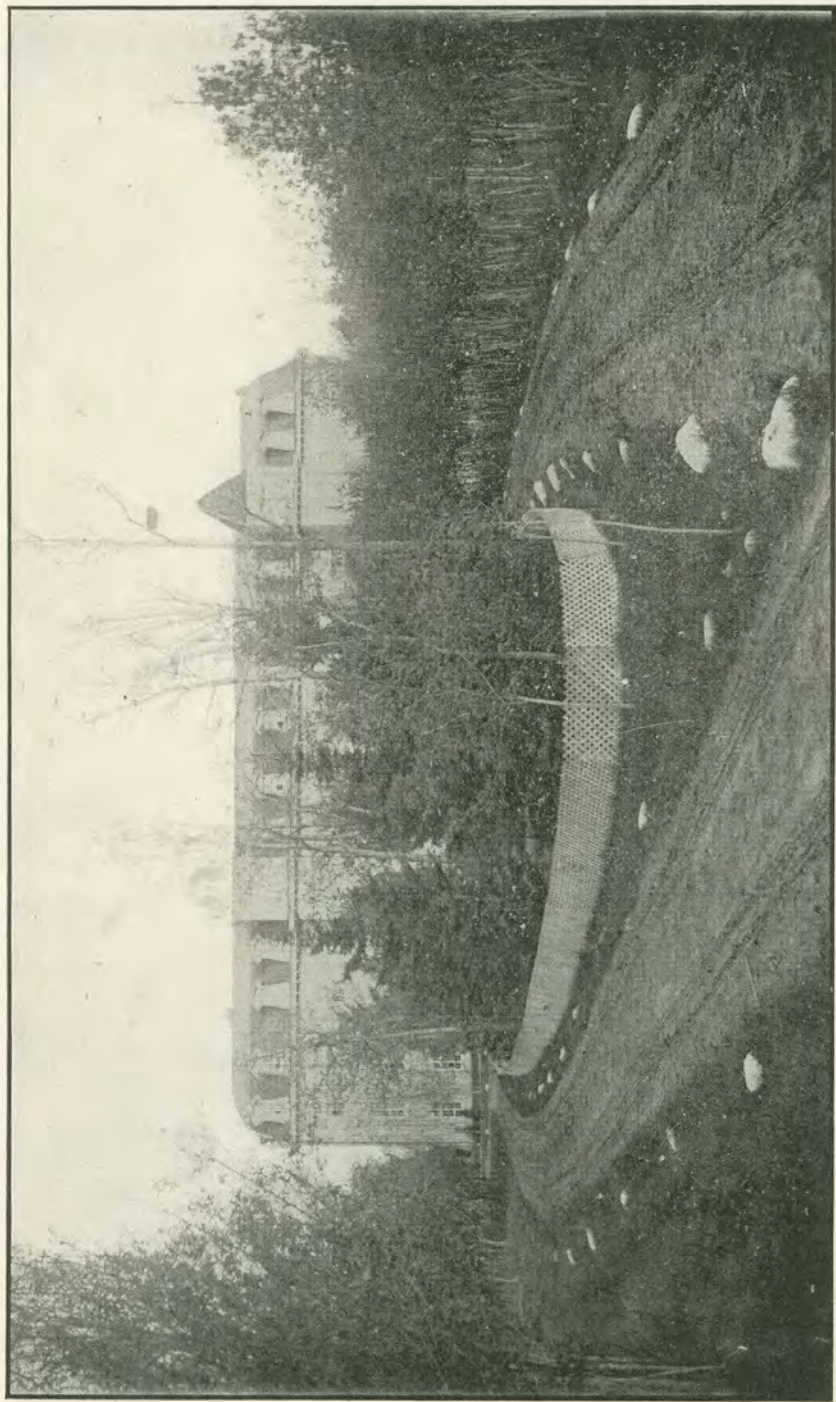


St. Boniface College

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ENTRANCE TO THE COLLEGE

Prospectus



St. Boniface College, placed under the patronage of St. Joseph, and conducted by Fathers of the Society of Jesus, is the first and principal ecclesiastical institution of the Canadian West. Highly approved and strongly supported by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface and his Suffragan Bishops, it is open to all youths of English or French speech in the Canadian Northwest and the neighboring States, and, thanks to its situation and organization, presents exceptional advantages.

It provides two complete and regularly graded courses, one for classical and university studies, the other for commercial training, to both of which a preparatory course for younger lads leads up.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Religious instruction is imparted by sermons, preached to all the students in the College chapel, and by special teaching in all the classes. This teaching is graded according to the age and mental development of the pupils.

The boys in the Preparatory Department and in the lower classical and commercial classes learn the catechism. Those who have not yet made their First Com-

munion attend a special catechism class in preparation for that important event.

In the more advanced classes the catechism is supplemented by dogmatic and moral explanations. Care is taken to insist on those points of Catholic doctrine which are most attacked by Protestants, in order to forearm the young against the errors most prevalent among people whom they will have to meet in after life.

In the highest classes the aim is to complete the religious knowledge already acquired, together with the fundamental notions of dogma, Christian Ethics and Evidences of Religion which every Christian should possess, so that he may be able to give a reason for the faith that is in him and, if need be, defend that faith against the sophisms of misbelief and unbelief.

UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION.

The University of Manitoba is the only teaching body legally authorized to confer degrees in the Province and the Territories. St. Boniface College is an integral factor in the University by the same right and on the same footing as the Protestant Colleges, St. John's, Manitoba and Wesley, over which its seniority in point of time gives it official precedence. The College has its representatives on the Council and Board of Studies of the University and on different Examiners' Committees.

Although affiliated to the University, the College has nevertheless the free choice of its professors, text books and methods of teaching, as well as "the entire management of its internal affairs, studies, worship and religious teaching" (University Act, sec. 27). The University, furthermore, grants to St. Boniface College, in History, French Literature and Philosophy,

special courses, officially recognized, which allow of the fullest Catholic teaching. Thus, on the one hand, this College offers all the guarantees of University control, and, on the other, all the safeguards as to Catholic education which are to be found in the religious character of the teaching staff and in the supervision exercised over the studies and the training of the students.

The latter enjoy the same advantages as the students of the other Colleges in all that relates to University degrees, medals and scholarships. These scholarships ensure to the winners pecuniary advantages of no slight value and, in point of fact, they provoke among the candidates an altogether exceptional amount of healthy emulation.

The past successes of St. Boniface students in their yearly University competitions with students from other Colleges and with non-collegiate students from all parts of the Northwest, as well as the number of capable graduates who have issued from this College, are a sufficient proof that its organization favors solid training and thorough Catholic life.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

The classical course is open to students preparing for the ministry or for liberal professions. Its regular compass is eight years, the prescribed study for the last two being scholastic philosophy and natural science.

The programme of studies is drawn up to meet the requirements of the University examinations. After Third and Fourth Grammar the students may, if they choose, and if they are allowed by the College authorities, present themselves for the matriculation examinations. However, they are under no obligation to do

so, as the very fact of their inscription on the College roll entitles them to the same standing as these examinations would secure for them.

After each of the subsequent years students regularly undergo, together with those of the other affiliated Colleges, the examinations of First, Second, Third and Fourth year in the University. This enables them to obtain, on the completion of their course, the degree of B. A., subject to the ordinary regulations, and thus gives them easy access to any of the liberal professions.

With the exception of the lectures on Philosophy, which are delivered in Latin, the classical course is taught simultaneously in English and French, the result being to make students thoroughly acquainted with both languages and thus ward off the inconveniences which, in this country, attend the exclusive possession of either idiom.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

The commercial course is open to those who prepare for the various branches of business, book-keeping, banking, civil service, office work and methodical farming. It has a compass of three years and comprises all subjects commonly taught in Business Colleges and similar institutions organized on modern methods.

After completing their commercial course, pupils whose behavior has been uniformly satisfactory, and who have succeeded in the final examinations, are awarded a Diploma, which stands as a testimonial of their personal worth and a certificate of their qualification for business. This Diploma affords a most valuable introduction to business managers and firms.

To secure it, a student is required to obtain, in the final examination, over two-thirds of the marks allowed on the main branches of the course and over one-third of the marks on secondary branches.

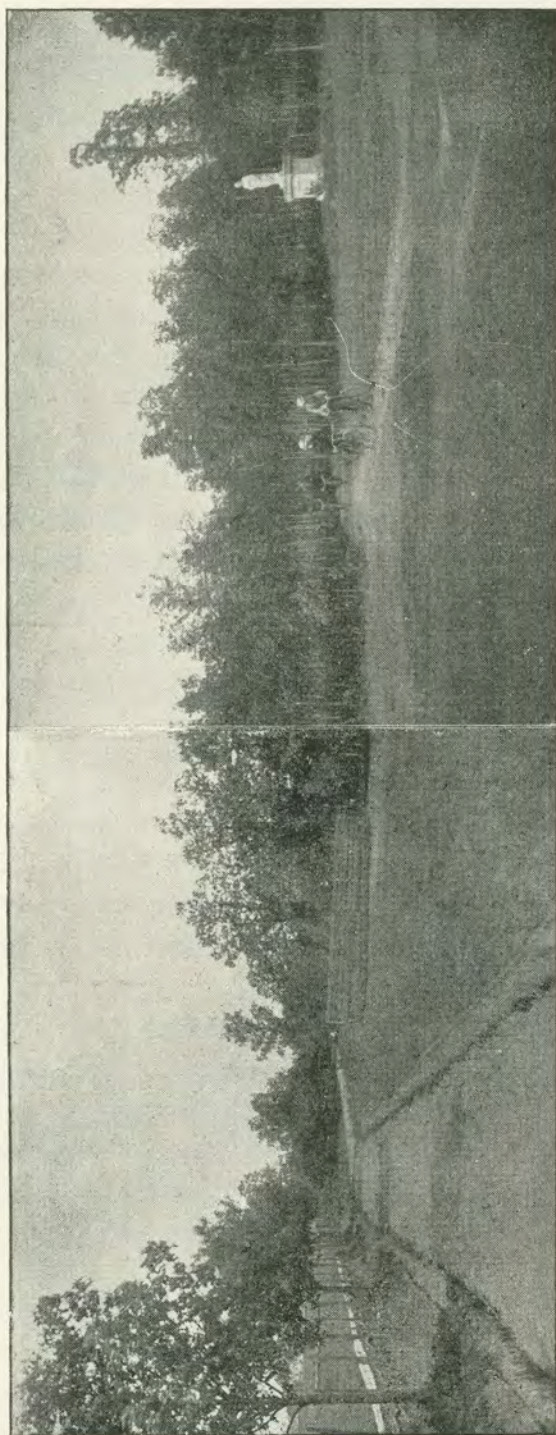
The language used in business transactions of all kinds being largely English, the commercial course is taught almost exclusively in this language. French lessons, however, are also prescribed, that the French speaking pupils may master their own tongue so as to read and write it properly, and that the English speaking ones may not remain unfamiliar with it. Moreover, the continued intercourse of one with the other affords to both categories an excellent means of practise in the two idioms.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

Students applying for admission to the College, if found deficient in the qualifications required for the classical or commercial course, must first go through the Preparatory, which may last one or two years, as circumstances may require.

Writing correctly under dictation easy sentences, in English or French, parsing, and a knowledge of arithmetic inclusive of the elementary operations on fractions, are considered necessary for admission to the classical course. The same, though in a somewhat less degree, are assured for admission to the commercial course.

Nothing beyond reading and writing tolerably is required for admission to the Preparatory, but this condition is insisted upon, and no one who is not possessed of these qualifications can be received at the College.



BICYCLE PATH

SODALITIES.

Four associations, canonically erected, exist among the students, as a means of fostering in their hearts piety, which is the standard of man's worth.

Each of the two Sodalities of the Blessed Virgin is regularly affiliated to the Roman *Prima Primaria*. The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception receives the senior students, and that of Our Lady of Angels the junior ones. Both hold their meetings regularly on every Sunday during the scholastic year, in their respective chapels. In these meetings the Office of the Blessed Virgin is recited, and the Director of the Sodality, who is appointed from among the members of the College staff, addresses the Sodalists, suitably to their ages and circumstances, with a view of forming their character and developing their piety.

No one can be a Sodalist unless his conduct is decidedly praiseworthy.

The Apostleship of Prayer is also established among the students, and is presided over by a local Director chosen from among the staff. Communion of Reparation is made on the first Friday of every month, and the other practices connected with the Apostleship are constantly kept up.

The Altar Boys' Sodality, under the patronage of St. John Berchmans, is established for the students who are considered worthy of being admitted to serve at the altar and to minister in the sanctuary. Its scope is to train them to discharge their office with proper faith and piety and to accustom them to set much value on a ministry with which the Angels of God would deem themselves honored.

STUDENTS' DISPOSITIONS.

The dealings of the students with the College Staff

and with their fellows should be conformable to those befitting members of a Christian family. This implies on the part of the teachers and prefects a painstaking assiduousness in promoting the spiritual and temporal welfare of their wards, combined with unremitting zeal for their improvement, and on the part of the students an entire confidence and filial docility, together with respect for those in authority, polite manners, moral culture, refinement, and love for duty. The main object is to develop in young men a frank and open disposition and a habit of being prompted to action not by fear of punishment but by an earnest determination to do one's duty, that they may in after life raise themselves above the average by their unbiased judgment, their energetic will-power, their noble feelings and their unblemished life.

DISCIPLINE.

College regulations require that students spend their whole day at college and join in all the prescribed exercises. Games and sports have to be attended as well as class and study. Pupils whose parents reside in town are, nevertheless, allowed to go home for their meals, provided this does not interfere with the regulation duties.

Permission to go out in town is granted by the authorities of the College when justified by a sufficient motive.

Members of the College Staff are appointed to look after the conduct of students whilst at College, that this paternal care may help them in their behaviour as thoroughly Christian youths and boys. To this indeed they implicitly bind themselves by their very entrance, since no one is admitted unless he is earnestly determined to act manfully and religiously.

Coarse and slouchy manners, unbecoming words, habits of sloth and carelessness are in no wise tolerated. Unmanageableness, immoral conduct and habitual neglect of work are sufficient grounds for dismissal.

The use of tobacco in any of its forms is strictly prohibited.

MILITARY DRILL.

The Cadet corps of St. Boniface College, composed of two companies, belongs to the active militia of Canada. All are free to enlist, and after enlistment are bound to all the obligations imposed by military law.

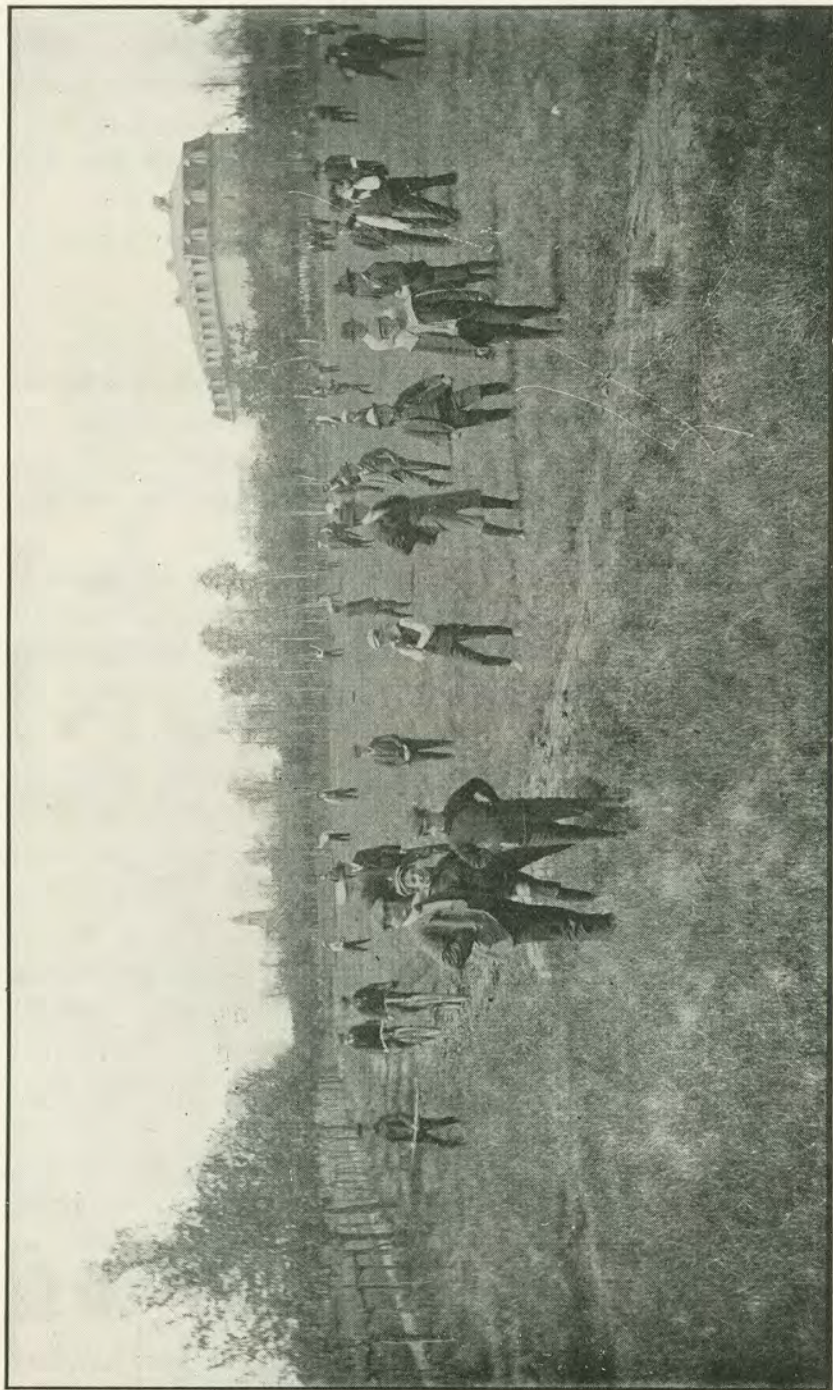
The arms are the property of the Ottawa Department of Militia, the use of them only being allowed to the Cadets. The officers are appointed by the General; their appointment is confirmed by the Minister of Militia, and their names are officially gazetted.

Training of recruits and military drill are performed at the College under the supervision of competent instructors, the yearly inspection of the corps being made regularly in June by the Officer Commanding Military District No. 10.

Each company is drilled separately for target shooting, under the care of reliable persons, who take all pains to ward any danger of accident. The plains which surround St. Boniface afford an excellent field for such practice.

The sympathetic attitude of the public at the parades of the St. Boniface Cadet corps and the subsequent praises bestowed upon their appearance warrant the belief that their military deportment is second to that of no other corps of the same standing.

Every year a prize is awarded to the best hand at target shooting, and another to the best at military drill.



THE GROUNDS

GAMES AND SPORTS.

Special care is taken of the physical culture of the students, it being the aim of the institution to realize in them the ancients' ideal of man: a sound mind in a sound body.

Six committees are entrusted with the management of games, and attend to the observation of the respective regulations; they are distributed as follows: (1) Baseball, (2) Hockey, (3) Handball, (4) Football, (5) Billiards, and (6) other interior games. Each of the committees consists of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and two or more Managers, all voted for by the students at the beginning of each term.

The Athletic Club and the Bicycle Club are also each of them under the management of a President elected by the students' votes.

The Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of the respective committees, together with the two Presidents of the Athletic and of the Bicycle Clubs, constitute the general council of games, presided over by a President-General, elected as the other officials.

The settlement of all questions concerning games and sports belongs either to the general council or the respective committees. The decisions must be sanctioned by a member of the College Staff, who acts as representative of the College in all deliberations, and from whose authority they receive their full force.

Apart from the regulation games, regular snow-shoeing excursions are organized during winter. During the same season two skating rinks are kept in condition and are always ready for the exclusive use of the College students.

Contests in athletics and sports are held towards the close of the second term, and are followed by a distribution of prizes, which takes place a few days before that of the school prizes.

MUSIC.

Music lessons are given outside of the regular school hours. They are not within the compass of the regular course and are subject to extra charge.

Students gifted with a disposition for vocal music are admitted to join the Choral Society or St. Cecilia Club, which affords them ample opportunity for frequent practice in musical rehearsals for public exhibitions and for liturgical ceremonies.

All must concur in the singing of hymns and the usual liturgical chant, for which they must procure the two manuals printed for the College.

The College Orchestra, numbering at present fifteen instruments, is under the direction of a member of the staff, and enables those students who are musically talented to become familiar with the theory and practice of instrumental music.

ACADEMIES.

Two Literary Clubs or Academies, one for English, and another for French speaking students, are organized for the benefit of those who wish to practice the arts of speaking and writing. All members of these must take an active part in the work and thus train themselves to address an audience, to write essays and to criticize them.

The meetings are presided over by one of the College Staff, whose duty it is to direct the efforts of youthful activity, lest it be misled by an unbridled imagination or a lack of taste.

Besides their regular meetings, the Literary Clubs are expected to hold, during the scholastic year, public exhibitions, in order to accustom the students to confront an audience with ease and dignity.

SCHOLASTIC YEAR.

The scholastic year comprises ten months, and is divided into two terms. The first term opens regularly on the last Thursday in August and closes on Christmas Eve. Christmas vacation follows, and lasts a full week. The second term opens during the first week in January, the day being determined for every particular year by the College authorities. It closes during the third or fourth week in June.

At the close of each term the students must pass an examination consisting of a repetition of the class matter studied during the term. Unless one obtains in this examination more than one-third of the total marks assigned, he cannot be promoted to a higher class.

For the students who pass the University examinations these stand in place of the second term College examinations. The students, however, are required to attend the supplementary lectures which are given to them at the College, after the University examinations, and in which their training in Philosophy of History, French and English literature, Astronomy and Natural Science receives a finishing touch.

COLLEGE FEES, ETC.

Per Annum.

Entrance fee	\$ 5 00
Board	100 00
Tuition	40 00
Lodging	20 00
Washing	15 00
Music lessons (optional).....	30 00
Use of Piano (optional).....	5 00
Typewriting and Phonography (in First and Second Commercial Class).....	10 00
Telegraphy (optional)	5 00

UNIVERSITY FEES.

Matriculation	\$ 1 00
Every Regular Examination	5 00
Every Supplemental Examination	5 00
Degree of B.A.....	8 00

1st. College fees are payable half yearly in advance to the Treasurer of the College, on the 1st of September and on the 1st of February, unless special arrangements be made with the Treasurer.

2nd. No reduction is granted for absence of less than one month.

3rd. Books and stationery are payable cash.

4th. Parents who allow their sons pocket money should deposit it with the Treasurer.

5th. The students must be provided with all necessary toilet articles and clothing, and these must be marked in full with the owner's name.

6th. The College will not endorse the students' accounts with merchants, unless a deposit be made to that effect with the Treasurer.

7th. On Sundays and holidays the students must wear a black suit of clothes.

NOTICE.

1st. Parents will receive monthly reports and testimonials certifying to the moral and intellectual standing of their sons.

2nd. Students may be called to the Parlor on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 o'clock p.m., and on Sundays from 4 to 5 o'clock p.m.

3rd. The mail of the students is subject to the inspection of the Prefect of Discipline.

4th. After the holidays, students should return faithfully on the day appointed.

5th. Parents intending to withdraw their sons from College before the end of the Course will kindly notify the Rector in time.

6th. Special terms are given for two or more brothers attending the College, at the same time.