

## Society Notes.

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The opening debate of the U. of O. Debating Society, was held on October 16th. The Executive has decided that in the future, debaters shall not be allowed manuscripts. Notes, however, may be used, but shall have been submitted to the Rev. Moderator for approval, prior to the debate.

The subject of the first debate was, Resolved: That the Laurier government acted unwisely in appealing to the country, on the question of Reciprocity. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. A. Huot and D. Adams, while Messrs. I. Rice, and F. Ainsborough argued the negative. The judges were Messrs. G. Coupal, J. M. Chartrand, J. Bonfield, G. Dozois, and H. D. Bishop. The decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

On October 23rd. Resolved: "That a mechanic is more independent than a Farmer, was debated. Messrs. George McHugh and Joseph Chartrand supported the affirmative, Messrs. F. W. Hafey and James Cusack the negative. Judges: Messrs. D. Dolan, L. Kelley, V. Brennan, I. Rice, and G. Braithwaite. The decision was awarded to the affirmative.

Resolved: That Military Drill should be compulsory in all schools, colleges and universities, was debated on November 6th. For the affirmative: Messrs. D. Dolan and F. Daniels, for the negative Messrs. George Coupal and George Dozois. Judges: Messrs. J. Cross, W. Foley, J. Duffy, J. Fogarty and F. W. Hackett. The judges awarded the decision to the affirmative.

At the annual meeting of the I. U. D. L., held at Kingston on the 3rd inst. the following officers were elected:

Honorary President, Dr. O. D. Skelton, Queen's. Honorary Vice-Presidents, Prof. A. R. McCallum, Toronto; Rev. J. P. Falton, Ottawa, and Dr. S. B. Leacock, McGill.

President E. B. Wylie, M. A. Queen's.

1st Vice-President—G. F. Saywell, Toronto.

2nd Vice-President—F. W. Hackett, '14, Ottawa.

Sec. Treas.—J. A. McNaughton, McGill.

The schedule for 1911-12 was drawn up as follows:

Preliminary debates:—

Dec. 1st. McGill at Toronto.

Dec. 5th. Queen's at Ottawa.