



The debating season was closed on Friday evening, April 16th, when the fifteenth annual prize debate was held in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School. There was a large crowd present and the speeches were of a very high order, both as to arguments and delivery. The subject of discussion was: "Resolved, that a scheme of Imperial Federation is desirable and feasible for the British Empire." R. T. Quain and V. J. O'Neill upheld the affirmative, whilst the negative was championed by F. L. Murphy and Wm. M. Unger. Mr. J. D. O'Brien acted as chairman. The judges were J. F. Kenney, M.A., Wm. Kearns, and W. J. Sykes, B.A. The decision was awarded to the negative, and the gold medal for the best speech to Wm. Unger.

The University Quartette and Glee Club rendered some excellent vocal selections, and Mr. E. D. de Gruchy contributed a piano solo.

On Sunday, the 25th of April, a banquet was held in honour of the new Rector of the University, Rev. Fr. Rheaume. A sumptuous repast was provided, to which the large number of guests did ample justice. Among those present were: The Rev. Rector of the University; His Excellency Mgr. Stagni, the Papal Delegate; the Rev. Provincial of the Oblate Order, Rev. F. Langlois, the Prior of the Dominicans; Mgr. Routhier; Very Rev. Canon Bouillon; Very Rev. Canon Campeau; Mgr. Sinnott, Secretary to the Papal Delegate; Rev. Fr. Corbeil, the Principal of the Hull Normal School; Rev. Fr. Dalpé, Superior of the Scholasticate; Rev. Fr. Bouvet, Superior of the Juniorate; Rev. Fr. Guertin, Oblate Superior of Hull; Rev. Frs. Hebert, Landry, Lejeune, and several rev. members of the teaching staff of the University.