

WEEKLY DEBATES.

At the weekly meeting of the English Debating Society held on Monday evening, Dec. 2nd, the audience was treated to a display of somewhat fiery oratory, which flowed from at least two of the speakers of the evening. The opposing debaters took occasion to make known their convictions in a manner both eloquent and forcible. The question of the debate read, "That it is advisable that the modern languages, science and history should replace Latin and Greek in the Arts Course." Messrs. F. A. Landriau, T. J. Hunt and J. P. Gilhooly upheld the resolution, whilst the opposing forces included Messrs. J. M. Chart-rand, W. M. Hayden and E. J. Gorman. The meeting was pre-sided over by Mr. A. L. Cameron. The judges were Messrs. C. Mulvihill, J. Leacy, J. O'Keefe, J. McEvoy, and J. McMahon. Among those expressing their opinions from the floor of the house were Messrs. Unger, Cross, O'Neill, Maher, and Lahaie.

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The navy question was to the fore at the sitting of the debating society which occurred on Thursday evening, Nov. 14th. The subject of the argument was as follows: "Canada should assist Great Britain to maintain her naval supremacy by the creation of a distinct Canadian navy." Affirming the necessity of bringing into existence a distinct navy which would represent our Dominion's interest in the retention of the motherland's pride of position, Messrs. Leonard Kelley and F. Poulin sustained the contention that a cash contribution to England would be the most effective method of giving material aid to the country under the protecting aegis of whose flag Canada has grown from a colony to a nation. The decision of the judges awarded the palm of victory to the affirmative. Mr. J. S. Cross presided over the meeting in a very satisfactory manner. The austere dignity of judge was assumed by Messrs. Gilligan, Hayden, Hogan and Gorman.

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The French Debating Society held its first fall meeting on Monday, Nov. 11th in the Lecture Hall. "Will the French language subsist in Canada" was the question before the members of the assembly. Messrs. C. Glaude and J. Sauve appeared for the affirmative, while the negative was upheld by Messrs. L. De la Durantaye and R. Barrette. The negative was awarded the decision. Mr. Phil Cornellier acted in the capacity of chair-