

At eight o'clock sharp, the meeting was called to order. After reading the rules and regulations governing the debate, the chairman called upon Mr. P. Fink for a solo. Mr. Fink sang very well, and was heartily applauded. The leader of the affirmative was then called upon to speak, and the debate commenced. It proved to be very interesting and instructive, especially so, as "Single Taxation" is a live topic of the day. Arguments were plentiful on both sides; facts and figures were quoted to confirm or offset these arguments. All four speakers spoke clearly and articulated plainly; as a result every auditor heard what was being said, and listened with rapt attention during the hour and a half that the debate lasted.

Before the judge was called upon to make known his decision, Mr. Geo. Coupal sang a solo. He was amply rewarded by the smiles of approval and prolonged applause of the many young ladies present.

In giving his decision the Hon. Justice declared that the task of deciding the winners was not an easy one. He also, said in part:

"I was indeed glad to be able to listen to these young men give their opinions on this subject, and they can do nothing better than interest themselves in affairs of this kind. I am now in a position where I do not have to exercise my own judgment alone, having had assistance for some years. Some time ago, however, I occupied a position as judge, where I was called upon to frequently express opinions on matters of importance on my own responsibility, but seldom have I had a more difficult task than this one. I have only one criticism to make, and that is that the representatives on both sides seemed to forget that there are always two sides to every question. They were wrapt up too much in their own opinions. Notwithstanding this I must say that the visiting representatives had a slight advantage of the debate from a debating standpoint, but the College debaters argued the subject with a shade more knowledge than their opponents. Taking both these facts into consideration, I do not see my way clear to do otherwise than to decide the debate a draw."

#### Society Notes.

The French Debating Society under the able and popular direction of the Rev. Father Normandin, opened its series of weekly