



The debates held during the past month:—

February 9th.—“Ottawa Should Own and Operate the Street Railway.” The speakers for the affirmative were Messrs. E. T. McNally, J. A. Howard and W. V. Doran; those for the negative, V. J. O’Neill, J. J. McCann, W. J. Gillhooley. Mr. McNally was, unfortunately, away for this debate, his place being supplied by Mr. A. A. Unger. The merits and demerits of the local electric railway were clearly shown. Messrs. J. Grace and L. Lally related many interesting incidents with regard to the street car service. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. L. J. Duffy acted as chairman.

February 16th.—“Canada’s Best Interests Demand Her Entrance Into an Imperial Federation With Great Britain and the Other Colonies.” Those defending the question were Messrs. J. P. Burke and W. J. Grimes, while those opposing it were Messrs. H. T. Fallon and R. E. Dolan. The speakers for the negative are to be congratulated upon their very praiseworthy efforts in the criticism of this question. To the affirmative was awarded the palm of victory. Mr. A. A. Unger occupied the chair.

February 23rd.—“It Would Be Better for the Canadian Government to Exercise Control Over the Rates and Methods of the Express Companies Than to Establish a Parcel Post System of its Own.” The affirmative argument was advanced by Messrs. J. C. O’Keefe and T. J. Hunt, while Messrs. F. L. Murphy and J. Lapensee replied for the negative. The new system of parcel post came in for quite a bit of praise and criticism. However, the judges were convinced that the negative had the better of the argument, and, accordingly, to that side was their decision given.

March 2nd.—“Rural Mail is Not Now Advisable for Canada.” The resolution was upheld by Messrs. R. Quain and A. L. McLaughlin, these being opposed by Messrs. W. Hayden and