

combines. He saw no reason, however, why we should be held up by any combines, home or foreign. For the negative, Mr. Ramsay held that a substantial reduction of the tariff would entail a decrease in revenue, and a consequent change in the form of taxation, a step for which the country was not prepared.

Mr. McTaggart summed up on behalf of the affirmative. The judges retired to deliberate, and on their return Rev. Dr. Symonds announced that the decision had been awarded to the Queen's debaters, both on the ground of matter and on that of manner. The cup was presented to the visitors by Principal Peterson, of McGill.

The Queen's debaters arrived home on the noon train Tuesday, the 6th instant, and were met at the station by a large and enthusiastic crowd of students, who formed a guard of honor for them and their trophy. On Tuesday evening, the four successful debaters were tendered a dinner at Mrs. Eby's boarding house. As time is valuable to all the students at this season, the affair was made brief, but it was greatly enjoyed by all present. Naturally debate was the theme of most of the short, after-dinner speeches made, and many compliments were paid both the debaters and the members of the Debate Committee for their hard and conscientious work in the interest of debating at Queen's.

Prof.—“What are you doing with that notebook?”

Student—“I carry it round to jot down my thoughts.”

Prof.—“Don't you consider it rather large for that purpose?”

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OUR TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS.

TWO championships in one week! That's not bad. It is not often that a college scores two such notable triumphs in so short a time. But Queen's, we are sure, will not be injured by her success, seeing that it has been achieved in both instances by hard work and true merit. The battles are over and the two trophies rest peacefully on an index cabinet in the University Library, the Debating Cup presented to the I.U.D.L. by the Varsity Literary Society last year, and the Hockey Cup presented to the Inter-collegiate Union by Queen's three years ago. The hockey trophy comes back home after a year's absence at McGill, while the debating cup visits us for the first time. We all hope that it will find the Queen's air congenial. Queen's has a reputation in debate, and since the formation of the I. U. D. L. has won the championship oftener than any other college.

The double triumph is the more notable in that it represents the two sides of college life in which it is possible to have any competition between students, the intellectual and the physical. On the other side—the spiritual—the competition must come in the great outside world where the rules are more severe, and where the judges and referees comprise all our fellow-men. In this, too, Queen's men have never lagged.

But at the present moment it is for the triumph in hockey and debate that we rejoice. The JOURNAL extends its congratulations to all who took part in the contests. Their victory is the victory of Queen's and of all Queen's students.