

## ARTS DRY DINNER.

"McGill Banquet Without a Souse," wrote a local editor as a heading for his story of the Arts Undergraduate Society's third annual dinner; and then consigned it to the waste paper basket, fearing that the gentle insinuation that such is not the case at all McGill dinners might give offence.

Leaving other dinners out of the discussion, we pass on to state that, despite sundry threats of the "wets" the Arts dinner was not visited by a single souse; and, to the surprise of those "wets" who attended, it was none the less a very successful and enjoyable affair.

Its success may be attributed to three causes—first, the excellence of the speeches; secondly, the excellence of the menu; and thirdly, the extravagance of the committee, which served ginger ale and "polly" free to all and even supplied cigarettes gratis.

The speeches were so good and so witty that no one felt the need of a sham battle, with olives, rolls, and fruit as bullets, to enliven the proceedings; the menu was so excellent that even the dampest "wet" present found himself able to put away nine courses without the aid of stimulants; and the advantages of free soft drinks over costly hard ones were appreciated fully the following morning by at least one of those present, who had attended former Arts dinners.

The absence of the professors was the subject of much comment and not a few of the speakers seized the opportunity to hint that their absence was due to the fact that the dinner was a "dry" one. The only members of the teaching staff of the University present were Dean Moyse, Dean Walton, and Professor Wilson. Principal Peterson also had a seat at the head table.

The guest of honour was to have been State Senator John Godfrey Saxe of New York; but, as his presence was necessary in the Senate to prevent a certain Mr. Sheenan from becoming a United States Senator, Mr. A. R. McMaster, a former class mate, took his place.

The versatile speakers of the evening found no difficulty in finding tributes to pay to Mr. McMaster, especially as both he and Mr. Saxe had graduated in the same year, and many compliments equally applicable to both could be paid.

Mr. McMaster made the speech of the evening in responding to the toast "Our Guest," taking reciprocity for his subject. He spoke strongly in favour of the Taft-Fielding agreement, urging Canadians to throw off their garment of timidity, and to face the matter in a sensible manner. He believed that the bonds between Canada and the United States could be strengthened without

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**If you didn't go last year, you ought to go this year.**