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## McMASTER AND OSGOODE WIN

In Semi-Final Debates held Friday Night

### FINALS IN JANUARY

The Judges had Difficulty in Making Their Decisions

Resolved "That municipal bonuses to corporations are detrimental to the public interest and should be prohibited by law." Affirmative (Victoria), H. E. Manning, B. H. Robinson, B.A.; Negative (Osgoode), Thos. Crossthwaite, L. S. Cuddy. Judges—Rev. Father Carr, B.A., T. E. Hodgins, K.C., A. G. Browning, B.A. Unanimous decision in favour of Osgoode who will meet McMaster in the finals in January.

The semi-finals in the Inter-College Debating Union held Friday evening in the Victoria Chapel certainly provided an oratorical feast for those enthusiasts who, undaunted by the grim spectre of approaching term exams, turned out to cheer their representatives to victory. "Vic" had their justly famous bunch of "co-ed rooters" out in force and had song sheets distributed with parodies ranging from "Old Hundred" to "Put your arms around me honey."

"Argument and eloquence and telling facts galore" was the impression carried away by a casual onlooker as regards the style of delivery and subject matter of both debating teams. The fact that platform style was awarded 40% and the merits of the arguments advanced 60% was pointed out by Prof. N. W. DeWitt, Ph., D. who very unostentatiously fulfilled the duties of chairman.

Summing up the points briefly, the affirmative maintained that the bonusing of corporations by municipalities was a vicious principle, one calculated to destroy the economic balance of industrial activity. It results, declared Mr. Manning, in the withdrawal of capital to unprofitable locations thus entailing net loss to the country. Arguing in favor of prohibition by provincial enactment, he held that municipalities were not qualified to judge of their own comparative desirability as the base of operations for a particular industry. In every case it was merely exploitation as a bonus was either necessary or unnecessary. If the former, the industry was misplaced and therefore the grant was unjust. If the latter, it was robbery of the people.

Mr. Robinson followed the line of argument established by his colleague, dwelling particularly upon the evils resulting to the individual ratepayer, the municipality as a whole and the country in general. He would not deny that bonused industries had prospered in many cases, but maintained that the burden fell upon those unable to bear it. The workman was forced to pay increased prices to tradesmen for the increased tax on the latter's business, as well as the direct tax on himself as a result of the debenture issue for the amount of bonus. Also, citing experts as authorities, that the increased cost of living where the bonus system prevailed was greater than the increased prosperity and that the whole tendency was to reduce the productive efficiency of the country.

The Negative pointed out that the value of the bonus system lay in the assistance given to struggling firms, which later grew to gigantic proportions. Beside the actual money grant, or free site or immunity from taxation, it indirectly was invaluable as giving prestige to the firm in question. The aid thus given enabled them to successfully buck up against monopolistic trusts. The policy of decentralization of industries was necessary to encourage growth of town and thus provide a ready and sufficiently large market for surrounding agricultural districts. Furthermore that the rise in property values as a result of the securing of the industry was such that there was no proportionate increase in the bond indebtedness. The evils incident to the bonus

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## BASKETBALL GAMES

Interest is being worked up in Sifton Cup Games

The Inter-faculty basket ball series for the Sifton Cup is attracting well-deserved attention and those who have not as yet made it a point to attend these games are missing some interesting contests. The class of ball put up this year is as good as, if not superior to what prevailed in the intercollegiate series itself in former years.

To-morrow a double-header is carded—Victoria goes up against Wycliffe at 4.15 p.m. at the Gym., with C. H. Cunningham wielding the official whistle. At 5 p.m. those old-time friends, Junior Arts and Junior Meds will furnish an exhibition of acrobatic awkwardness, and D. Wood will see to it that no unnecessary gore is shed in the process.

Two games took place in the Sifton Cup series on Friday afternoon in the Gym. Sr. Arts beat Dents in overtime by 21-17. The embryo teachers chopped wood with the lumbermen. The chips fell 16 to 7.

## STUNT NIGHT

The last meeting of the Foresters' Club, took the form of a "Stunt" Night or demonstration evening in which various tricks of camp trail and portage were described and demonstrated.

The President, Mr. Finlayson, disposed of the business very briefly.

The "Good Horse Booze," a rakish barrelled creature was led out, and Mr. Dick Lewis, assisted by Stan. Clark showed several "two-man" hitches. The U.S. Army hitch, double diamond, and some "one man" hitches. Geo. Tunstell scored a hit with a "lightning hitch."

Mr. R. McG. Watt, who has snow-shoed all over New Brunswick to say nothing of Queen's Park, spoke on snow-shoes—literally and figuratively describing the various styles used in different localities, their uses economic and social, and showed various ties, good bad, and indifferent, including the Squaw-hitch which stays put.

Mr. Finlayson produced a Chestnut canoe. He showed various methods of packing a canoe with paddles and tump-line, and this part of the programme concluded with a general discussion on tump-lines, pack-sacks, etc.

The crowd then adjourned to the rear of the Forestry Campus where they partook of some excellent camp cooking prepared by Buck Irwin and staff of cookees. If the head-cook had not tried to watch Queens' Hall and a frying pan simultaneously he might not have caught the flap-jack in his hair.

The session ended with a "war-dance" around the fire and one last song for the benefit of the listening 'fair.'

"Stunt" night promises to become a permanent institution.

## INTERMEDIATE SOCCER

Saturday afternoon in the mud, Varsity II soccer team decisively trimmed the Grand Trunks in the T. & D. intermediate league by the score of 5-0. Varsity were superior to their opponents in all departments and won out handily. This gives Varsity the lead in their division.

## U. C. RECEPTION

On Saturday last, the Sophs of University College entertained the other years at the season's most brilliant reception. The music was good, the refreshments were "par excellence," in fact, the whole affair was a big success.

All seemed successful in having a good time, and the executive, in their neat saateen uniforms with velvet facings, did their best to make things run as smoothly as possible.

## WATER POLO SEMI-FINALS

On Friday, School defeated Arts in the semifinals 11-5. The game was closer than the score would indicate but the winners came out ahead by hard checking and excellent shooting.

Meds won from Knox by default so the final game will be between School and Meds.

## EXCELLENT SPEAKING

Was Order of the Day at the University College Dinner

"For its always fair weather When good fellows get together."

This was the spirit that prevailed among the 125 men who attended the Arts Dinner, Thursday evening. Seated at long tables groaning under the weight of those never-to-be-forgotten delicacies so appetisingly prepared by the Dining Hall authorities, every body proceeded to enjoy himself to the full. The fact that seated at one end of the hall and occupying the upper seats in the sanctuary were representatives of the Faculty did not in the least deter from the mirth-provoking feats always so prominent on such occasions. Nor mirabile, ductu, did it affect the appetite of even the most astute and wise looking senior or the innocent freshman, making his debut among such surroundings.

After full justice had been done to the grand dinner, the whole assembly resolved itself, into a strictly informal gathering and listened to the speeches which were made in proposing and responding to the toasts.

The first toast that to the King was proposed by the chairman, Dr. Ellis, who referred to the commendable spirit evidenced by the present line of sovereigns that of a strict adherence to duty.

### THE EMPIRE.

"The Empire" was proposed by Mr. Jackson a newly arrived member of the staff from Oxford. In a witty humorous speech Mr. Jackson made a hit with the gathering by offering the suggestion that in order to more strongly cement the bonds of union among the different parts of the British Empire, an Empire Rugby Union should be instituted. Reference was made to the position of a Canadian as leader of the Conservative party in England as evidence of the fact that a citizen of any part of the Empire can rise to be head in any part of it.

Messrs. E. B. Osler and Frank Yeigh spoke in response to the toast. "The Empire," said Mr. Osler, "is a theme that should command our greatest enthusiasm and eloquence. It is worthy of our respect and admiration and we must do our part in upholding its traditions. In a great University like this turning out men who will be leaders of the country, a great change in the tone of the whole of Canada can be affected if each student goes out determined to do his best towards making Canada a better and greater nation."

Mr. Yeigh in a clear and forceful speech brought out many of the more significant and outstanding characteristics of the Empire. In Canada our loyalty to the Empire is not a recent development but is deep seated in the struggle for our rights fought out by our forefathers. Now the notes of "God Save the King" resound all over the world and from meridian to meridian hands are clasped in that indissoluble bond of union.

### CANADA.

Canada was proposed by Mr. J. J. Bell. Certain impressions of Canadian students were given by the speaker. What most characterises us is the glorious freedom of every body. "You don't seem to care whether you go to lectures or not." (applause). Our great capacity of getting a great deal out of nothing is very marked. This very commendable virtue may become a vice as when a few facts and a general principle or two are served up as an essay (laughter). We are, however, free from those men whose only ambition it is to get two letters after their name merely as a means of self advertisement. This is caused by the fact that our fees are not paid for us by the state but we have to work for them (Hear, hear).

Mr. Bell expressed himself as very strongly in favor of a University battalion and the joining of it by every man.

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## ART OF LIVING

Was Subject of Sermon by Professor James Hardy Ropes

The body of Convocation Hall was well filled Sunday morning to hear Professor James Hardy Ropes of Harvard University delivered a deeply thoughtful address on the Spiritual application of "efficiency in work." Interest in life, he declared, was the essential to the successful accomplishment of work. "The Art of living is taking an interest in the right things," and about this his sermon centred. Only interested work can be good work and this interest exists only as there is a definite end in view—because the work produces something.

What ever you put into life you get out of it, and if you concentrate your interest on great things, you will be good—morally good.

An ancient solace for the present ills of life was the promise of a felicitous hereafter; this comfort, however, was not effective. An earnest interest in the great things of life is the true victory over all ills. The Christian Scientist has learned part of this truth in exhorting us not to give in to suffering, but to deny its existence.

Concentration of interest, however, continued the speaker, involves a choice—perhaps a sacrifice. You have freedom of choice, but, once committed, you cannot withdraw, no matter what activity of life you enter; and so you run the risk of making a false choice, and on this risk depends the moral value of your action for it involves that freedom which distinguishes man from the beasts.

Therefore, interest in life is man's most vital decision. The man who says he cannot change his disposition does not understand his nature; life is always moving, only death stands still.

The greatest interest in life is in God and his attributes and to take an interest in this is the Christian faith. "In accepting this as your supreme interest, you do not do so from a rational standpoint, but you are venturing on the hazard of spiritual fortune not the results of vigorous reasoning.

This opportunity, unreasoning as it is, is not forced upon you. The responsibility of choice is accorded you. "Without all the risks involved," he concluded, "concentrate upon one supreme point all of life and it means the choice of where, for you, God is to be seen."

## Y.M.C.A. NOTES

The Y.M.C.A. is making arrangements to secure work during the Christmas holidays for any students who may wish to avail themselves of it.

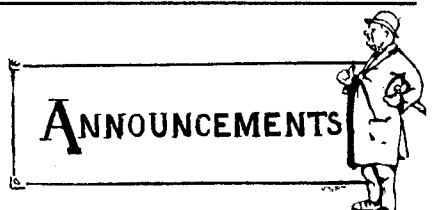
The Y.M.C.A. will be deprived of its faithful General Secretary for a few days as he will be in his homeland, North Grey, in the immediate future on mysterious business of government (?) import. Such devotion to a desperate cause is most commendable.

Service will be read next Sunday morning in Convocation Hall, by Professor Robertson, of Knox.

## SMALLER REGISTRATION

At Queen's this Year—Total is 1,489

The registration figures for Queen's University this session have just been made public by the Registrar. They show a decrease of 139 from last year, in the extra-mural list, but an increase intramurally of 16. The total number of students now registered is 1,489. There is a decrease in Science of 14, a phenomenon that is common to practically every university in America this year. Toronto has suffered much more severely in this respect than Queen's. The number of post-graduates in Arts is less this year by 36. Undergraduates in Arts show an increase of 21, in Medicine 15, and in Theology 5. Education exactly holds its own.—Queen's Journal.



A meeting of Parliament will be held in Senate Chamber on Tuesday afternoon from 4.15 to 6.00 p.m.

There are a limited number of orchestra tickets remaining which will be put on sale to general public Monday and Tuesday afternoon, from 4-6 p.m., at Gym.

Meeting of the Executive of the Parliament of the Undergraduates is called in the Reading Room of the Union this afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Modern Language Club to be held this afternoon in Room 65 at 4.15, promises to be especially interesting. It is an English meeting, the chief speaker being Professor Alexander, on "Some Phases of the Modern English Drama." All welcome.

A meeting was held on Wednesday to organize the school hockey for the season. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Dr. Ellis; Pres., T. J. Mulqueen; Vice-Pres., Patton; Sr. School Manager, W. Wright; Jr. School Manager, E. P. Cameron.

The last meeting of Y.W. for this term will be held in the Y.M.C.A., at 4.45 on Tuesday. After some time of social intercourse, Dr. Benson will speak of her summer's experiences in Constantinople, Paris, etc. Let the attendance of this last assembly for 1911 be the very "best ever."

## PARKER RECOVERING

The Varsity is glad to announce that Mr. W. C. Parker is slowly improving, after undergoing a serious operation for appendicitis on Monday last. It will be remembered that Mr. Parker was goaltender in the Senior Inter-Collegiate team last winter, and played a brilliant game.

## UNIVERSITY MONTHLY

The management of the University Monthly wishes to engage one student in each of the following towns to call upon a number of resident graduates during the Christmas holidays, in the interests of the magazine and to make collections.

A list of the graduates in each place will be furnished so that the student will know exactly how much work is to be done. A substantial commission is allowed and in no case will the work require more than two days' time.

Arrangements should be made at once by personal interview or by telephone with H. A. McTaggart, Room 51, Physics Bldg., who will give further information.

The towns are:—St. Catharines, Hamilton, Lindsay, Kincardine, Owen Sound, Guelph, Brampton, Berlin, Galt, Brantford, Simcoe, Woodstock, St. Mary's, Stratford, St. Thomas, Goderich, Sarnia, Chatham, Windsor, Ottawa.

One reason why a suffragette can never be a "man of the hour" is because it always takes a woman an hour-and-a-half.

One of our prominent freshmen was very indignant upon leaving after a call, when he discovered that the family cat had chased his new fuzzy hat up the hall tree.

## COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 12—Foresters' Club Dinner.
- Dec. 12—U.T.R.A. Dinner and Prize Distribution.
- Dec. 14—Theatre Night.
- Dec. 19—II. Year S.P.S. Dinner.
- Jan. 26—Arts Dance.
- Feb. 1—Trinity College Conversation.
- Feb. 2—Dental "At Home."
- Feb. 2—East Residence Dance.
- Feb. 29—Trinity Oratorical contest.