

Prof. Skelton discussing the possibility of future cleavage between the West and the East, took occasion to point out the value of our party system in the prevention of any such split, inasmuch as the party system gives us another division of the people and the members of either party in one province, have strong interests in common with those of that party in the other provinces. It is thus a binding factor in the Dominion.

We were very sorry that the K.G.H. held our President a prisoner. We hope to see him about again soon. "Car" did very well in the chair.

The B. C. man remarked that many Easterners and Middle Westerners were dubious about passing the Kicking Horse, but he claimed that that was the only way into Paradise.

Urie's witty speech on college colours was only equalled by the M. P., who after quoting from the Menu card, "No man can be wise on an empty stomach", remarked "Don't know about that. Seems to me I am wiser when it is otherwise with me."

Say, boys, wasn't it great, eh? It was the first but it won't be the last.

Letter to the Editor.

IN the last issue of the Journal, (Dec. 2nd.) appears an article dealing with our projected Queen's Unit. The writer evidently has experienced a difficulty in reconciling our entering a career of militarism with the fact that Queen's boasts in being gifted with professors who rank highest in the world of philosophic thought. Now, Mr. Editor, may it not be well to remember that the pure idealism, which we faithfully hold to, here, at Queen's, does not mean the mere "following the lead of ideas." It would be irrelevant to attempt, even if our ability warranted the attempt, an explication of Idealism, but suffice to say, it is almost a truism since the days of Hegel, Caird and, no less so in the present under the greatest exponent of these, to hold as true that "Ideas" instead of leading away from the life of the nation, find their home in that life. We do not argue that the military status of the present age is final, but it is a fact to be admitted, and a fact that has justified its existence. Other ages may see its sublimation and our best contribution to that end is to permeate the idea of the militia with those very "ideas" we read of. Instead of allowing great standing forces to burden our land, is it not infinitely better to place within the keeping of college men, men who may be depended on not to be swayed by prejudice and fierce fanaticism, the dearest of all human and divine treasures: Home and Patriotism! It is not, I believe, self-assertion, but is realization of the dearest bond of Human life, rather Humanism, than animalism, for the best preventive of war is a citizenship *able*, as well as ready to defend the unit of the Empire, and if any class in the realm should be qualified to take up and purify that Privilege, it is that very class of college men who *dare* follow *Ideals*, not ideas, whithersoever they may lead.—E. W.