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Hon. Peter Campbell-Minister of Customs.

Hon. Lorne Berlinguet-Minister of Inland Revenue.

Hon. Cecil Cullen-Solicitor General.

Hon, Harold Driscoll-Postmaster General.

Hon. Michael Conway—Secretary of State. Hon. Charles McIvor, Hon. Michael Rooney, Hon.

C. Landrigan-Ministers without portfolio.

The speeches during the session were good, containing weighty matter, and losing nothing by delivery. Some of the discussions, especially around the middle of the term, were very animated, and the Government received some severe critcism from the Opposition.

After an election in which the first Government was defeated by a large majority, the Opposition came into power. Although they criticised the former Government as if they would do much better when they gained control, the abuse they are receiving from the present Opposition seems to indicate that the administration, from the point of view of its opponents, always misuses the power invested in it. All this but goes to show that although it is called Mock Parliament it is very nearly related to the legislative body of our country.

Debates

After Christmas the first debate, "Resolved that a Limited Monarchy better secures the happiness of its people than does a Republic," was held on February 10.

The speakers were: Pro.-C. Cullen, L. Campbell,

C. Wurtele, and C. Connell.

Con.-P. Campbell, E. McKenna, F. Nelligan, F. O'Brien, and P. McAulay.

The supporters of the resolution centered many of their arguments around the head of the Limited Monarchy, the King. They maintained that the monarch, holding his position for life, would tend to stabilize the government and act as a check on unwise or defective legislation. Again they said that the King helped to bind the divers factions, creeds and even races together as witnessed in the great British Empire. They argued that a Limited Monarchy is strong in its very being, for it is founded on the love and patriotism of its subjects.

Their opponents showed that two-thirds of the land surface of the globe is under Republican Rule. Under this form of administration there did not exist any distinction of class or creed, they said, and that the poorest individual could rise to the highest position in the state. It was stated that the discord and strife aroused by incapable or bad kings was easily avoided; for only the best men were chosen for the presidency.

The Con. side obtained the greater number of votes.

On Feb. 27 the Society held its second debate "Resolved that trial by jury should be abolished."

The following spoke: Pro.—A. Malone, J. O'Meara, G. McDonald, and F. McAvinn.

Con.—J. Sullivan, G. Keefe, J. McGuigan, and W. Gillis.

The members of the affirmative said that, from an educational standpoint, jurymen as a rule have not sufficient learning to decide on the weighty matters before them nor to follow the abstruse reasoning of lawyers. They pointed out too that a clever advocate was very often able to sway men out the jury by appealing to their emotions; and that the men were often prejudiced by consideration of creed and race. When they should obtain the abolition of trial by jury they proposed to substitute a full bench of three judges.

The supporters of the negative argued that a judge by constant contact with evil and crime might become hardened and as a result be too severe in his pronouncements. They pointed out that trial by jury was accepted by almost the entire civilized world and that it had stood the test of long usage. They said that the method of impannelling a jury precluded any danger of prejudiced jurors.

The resolution was upheld.

St. John's Literary and Debating Society

The Junior Society is doing excellent work under its capable Moderator. Rev. M. E. Francis. The great number of its debates prevents us from reporting them at length. Since there are so many debates each student of the society has the opportunity of speaking twice or

oftener. This may not seem to him an unalloyed joy, but he will realize its usefullness more fully when he becomes a member of the Senior Society, although it may not be until he has left college that he will wholly appreciate these advantages.

Necrology

To Professor and Arthur Fleming on the death of their father; and to Hermas St. Laurent on the death of his mother, "Red and White" extends its sincere sympathy.



Lo! at the couch where infant beauty sleeps The silent watch the mournful mother keeps She, while the lovely babe unconscious lies Smiles on her slumbering babe with pensive eyes.

Give me but one hour of Scotland; Let me see it e'er I die.

-Aytoun.

The world is full of poetry:—
The air is living with its spirit; and the waves
Dance to the music of its melodies,
And sparkle in its brightness.

-Percival.

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence; and to speak agreeably to him with whom we deal, is more than to speak in good words, or in good order.

-Bacon.

Poetry is the blossom and fragrance of all human knowledge, human thoughts, human passions, emotions, language.

—Coleridge.