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**QUEEN'S DEBATERS
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A Large Audience Hears the Discussion in Grant Hall Friday Night.

Queen's University debating team won the decision over the Imperial debating team of Great Britain last night when they supported the affirmative of the subject: "That this House supports the establishment of a Naval Base at Singapore." A vote of the audience which numbered about 1,400 was overwhelmingly in favor of the Queen's debaters. This is the second defeat with which the Imperial team has met since it arrived in Canada.

The supporters of the affirmative held that the building of a naval base at Singapore was absolutely necessary as a protection to British possessions and British trade in the Pacific. They saw a menace in Japan which threatened the whole Pacific area. The Singapore base would provide adequate protection in this respect they contended.

The negative were of the opinion that to build a naval base at Singapore would be offering an offense to Japan whom they claimed had been a faithful ally of Great Britain for the past twenty years. The differences between Japan and China were so much stronger than the differences between either Japan and Great Britain or China and Great Britain that a Yellow-Peril could not exist, they submitted.

The cost of building the naval base would only add another farthing to the British income tax but it would be insurance on one billion dollars worth of trade a year according to the affirmative. The policy of preparedness was particularly stressed by them.

Another race for the supremacy of armaments was seen by the negative in the building of the proposed base. They felt sure that Japan would not sit meekly by and see Great Britain build a base that would practically control Japan's food supply and oil supply.

The debaters were introduced by Principal R. Bruce Taylor and they were: R. Nunn May, of Birmingham University; Paul Reed, of London University, and T. P. McDonald, of Edinburgh University, for the Imperial team, and J. Alexander Edmondson, E. Russell Smith and John Lansbury for Queen's. Each man spoke for fifteen minutes and the affirmative had ten minutes for rebuttal.

Dr. Taylor remarked that he had never seen Grant Hall so well filled. The Imperial debating team was sent out under the auspices of the United Students' Union of the British Dominions, he said, and besides its visit to Canada a tour of New Zealand and Australia was also contemplated. He stressed the good that would naturally accrue from the visit of such a team in giving other points of view, giving the students a chance to study other styles of debate and stimulating interest in important international questions. The Imperial debating team was brought to Queen's through the efforts of the Debates Committee under the auspices of the Alma Mater Society.

J. Alexander Edmondson was the first speaker. He declared that the naval bases at Singapore and Hong Kong were obsolete and would not accommodate the new type of battleship. Also he said that the present bases did not have adequate supply and repair services for any British fleet that might be operating in Pacific waters. More tons of shipping passed through the Singapore sphere in a year than through New York harbor, he said. In this connection, Mr. Edmondson claimed that in time of war unless there was a strong naval base at Singapore the merchant marine would be in great danger.

Mr. May, speaking for the negative, said that the naval experts could always find some menace or other to justify a large navy and just now they had found this menace in the Pacific. He pointed out that the British fleet had been withdrawn from the Pacific for a number of years before the last war broke out but during that time trade had been perfectly safe. He saw in Japan a friend and ally. He held that it was better to let the taxpayers keep their money than to spend it on armaments that might never be used. If the taxpayers had the money, Mr. May claimed, it was always available for the equipping of defenses in that part of the world where immediate peril threatened.

"If we have Singapore, India, Australia, New Zealand, Burma and Persia can be defended and we have the same chance to guard Hong Kong," said Russell Smith, for the affirmative. "We must have a base at Singapore or in time of war be ready to surrender our Eastern Empire. Its strategic position is conceded even by those most opposed to the plan," he said. "Seventy per cent of the people of the Empire are unprotected if we do not have a base at Singapore. Australia, New Zealand and two British cabinets have declared Singapore essential."

That the chairman of the Singapore Harbor Board had said that the cost of the work would be \$20,000,000 instead of \$10,000,000 as estimated, was the statement made by T. P. McDonald, for the Imperial team. Opposer in both Australia and New Zealand was divided on the question he showed by reading extracts from messages sent by the members of the Opposition in both countries. The capital expenses was not the only expense involved but that there would have to be maintenance and up-keep as well, he pointed out. In ten years, at the end

of which time it was estimated the Singapore base would be completed, naval warfare would have changed to such an extent that the naval base would be of little use according to naval experts quoted by this speaker. The naval warfare would in the future be carried on by submarines and light cruisers, he said, and for these the present Singapore base was admirably suited.

John Lansbury, for Queen's quoted from statements made by Japanese public men to the effect that they would not consider the building of a naval base at Singapore as at all provocative to Japan. In a Japanese war, he said, the British fleet at Singapore would be nearer its base of supply than the Japanese fleet. A base at Singapore would strengthen Britain's prestige and therefore would be an additional security for peace.

According to a quotation made by Paul Reed, the last speaker for the negative, the First Lord of the Admiralty admitted that the Singapore might protect England's tea supply it would not protect her wheat supply from Canada. That submarines would be the naval weapons in the next war was stressed by him. He quoted also from utterances from Japanese authorities to show that it was not entirely with favor that they regarded the plan. The East had just as much right to suspect the West as the West had to suspect the East, he said. He suggested that instead of building this fortification to guard against Japan appropriating British territory on which to colonize her surplus population, that the money and effort be used to help Japan colonize those areas right at her door.

In rebuttal Mr. Lansbury said, "It will be a bad day for the world when Great Britain lets the feelings of neighboring countries decide her naval policy." To carry out to what he termed its logical conclusion, the assertion made by the negative that the Singapore base be not built because it would be offensive to Japan. Mr. Lansbury submitted that Malta, Gibraltar, and even the fortifications of England were all offensive to some country or another.

Mr. Eric Thomas acted as chairman and the decision was given by Judge H. A. Lavell, Col. Hertzberg and W. R. Davies. The Queen's Collegians Orchestra played several times during the evening.

OBITUARY

Late John Riley, Cataragui. The funeral of the late John Riley was held from his late residence, Cataragui, on Thursday afternoon to Cataragui cemetery. The large number of friends present testified to the esteem in which he was held. He will be missed greatly in the community in which he held the position of trustee and secretary of the school board for many years.

The pall bearers were: Robert Curran, John Heaton, John Simpson, B. Lancaster, W. Clyde and Colin Clarke, all intimate friends of the deceased. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

The survivors are his widow and Elsie and Edward at home; Mrs. F. L. Aylesworth, of Oyon, Alta., and Mrs. T. B. Mundie, of Innisfail, Alberta.

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Downtown Stores Want 7 p.m. Closing—Residential Section Barbers Opposed.

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GOOD TIME AT DANCE
Shannonville, Feb. 5.—Miss Marjorie Hickerson spent Thursday in Belleville. Mr. and Mrs. John Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mark and Wirtley Mark spent the tea hour, Saturday, with James MacFarlane, Gravel Road. The Ladies' Guild of Trinity church met at the home of Mrs. Albert Mark on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Houston and Mrs. A. Mark spent Saturday in Belleville.

"Can a barber barber when he wants to barber?" is the lively question confronting the proprietors of the twenty-six tonsorial parlors in the city. The question has reached such proportions that one petition has been filed with the city clerk and one is going the rounds and will be in the hands of the clerk shortly. The two groups of barbers interested in the controversy are the downtown proprietors and the residential section barbers fighting for an existence.

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THOS. BEARANCE DEAD; WAS BORN AT SEA

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Some of the parties interested became quite heated about the matter when seen by the Whig. The large shop proprietors say that it is unfair to them, since they employ union labor and the smaller shop owners declare that they were not going to have the "bread and butter" taken out of their mouths by any early closing measure. One barber claimed that he would remain open until 9 o'clock in spite of any such by-law. And would go to the full extent of the law before he would submit. Although it has become a heated matter and it may be necessary to come to some agreement about the matter.

CASH FOR OLD STAMPS

W. Earl Cooper was arraigned in Welland court in connection with the shooting tragedy in Wainfleet township.

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