

"(a) Purchases of books shall be made upon recommendations presented by or through the Librarian only by formal authority of the Library Committee, save in cases of apparent necessity, when the Librarian may, with the authority of two members of the committee give orders for such purchases."

*Carried.*

Mr. Shepley moved that the Rule as to stages be unanimously suspended.—*Carried unanimously.*

Mr. Shepley moved that the Rule be read a second time and passed.—*Carried.*

Mr. Shepley moved the first reading of a Rule, based on the Report of the committee, to be substituted for Rule 69.

Mr. Shepley moved that the Rule as to stages be suspended.—*Carried unanimously.*

Mr. Shepley moved that the Rule be read a second time and passed.—*Carried;* and the same is as follows :

69. The Librarian shall have the immediate and general charge of the Library, under the superintendence of the Library Committee.

(a) The Librarian shall keep a ledger and a petty cash book. In the former shall be entered, in separate accounts, payments made to the various publishers from whom purchases are made, to the binders, and to others with whom the Library has dealings.

In the petty cash book shall be entered all petty Library expenditures made out of such sums as the Finance Committee may authorize the sub-Treasurer to advance to the Librarian for that purpose.

Nothing herein contained shall affect the keeping of the customary books and accounts by the sub-Treasurer.

Mr. Watson, from the Committee on Fusion of the Courts, presented an interim Report as follows :

Your committee, appointed by resolution of 12th December instant, begs leave to present an interim Report.

Your committee is very strongly of the opinion that the fusion and amalgamation of the three divisions of the High Court of Justice is an urgent necessity, and should be completed without delay.

Your committee is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the administration of justice that the double circuits should be abolished, and that common sittings should be held for trial of actions in the three divisions throughout the different cities and county towns of the Province, that thereby much labour and expense would be saved, a greater uniformity maintained, and the interests of the public and of suitors much better served. Such sittings should be held at certain fixed periods for each city and county town, and should be more frequent than the present sittings of Assize and Nisi Prius.

Your committee is also strongly of opinion that the separate sittings of the Divisional Courts should be abolished, and that there should be only one Divisional Court for the disposition of cases in all the divisions of the said court, and that such Divisional Court should be composed of not less than three judges, none of whom should be the trial judge, and that there should be sittings of the said court at least monthly, and more frequently when required.

Your committee recognizes the present difficulties in effecting the abolition of the double circuits, amongst others the pecuniary results to the judiciary, and that in view of their present manifestly inadequate remuneration the change should not, except with the consent of the judiciary, be pressed at this time ; and, in anticipation of legislation by the Dominion Government at its next session, whereby provision may be made for increasing the remuneration of the judiciary, your committee is of opinion, with regard to the abolition of double circuits and of