

of much judicial discussion, in which diverse views have been expressed, and no doubt in the future it will again be the subject of similar discussion.

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The most important event, so far as this Association is concerned, in the past year has been the widening of the basis upon which the Association rests, so that now the president or elected representative of each County Law Association has become a member of our council. This completes the organization which the Association has always had in view and makes it, in fact, as well as in name, a body representative of the profession throughout Ontario.

Another matter to which reference must be made is the hearty co-operation of our sister society, the Toronto Bar Association, in the work done in connection with the so-called Law Reform Act of last year. I wish to express personally, and on behalf of this Association, my thanks for the cordial way in which the members of the Toronto Bar Association worked with us in endeavouring to impress on the Government the inadvisability of interfering with the constitution of the Court of Appeal. Our united efforts were successful to the extent of postponing the operation of the Act which was finally passed. No good reason is yet apparent for the remodelling of our appellate practice. It was also demonstrated that the percentage of double appeals in this province was, in comparison with the number of cases tried, trifling, and except in cases of compensation for personal injuries did not need a legislative cure. The profession seemed fairly well united in the opinion that while in those cases a remedy might and ought to be found, the remedy proposed was inappropriate.

*Address of the president, Mr. Frank E. Hodgins, K.C., delivered at the annual meeting at Osgoode Hall, April 8th.