

the increase of our national wealth and the advancement of our colleges and universities, that the time has come to consider seriously if the Law School is keeping pace with these advancements, and whether it is not imperative that instead of depending on lectures by those actively engaged in practice, sometimes selected without due care to fitness and the time at their disposal, there should not be a remodelling of the system, and by greater liberality a higher and more professional status in lecturers attained, leaving the practice side only to the lectures of those engaged in active practice. It has been several times hinted that unless this be accomplished the Law School will become merely a school for the teaching of practice and law faculties will of necessity be established in our universities. Distinguished scholars on law subjects secured by proper remuneration as lecturers in our present Law School, serving the province as a whole, is surely more economic than the continuance of the present system and the establishment of law faculties in the different universities, and is the better method of developing a system equal to the present needs of the student. Lectures could then be arranged so that students could devote half of the day to office practice instead of attending lectures to meet the convenience of lecturer-practitioners, or some better arrangement might be devised by the Principal of the Law School.

It is stated that the judges and lawyers of the old school are gone, and no doubt the Bench thinks so of the lawyers and the lawyers so of the Bench, nevertheless it should be observed that the respect of the lawyer for the Bench of this province is generally well maintained.

This was recognized recently by the Hon. Mr. Justice Masten when the profession paid tribute to his many excellent qualities on the occasion of his first appearance on the Bench.

You will, I believe, agree with me that this reference to practitioners and their engagements, to adjournments of cases and the exigencies arising which make adjournments unavoidable, that there is a new era of more liberal treatment of the profession in this respect in sight. The Judges, no doubt, well know that counsel are not always to blame and that often they shield the