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THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

We publish in full, as promised, the report of the Committee of the Association on the Administration of Justice, presented at the last meeting in Montreal by Mr. W. J. McWhinney, K.C., as amended and adopted by the Association. It may be remembered by some of our readers that we have in these columns on various occasions advocated some if not all these commendations contained in the report. We trust they will receive due attention by those in authority. The report reads as follows:—

1. *Court Officials.*—It is respectfully submitted that in these democratic days, some of the positions of officials attending the Courts have become obsolete and are maintained, not from necessity or usefulness, but from mere custom, and serve no useful purpose. The moneys thus expended can be applied to meet increased expenditure and to secure efficiency in other official positions. It is also submitted that all official positions requiring legal knowledge should be filled from the ranks of the legal profession and not by laymen under the patronage system.

2. *Interprovincial Agency Allowances.*—The information of your committee is, that despite resolutions of Bar Associations and statutes, agency allowances are made in most Provinces. It is therefore recommended that the statutes be amended, where necessary, and a uniform practice be adopted, so that agency allowances may be recognized and permitted of one-third to the forwarding solicitor of all fees and remuneration charged or allowed, excepting disbursements and counsel fees where counsel is retained outside the agent's firm with the consent of the principal.

3. *Judgments and their Enforcement.*—(This clause was dropped as the subject was reported on by the special Committee on Foreign Judgments.)