

"I. The Judiciary; II. The Lawyer; III. Law Reform.

"I. The Judiciary of this province consists of nineteen Supreme Court judges and seventy-four County Court judges (when all vacant offices are filled.) The judges hold their offices during good behaviour, subject to removal for inability, incapacity or misbehaviour. (9 Edward Ed. VII. (1909) Chap. 29, sec. 2, Ont. R.S.C. Chap. 138, sec. 38). Section 9 of chap. 28 of 3-4 George V. provides that every judge of a County Court, who has attained the age of seventy-five years, shall be compulsorily retired. So far as I am aware there is no age limit when a Supreme Court judge must retire. It would seem he may serve—subject to the right of removal for inability or incapacity—so long as he can keep alive, if he wishes to do so.

"The relationship between the bench and bar has never been more cordial—I think I may say has never been as cordial—as it is at the present time. Year by year the bench and bar are getting closer together. Never have we had a more conscientious and painstaking bench than we have now. I occasionally hear a disappointed counsel find fault with the judge's head, but I have yet to hear any lawyer find fault with a judge's heart. If proof is needed that the bench of to-day gives better satisfaction and is held in higher esteem by the profession than ever before, I believe I need only state what is well known to every lawyer, this fact that the large majority of civil cases and many criminal cases, which formerly were tried with a jury, are now tried without a jury although a right to a jury exists. The jury system, in my opinion, is rapidly dying out. This change, can, I believe, be accounted for only because of the firm conviction of the profession, formed from actual experience and observation, that our judges have no favorites, are no respecters of persons, do not make bad law in hard cases, and will give judgment according to the very right and justice of the case.

"It is to be regretted that the salaries of men of such high character and ability should be so small that most judges find it difficult, and in some cases impossible, to live as their station in life requires. There is a crying need that this great and rich