

leave that office, the senior Vice-Chancellor would have no vested rights because he happens to hold that office; but if he were looked upon as the best available man for the position—and he has certainly established a high reputation for himself during the comparatively few years he has been on the bench—the profession would doubtless expect to see him appointed, not as a matter of promotion, but because it would be the best appointment that could be made.

We have spoken of legal matters being in a transition stage. We do not pretend to say that a better scheme could not be devised, but legal matters being in their present unsettled state, and taking men and things as we find them: it being a fact that judicial work, at least in some of the courts, is greatly in arrear: it being pretty generally acknowledged in the profession that the present constitution of the Court of Appeal is not satisfactory, for reasons entirely beyond the control of those who compose that court: it being probable that two or perhaps three judges may be taken from the Ontario Bench to be put on that of the Dominion; and finally, fusion of law and equity not being as yet in such an advanced stage as to permit of any complete scheme being laid before the public, or at least the powers that be not having, so far as we know, determined at once to grapple with such a difficult task,—we think that what has been suggested, may be of assistance in overcoming some of the existing difficulties.

#### LAW SOCIETY.

EASTER TERM.—38th Victoria.

The following is the *resumé* of the proceedings of the Benchers during this term, published by authority:—

*Monday, 17th May.*

The several gentlemen whose names appear in the usual lists were called to the Bar, received certificates of fitness, and were admitted as Students of the Laws.

Richard Miller, Esq., Q.C., resigned his seat as a Benchers, and his resignation was accepted. The Treasurer informed Convocation of the death of James O'Reilly, Esq., Q.C., on Saturday the 15th inst., when it was ordered that notice be given to the Benchers that an election of a Benchers in the place of James O'Reilly, Esq., Q.C., deceased, will take place on Friday, the 4th June next.

Convocation directed the return of the certificate fees paid for Mr. George Brunel.

The report of the result of the Law School Examinations was adopted.

The petition of Mr. O'Sullivan, praying to be allowed to go up for his final examination as attorney before the expiration of his term of service, was refused. The petition of Mr. P. L. Palmer, of Belleville, to be allowed to file affidavit of execution of his articles *nunc pro tunc*, allowed.

The petition of Mr. A. E. Smyth, praying to be allowed to pass his final examination in Trinity Term, although only nine months have elapsed since his second intermediate examination, allowed.

The petition of Mr. A. W. Brown, praying to be allowed the service he has had since Mr. Proudfoot was made Vice-Chancellor, although his articles were not assigned and new articles had not been entered into, was refused, the application having been made before his term of service had expired.

Mr. Hodgins gave notice of a motion for a petition to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and the Legislature of Ontario, for an Act vesting power to admit as attorneys and barristers in Law Society, and giving them all necessary power to dispense with rules as to service, &c. when deemed desirable.