

LAW SOCIETY.

Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice, seconded by Dr. Smith, moved as follows:—

"That rule number 119, sub-section 2, be amended by striking out the word 'six' in the second line, and inserting instead the word 'eight;' the motion was carried, and the rule amended in accordance therewith."

Mr. Read moved, seconded by Mr. Murray, that so much of the report of the Finance Committee presented to Convocation on 24th June last, as related to the salary of Mr. Grasett, be adopted. The motion was carried.

SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

Present—Messrs. Moss, J. F. Smith, Hoskin, Foy, Irving, Morris, Kerr, MacKelcan, MacLennan, S. H. Blake, Read and McMichael.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. MacLennan was appointed chairman.

The Finance Committee reported on the subject of the new system of steam heating introduced by the Government in Osgoode Hall, that all the work necessary to enable the Society to avail itself of the new system had been done, that a great saving to the Society would be effected by the Government having assumed the control of the heating and lighting of the courts and offices, and the supply of water to those portions of Osgoode Hall in the occupation of the courts. The report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Read,

It was ordered, That the boundaries between the lands of the Ontario Government and the Law Society be accurately defined, bearing in mind the necessity that the west wall of the eastern wing, and the land upon which it stands, and necessary for its support, be vested in the Society, and also that the reason for the title to the land formerly occupied by the boiler house being vested in the Government having now ceased, the same be now conveyed to the Society, and that generally the terms of the deed be reformed in accordance with the original intention in view between the parties at the time of the agreement upon which the said deed was executed.

Ordered, That the Finance Committee be instructed to carry out the directions contained in the above order.

On the motion of Mr. Read, the Finance Committee was directed to make certain enquiries respecting the property immediately north of Osgoode Hall, and to report the result to Convocation.

A letter dated 4th September, from Mr. J. A. Macdonell, withdrawing his late offensive letter to the Treasurer, in accordance with the directions of Convocation, was read.

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonell's letter be received, and Mr. Macdonell having withdrawn the offensive letter, ordered, that it be returned to him with a copy of this resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Mackelcan, seconded by Mr. Hoskin, it was

Ordered, That the Treasurer be requested to represent to the Attorney-General for Ontario that in the opinion of Convocation it is desirable that the Act respecting the Law Society should be so amended as to give to the Benchers in Convocation, or to any committee appointed for the investigation of any matters coming under the jurisdiction of the Benchers of the Law Society, power to take evidence upon oath, and to compel witnesses to attend, submit to examination and to produce books, papers and documents in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as to payment of conduct money, and otherwise, as in the case of witnesses examined at a trial in the High Court of Justice, and to impose such penalty or punishment for refusal to attend to be examined as could be imposed by such court.

On the motion of Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Read, it was

Ordered, That as it is desirable to settle a rule upon the subject of adorning the walls of Osgoode Hall with the portraits of those judges who have been appointed Chief Justices, the custom shall be restricted to the portraits of such judges as shall hereafter be appointed Chief Justices of Ontario.

Mr. Martin gave notice that he would, on the 12th instant, move a rule to rescind the rule passed on 2nd instant, increasing the salary of one of the assistants.

FRIDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Present—The Treasurer and Messrs. Murray, S. H. Blake, L. W. Smith, Read, MacLennan, Crickmore, Morris, Bethune,