

A handsome stone staircase leads on either side to the upper area of the rotunda, on the south side of which is the entrance to the main library, opposite which is the Court of Appeal, on the right the King's Bench, and on the left or west side, the Common Pleas Court.

The pictures of Chief Justices and Chancellors are mostly on the walls of this area and in the library, which is a high arched apartment one hundred and twelve feet long, forty feet wide, and whose roof is about forty feet from the floor. It has tables in centre, and rows of stacks replete with leather-bound law books on either side. A fine room or annex, entered from the west of the main library, contains reports of the United States Courts and proceedings of the British House of Commons. In galleries of the main library is a fair collection of books of an historical and general character. The number of volumes in this library and annex is about 30,000, valued at \$125,000. In addition to this the Court of Appeal and the High Court Judges have each a considerable library for ready reference.

A case in the Benchers' parlour holds four highly valued volumes, given by the late Queen to the Society. They are bound in fine leather and are entitled, first, "The Prince Consort," inscribed, "Presented to the Library of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, in memory of her great and good husband by his broken-hearted widow, 1864, Victoria Reg." The second book is "Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands, March, 1868." The third, "The Early Years of the Prince Consort," also March, 1868. The fourth, "More Leaves from the Journal of our Life in the Highlands," August, 1884. In each book is Her Majesty's autograph.

In a store-room are bound volumes of the London Times from 1805 to the present time, and an index of the same from 1860 back to 1815, which is in process of completion.