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If renunciation is necessary, then Registrar is to get one dollar extra.

Neglected directions.

There are several matters, with regard to which explicit directions are given in the Minutes, and which are violated by all except a few officers—

First. Enter on the certified copy of pleadings the date of its receipt, and sign the entry. This is attended to by very few, and its omission occasions considerable inconvenience.

Second. When papers are wanted for use before the Taxing Officers at Toronto, send same to "The Taxing Officers, Toronto," not to the Registrar.

Third. When papers are wanted for use in Chambers, send same to "The Clerk in Chambers, Toronto," not to the Registrar.

The omission to observe these directions occasions inconvenience and confusion.

Surrogate tariff, change of.

The Surrogate fees, since I came to examine them, strike me as inadequate, and that the tariff is very defective. I have been endeavouring to get an alteration made in your favour since our last meeting, but two of the Commissioners having died, nothing could be done until another was appointed. I am happy to say that I have received a communication from the Attorney-General's office, in answer to one from me to him, on the subject that it is his intention, by legislation, to confer on the Supreme Court the same power as to making tariffs in Surrogate matters as they have in High Court matters. When this is done, I hope we will be able to get the tariff changed favourably to yourselves.

Quarterly Returns, Envelopes.

When sending for blank quarterly returns and for envelopes, please send to the Clerk of the Progress direct, not to me.

If any gentleman discovers any error in the above table he would oblige by drawing my attention to it.

County Court Tariff.

I congratulate you on the fact that since our meeting a County Court tariff has been issued. I hope it will be found satisfactory, but know nothing of it personally except that it does not touch the clerks' fees. This I am sorry for, but am afraid that when the matter was in progress these fees were not kept under the attention of the Judges. The matter was not in my hands or I would have seen to it. I was fully under the impression that it was being actively pushed, and rested satisfied. When the Surrogate fees are brought under the notice of the Judges the County Court fees can also be brought under their notice at the same time. I am informed that the C. C. Judges submitted no amendment of Clerks' fees to Supreme Court Judges, and the initiative being with the C. C. Judges, the Supreme Court Judges could do nothing in it, indeed, it was not even brought to their attention when revising the Solicitors' Tariff.

Rules 545, 546, 547.

A question has arisen under rules 545 and 547 as to who is entitled to the fee on filing copy of writ in Chancery Division when writ issued by a Deputy Clerk of the Crown, and I have thought it best to embody the answer in these Minutes as it may save trouble.

Fee on filing copy of writ.

The Deputy issues the writ. The fees necessary to do so must be paid in stamps. It is necessary to the issuing of the writ that the copy of the writ should be filed with the officer issuing