

Canada. I am afraid I shall not be able to do that, but I will do the next best thing and come to Canada as often as I can. I again thank you for the honour you have done me, and the gentlemen for the kind manner in which they drank my health. Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the health of the Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada."

This was most heartily responded to; and so ended another historic event of great interest to the Bar of Canada.

### THE BOARD OF COMMERCE.

In the good old days the Court of King's Bench was considered sufficient to deal with all matters requiring judicial investigation and determination; but, as business increased, provision had to be made to deal with not only increased business, but with various other matters of interest to the public. The enormous increase of mercantile transactions has produced in these days a system of specializing which has become common in almost every branch of industry, so that now it has been found necessary to have various special Courts to deal with special classes of business activities. A notable example of this was the addition to the Courts of the Dominion of the Board of Railway Commissioners. Now we have another Court, "The Board of Commerce of Canada." Although these are called Boards they are in effect Courts. The Dominion statutes of 1919 (9 & 10 Geo. V.) contain in chap. 37 the Act bringing into force the latter of these so called Boards—"a Court having an official seal which shall be judicially noticed."

The Judges are three Commissioners appointed by the Governor-General in Council who shall hold office during good behaviour, for a period of ten years. One of these is styled the Chief Commissioner. He must have been either a Judge of the Superior Court or a Barrister of 10 years' standing.

This Court or Board is charged with the judicial administration of "Com bines and fair prices Act" which appear in the same volume as chap. 45. In respect of the matter contained in the last mentioned Act, the Board has power inquisitorial and mandatory of most exceptionally strong character. And in addition sec. 38 (1)