

That the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada in Convocation assembled deem it their duty to represent to the Government of the Dominion of Canada that, in their opinion, the salaries paid to the judges of the Court of Appeal and of the High Court of Justice of this Province are wholly inadequate, and that in the interest of the public and to secure the efficient administration of justice a substantial increase should be made without delay, and that such increase should be at least two thousand dollars per annum to each of said judges in addition to the allowance for circuit expenses.—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Hoskin, Q.C., and seconded by Mr. Moss, Q.C., that a copy of the resolution in respect of the judges' salaries be forthwith transmitted to the Minister of Justice.—*Carried.*

The following gentlemen were called to the Bar with honors, viz.:

William Wright, N. W. Rowell, W. A. Lamport, W. M. Johnston.

A gold medal was presented to Mr. Wright and a silver medal was presented to Mr. Rowell.

The following gentlemen were called to the Bar, viz.:

W. L. Wickett, S. E. Lindsay, J. G. Harkness, A. A. Smith, H. Carpenter, W. E. Raney, G. S. Kerr, J. F. Keith, T. A. Beament, W. F. Hull, T. W. Scandrett, W. M. McKay, H. D. Leask, W. A. Leys, G. F. Downes, F. A. Hough, P. E. Ritchie, W. J. McDonald, Daniel O'Brien, F. T. D. Hector, N. Kent, and W. E. L. Hunter.

Mr. Watson gave the following notice of motion:

That, at the first meeting of Convocation in Michaelmas Term next ensuing, I will move for the appointment of a special committee to consider the best means to adopt to obtain the promotion of the administration of justice in the following amongst other respects:

The complete amalgamation of the three divisions of the High Court of Justice.

The abolition of the double circuits and provision for one sittings of the High Court of Justice in each county town and city, at certain fixed periods, at least twice a year, and oftener when required. In Toronto such sittings to be held monthly.

Provision for monthly sittings of the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

The abolition of terms and provision for monthly sittings of the Divisional Court of the three divisions, composed of three judges, none of whom shall be the judge appealed from.

The abolition of separate sittings for the divisions, and provision for a daily sitting in court of one judge for all divisions.

Provision for a daily sitting in chambers of one judge for cases in all the divisions, with instructions to the Committee to wait upon the Attorney-General and the Government in respect to the necessary legislation therefor, and with further instructions to the committee to represent the great inadequacy which exists in the compensation at present made to the judges of the High Court of Justice and of the Court of Appeal for this Province, and, in the absence of reasonable provision from the Dominion Government, to endeavor to obtain from the Government of Ontario such supplemental yearly grant to each of the judges as will make their compensation fitting to the position and adequate to the services rendered in the administration of justice in the province.

The Secretary reported that in the case of the following candidates who have passed their examinations in the Law School and whose attendance has been reported as satisfactory, their papers are regular and they are entitled to their certificates of fitness, viz.:

Wm. Johnston, W. A. Lamport, W. M. McKay, W. A. Leys, G. F. Downes, F. A. Hough, P. E. Ritchie, W. E. Burritt, Daniel O'Brien, F. T. D. Hector, N. Kent, W. E. L. Hunter.

Ordered, that they do receive their certificates of fitness.

The cases of the following candidates for certificates of fitness are reserved, viz.: Messrs. Mortimer, McLean, Noble, Cameron, Mills, and W. J. McDonald.

Convocation adjourned.