

and the Bar before the action of the Law Society rendered it possible to establish the same at the various county towns.

The assistance which the parent society has been able to afford to the local Law Associations by a system of initiatory grants, on a progressive liberal basis, has, of course, done much to develop local Law Associations; such grants have been made upon the basis of, and in proportion to, the amount expended by local practitioners, either in subscriptions or in donations of law books. The rule was intended to operate as an inducement to organizing and developing such associations, and, while working satisfactorily in large centres, has not been found, in the case of small county towns, to accomplish fully the end desired, which is not only the establishment of a library, but the keeping it well up to date with the standard reports, as well as the latest and most approved text-books.

Under these circumstances, the application made some years ago to the Ontario Government for a money grant had considerable weight, looking to the fact that the result of the work was the supplementing, to a large extent, the facilities for the disposition of business, and in that way benefiting directly the public, as well as the profession, by the more efficient, expeditious, and convenient administration of justice. And so Sir Oliver Mowat, recognizing the great usefulness of the work accomplished, was able to recommend a grant towards the judges' libraries where associations were organized, in that way substantially complying with the request of the associations. This amount voted by the Ontario Legislature has been, thus far, equally distributed each year among the nineteen associations which have availed themselves of the offer of the Law Society; the County of York Association, be it said to their credit, waiving their right to share in the grant.

The recognition by the Ontario Government of the system which is the subject of this article justified the Hamilton Association in making an application to the Dominion Government also for some substantial assistance, basing the application upon the fact that the Federal Government had so largely to do with the judiciary in its administration of the Department of Justice, as well as the arrangement for the trial of controverted Dominion election cases. The Minister of Justice, in the two interviews granted him at Ottawa to the writer and other representatives of