

positions, all of which, however, should have been filled by professional men. It may be noted as anomalous that the office given to Mr. Wallis is practically a sinecure, as the work can easily be done by a clerk who has some legal training, whilst at the same time the emoluments are very considerable. On the other hand the positions of Mr. Harman and of Mr. Boswell are arduous ones, requiring careful personal attention as well as professional knowledge, but are not nearly as lucrative as the sinecure.

MEMORIES OF A COURT WEEK IN UPPER CANADA.

HALF A CENTURY AGO.

It was the good fortune of the writer of these reminiscences to have had the honour in those days of catering to the Bench and Bar more frequently than falls to the lot of most men, being at the time proprietor of the hostel in Goderich known as the British Exchange Hotel, which gave me favourable opportunities to observe the habits and ways of the professional class.

In 1856 my experience commenced in having the first guests of the legal fraternity under my roof; Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart., being the pioneer. Possessing a most amiable and courteous manner, with all the instincts of a gentleman of the old school, it was a pleasure to wait on him. With him also arrived his son Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q.C., a most worthy son of a most worthy sire. He was always particularly careful not to put any one to any trouble whatever, and in consequence received the very best of attention from all those whose duty it was to serve him. Henry Eccles, Q.C., of Toronto, was also of the judge's party, as portly and handsome a man as would be seen in a week's travel. Mr. D. G. Miller, of Woodstock, a prominent lawyer in those days, arrived at the same time. As the railway was not yet in existence he always drove himself up to Goderich with a pair of horses. The judge's party would take the boat to Hamilton and thence by rail to Stratford, when Forbes, the livery man, conveyed them to Goderich. Mr. H. C.