

to comply with the statutory requirements imposed by the Act passed during the session of 1887.

It was the duty of the corporation forthwith, after the passing of that Act, to proceed with the erection of a new Court House, so as to complete the same before the 26th of June, 1889.

No attempt has been made to comply with that duty. The attention of the Mayor and Council has been called to this matter, and the following resolution passed by the Trustees has been transmitted to them :

"That whereas it was the duty of the corporation of the City of Toronto to commence forthwith after the passing of the Act 50 Victoria, Chapter 72, and proceed with the erection of a new Court House in the City of Toronto, and whereas the work has not been proceeded with.

"Resolved, that the attention of the Mayor of the City of Toronto be directed to the provisions of the Act, and that he be urged to forward the erection and completion of the Court House, and that in default of such work being forthwith commenced and actively prosecuted, such proceedings by way of indictment and otherwise be taken, as may be advised, to compel the performance of the duties imposed by the Act."

It is understood that a measure is to be introduced during the present sittings of the Legislature for the division of the City Registry Office. The following resolution passed by the Trustees has been transmitted to the Attorney-General :

"Whereas under the system of registration which is at present in force in the City of Toronto, the lands within the said City are divided into park lots containing one hundred acres each and town lots of smaller area, upon which respective park lots or town lots all instruments affecting the lands therein contained are registered, until the owners of said lands choose to register plans relating to their holdings ;

"And whereas in many instances no plans have been registered upon the said park lots or town lots or upon considerable portion thereof, by reason whereof it is necessary that each person who is called upon to search the title to the smallest portion of the said lands shall peruse all instruments registered upon the said park lots or town lots, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of them affect the title to the particular lands in question, which instruments in many cases amount to several thousands in number, and to peruse which necessarily consumes a great amount of time and involves the incurring of great risk and expense.

"And whereas it is expedient that the Registry Laws and the Registry Offices should be framed and regulated as to afford the greatest possible facilities to persons searching titles to land ;

"Be it therefore resolved that in the opinion of this Board, before any subdivision of the Toronto Registry Office be made, the grievances aforesaid should be removed by legislation providing for the subdivision of all the lands in the City of Toronto into small blocks or sections ;

"And providing for the preparation of abstract indices in books of convenient