

WE would, in this connection, draw attention to the position of things in the Province of Quebec. Decentralization there has been most injurious to the best interests of the Bench and Bar.

THE County of Simcoe Law Association, a year ago, discussed this question, and arrived at the correct conclusion in the following very sensible and well-considered resolution: "*Resolved*, that this association desire to place on record their opposition to the proposal now being made for the decentralization of High Court business in the manner now suggested in the west and east of this Province, it being the opinion of this association that such a course would not tend to improve the administration of justice in Ontario, and might (as has been the case in an adjoining province) prejudicially affect the standing of the judiciary. And this association believes that the true principle as affecting that standard—the uniformity and convenience of practice and the general administration of justice, and the one in conformity with British usage and traditions, and to which is largely due the high standard of British judges—is the centralization of the judiciary and law business (other than Chamber and formal matters) in one natural, educational, and legal centre. And, further, that the question of practice applies with peculiar force to the central, east and west, central and northern districts of this Province."

THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAW ASSOCIATIONS.

The recent official visit of the Minister of Justice to the Court House Library, and the reception tendered to Sir John Thompson and other members of his cabinet, also members of the Bar, by the Hamilton Law Association, marks an epoch in the history of these associations calculated to improve their usefulness, and cause them to be more largely appreciated.

On the occasion referred to, the attention of the Ministers was drawn to the very great convenience a well-equipped library must always be in a court house, and how necessarily important a factor it is in the efficient administration of justice, and the want of which must frequently have been seriously felt alike by the Bench