

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.

RESUME OF PROCEEDINGS, EASTER, 1896.

MONDAY, May 18.

Present: Sir Thomas Galt and Messrs. Proudfoot, Martin, Shepley, Watson, Teetzel, Idington, Hoskin, Maclellan, O'Gara, Edwards, Bruce, Britton, Strathy, Bayly, Osler, Irving, Robinson, Aylesworth, Clarke, Hardy, Kerr and Guthrie.

On motion of Mr. Martin, Mr. Irving was appointed Chairman.

The Secretary then read the report of the scrutineers on the result of the election of Benchers for the five years from the present date, showing the following gentlemen to be elected Benchers of the Society:—H. H. Strathy, Charles Moss, W. Douglas, A. S. Hardy, C. Robinson, B. M. Britton, D. B. Maclellan, John Idington, John Hoskin, Colin Macdougall, B. B. Osler, D. Guthrie, M. O'Gara, G. C. Gibbons, R. Bayly, A. B. Aylesworth, J. V. Teetzel, Alexander Bruce, G. H. Watson, W. Kerr, A. H. Clarke, G. F. Shepley, John Bell, Edward Martin, D'Alton McCarthy, C. H. Ritchie, W. R. Riddell, W. D. Hogg, E. B. Edwards, Æmilius Irving.

The report was ordered to be filed.

Mr. Æmilius Irving, Q.C., was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Upon the question of the closing of Osgoode Street, it was ordered that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to deal with, in accordance with the action of Convocation already taken, and to report to Convocation.

Dr. Hoskin, on behalf of a Special Committee appointed to strike the standing committees, reported the members of Convocation to compose such committees.

The report was received and adopted.

The letter of Miss Clara Brett Martin, stating that she desired to avail herself of the provisions of the Statute 58 Vict., chap. 28, in relation to the Call of Women to the Bar, was read.

Mr. Osler gave notice that he would move on Friday, the 5th day of June, that it be referred to the Legal Education Committee to frame such additional Rules as may be necessary to give effect to the Act of 1895, 58 Vict., cap. 28, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the admission of women to the study and practice of law."

Mr. Martin gave notice that he would on the 5th day of June move to introduce a rule to the following effect: That Rules 226 and 227 be repealed, but such repeal shall not apply to any woman who is now entered upon the books of the Society as a student-at-law, or barrister or solicitor.

Mr. Bruce gave notice, seconded by Mr. Riddell, that he would on Friday, 5th June, move: That it is inexpedient to make rules providing for the admission of women as barristers-at-law.

It was then ordered that notice be given of a Special Call of the Bench on Friday, 5th June, in relation to the above matters.

Mr. Osler moved that a Building Committee be appointed, consisting of the Treasurer, and Messrs. Bruce, Hoskin, Shepley, Osler, Riddell, Idington, Kerr, Bayly and Watson, three to form a quorum, to report to Convocation at its meeting of 5th June, upon the plans and estimates prepared for the alterations and improvements of the east wing of Osgoode Hall, and to report to name of an architect of the Society, or an architect ad hoc, or to report to Convocation upon the subject of alterations or improvements generally. Carried, and ordered that the Committee be convened for Saturday next at 10 a.m.

The petition of John O. Connors, complaining of the conduct of Mr. T. C. Robinette, was read and referred to the Discipline Committee, to ascertain whether a prima facie case had been made out.