

ance has already stopped many a defendant, and will stop many more, from disputing a just claim merely for the purpose of gaining time. It is to be hoped that if this or any other rule should in practice shew defects the judges will promptly exercise the power given them to remedy such defects by proper changes or amendments.

"I would, I am sure, tire you by referring to the many other matters taken up by the Association in the interests of the profession and successfully carried out. Let me mention one more. The Provincial Government appointed a Board of County Court judges to revise the Surrogate Court rules, forms and tariffs. A committee appointed by the Association waited upon the Board and urged among other matters: (1) That the tariff of fees should be remodelled and simplified. (2) That fewer affidavits and documents should be required on an application for Letters Probate or Administration. Subsequent to said conference the Association employed and paid Mr. G. M. Kelley of Toronto, a barrister who has had a wide experience in Surrogate Court matters, to prepare a tariff of fees for the Surrogate Court and submit same to the Board. Mr. Kelley's tariff was largely adopted and the suggestions with reference to fewer affidavits in procuring Letters Probate or Administration have also been adopted.

"It is the intention of the Association to still further extend its field of usefulness and activity by appointing a committee whose duty it shall be to deal with all matters affecting the profession brought before it, and take such action thereon as may be deemed expedient. It is believed that such a committee will be of great service to the profession, and it is hoped that the members of the profession will freely call its services into requisition.

"Part 1 of the Law Reform Act, 1909 (Cap. 28) constituting the Supreme Court of Ontario, as you, of course, know, came into force on the first day of January, of this year. Judging from articles which appeared in the press, in legal periodicals, and from what was said at some of our annual meetings and