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and of some other officers. Is there any just arrangement which could be made by law to alleviate that objection?

As we do not approve of any increase, we have not considered this question.

11. It has been suggested that instead of so many fees to the Clerk, there would be great advantage in substituting one fee. I should like your opinion as to a change of this kind and as to what the fee should be.

A fixed sum of \$1.25 should be paid the clerk on every case placed in suit, as his fee to judgment, subsequent fees as at present.

12. Would it be desirable, and in the interest of suitors, to permit a fee to be taxed to Solicitors, if employed, in the cases falling within any new jurisdiction, which may be given to the Division Courts; and what fees would you suggest?

If any increase should be made in the jurisdiction, most certainly a fee should be taxed of say \$2, to be increased by the Judge to \$10.

13. Would it be desirable, and in the interest of suitors, to allow any and what fees to Solicitors in any cases already within the jurisdiction of the Division Courts?

A fee of \$2, to be increased by the Judge to \$10, should be taxed.

14. Some have proposed, in view of an increased Division Court jurisdiction, to abolish the County Courts. Should this be done? or, on the other hand, should the jurisdiction be increased; and if so, to what amount? and, whether under any and what conditions?

The County Courts should not be abolished and their jurisdiction should be as at present, except as above.

15. I should be glad to know your opinion as to the expediency of limiting appeals from the judgments of the Superior Courts of Law or Equity; and in case you favour such limitation, what you would suggest as the proper limit.

We regard the present law as satisfactory.

Signed on behalf of the Bar,

JAMES A. HENDERSON,  
Chairman.

JOHN L. WHITING,  
Secretary.

Kingston, 8th November, 1878.

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The book before us \* is an old friend in a new suit of clothes, furbished up with new pictures of old places and old faces renewed with new engravings—pictures which the “oldest inhabitant” would gloat and be garrulous over, and which his grand son would look at in awe, and wonder what we shall come to hereafter—faces that remind us of the early history of this Province, and the institution of our courts and schools of legal learning.

Some time since (August, 1874) we unearthed for the benefit of our readers a copy of a musty old volume of limited dimensions entitled *Curia Canadenses*, and found therein many things of much interest and provocative of no little merriment. Dr. Scadding's book is not, as that is, devoted exclusively to sketches of the Canadian Law Courts, but it nevertheless contains so much that every Canadian Law Student should know that we should pardon an examiner at a “preliminary” if he were to ask a few questions and (after the publication of these hints of ours) pluck without mercy any hapless juvenile, whose path of reading had not wandered in idle moments through its engrossing pages.

We long for the day when some competent brother will appear, to do for Osgoode Hall what Dr. Scadding has done for Toronto of Old—some one who has battled through the storms of his professional career and found safe anchorage in an honest competence and a snug library, whose memory is good and whose pencil has been active in taking notes. What a field there is certainly to recall

\* Toronto of old: Collections and recollections illustrative of the Early Settlement and Social Life of the Capital of Ontario. By Henry Scadding, D. D., Canon of St. James, Toronto. Willing & Williamson, 1878.