

THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ontario Executive of the Canadian Bar Association was held at the office of the Associate-Secretary on October 15th ultimo. There were present: E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., Vice-President; M. H. Ludwig, K.C.; N. B. Gash, K.C.; F. M. Field, K.C.; C. A. Moss, Esq.; and W. J. McWhinney, K.C., Associate Secretary.

Mr. Nichol Jeffrey of Guelph, a member of the Association, was elected to serve on the above committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. J. J. Drew, K.C., of Guelph.

Mr. Ludwig, convener of the sub-committee appointed to consider the question of the uniformity of Insurance Laws, reported that he had given the subject considerable study, but found it was so vast that he felt the members of the Committee could not give the necessary time to do the preliminary work necessary to enable them to make the first report thereon. He accordingly suggested that some competent member who could afford the time, should be employed and paid to do the preliminary work; and this being done, the sub-committee would give all necessary assistance to the member so employed. No action was taken on this report.

SITTINGS OF THE COURTS.

Ontario.—Mr. Justice Masten has announced his intention of holding the Weekly Court, when he is sitting, at half past ten a.m., instead of the ordinary hour of 11 a.m. Chief Justice Falconbridge sits at 10 a.m.; at present no other judge, that we are aware of, has decided to sit at any other hour than 11. It would, of course, be within the verge of possibility that each judge should select a different hour for commencing business. At the same time it is quite obvious that such a course would be very inconvenient to the profession, who often have no means of knowing until the court opens which judge is going to sit. Besides, it must be remembered that the officers who attend the sittings of the court are also the officers deputed to countersign cheques, and the hour before the opening of the court is the only time they may be able to devote to that purpose, and if that hour is taken away it means that the business of the accountant's office will be more or less blocked. The plan of judges selecting different hours for sitting is to be deprecated. If the judges who desire to commence business at an earlier