

*THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION.*

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Montreal on the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of last month and was largely attended by prominent members of the profession from all parts of the Dominion. It was noticed that there was a larger attendance than usual of Judges, both of the Superior and County Courts; and possibly this was partly due to the fact that the inadequacy of judicial stipends was to be one of the items for discussion. This meeting gives an accurate idea of the feeling of interest prevailing among the profession in Canada in respect of the Association and its work; and it was pleasing to note the sincerity and earnestness of those present to effectuate the objects of the Association.

The work that has already been done by the Association affords ample proof that it has justified its existence. It is not merely a gathering of lawyers interested only in professional matters and discussing subjects which have to do with legal education and their own interests and pursuits or matters of practice and procedure, but much more, as clearly appears from the programme of proceedings.

Those who have taken a leading part in connection with this Association have proved themselves to be statesmen and legislators as well as lawyers. The intelligent inspection of present difficulties, doubts and defects, and a farseeing view of how best to remedy, alter, supplement, or obviate that which is objectionable or defective have been the aims of the Association.

It is not necessary to enlarge upon the difficulties which confront the practical working of an Association which draws its membership from the widely scattered Provinces of this great Dominion, stretching as it does across a great continent, bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the one side and the Pacific on the other, on the north by the Arctic regions and on the south by the great lakes and the rolling prairies. This difficulty is geographical and can only be met (though not entirely overcome) by that determined and indomitable spirit which characterises those who have their homes in this Canada of ours.

An important outcome of the Association is the inception of a Conference of Commissioners, representing the different Provinces,