

THE NEW TARIFF OF FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS.

It has been found necessary to provide that the Consolidated Rules shall not come into operation until the 1st of April. The day selected for their coming into force is a suggestive one; we are in hopes, however, that no one contemplates perpetrating any foolish joke at the expense of the profession. The tariff of fees and disbursements, which is to be embodied in the Consolidated Rules, has been printed and distributed, and we have made a comparison of it with the tariff which it is intended to supersede.

The tariff is divided into two columns, in one of which are placed the fees according to the higher scale in the High Court and Court of Appeal, and in the other column the fees to be allowed according to the lower scale and in the County Courts.

With regard to the fees payable to solicitors and counsel, we observe a few necessary and welcome items have been added, which are not to be found in the former tariff. For instance:

"Instructions for petition when no writ of summons issued, \$2.00, \$1.00."

"Suing out any writ of execution, \$6.00, \$4.00."

"Renewal of any writ of execution, \$4.00, \$2.50."

"In both cases including placing same in sheriff's hands, all attendances and letters in connection therewith."

But, we presume, this fee does not include the disbursements paid for the writ, or to the sheriff. The following items have also been added:

"Instructions for special affidavit of disbursements, \$2.00, \$1.00."

"Demand of particulars, 50 cents, 50 cents."

"Particulars of claim, demand, set-off, or counter claim, five folios or under, \$2.00, 75 cents."

"If exceeding five folios, per folio in addition, 20 cents, 15 cents."

"Perusal of affidavits and exhibits of a party adverse in interest, filed or produced on any application, when perusal is necessary, if twenty folios or under, \$1.00, 50 cents."

"Drawing brief, for each folio above five, 10 cents, 10 cents."

"Appearance for each additional defendant, 20 cents, 10 cents."

We are also glad to see a little increase of liberality in the matter of counsel fees, e.g., an item is added, "counsel fee on consultations, \$5.00, \$2.00"; and power is given to taxing officers generally, to allow increased counsel fees at trial to an amount not exceeding \$40 to senior, and \$20 to junior counsel.

A fee to counsel for settling appeal case, and reasons for, and against, appeal, of \$5.00, \$2.00, with power to increase to \$20.00, \$5.00.

The new tariff also expressly provides that counsel fees at arbitrations may be taxed on the same scale as at trials.

On the whole, we think the new tariff of fees will be welcomed by the profession as a move in the right direction, though it can hardly be said to have made any very perceptible increase in the remuneration of solicitors, and cer-