

just as my office is for business daily, subject of course to the possibility of an occasional absence for a brief space under some unexpected business pressure. My father tells me that he would lend to the Library such books as he has in London, including some useful French law books. It would of course be my effort to consult the convenience and meet the wishes of my fellow Canadian practitioners, and it is in this spirit that I have framed my proposal on terms which I hope will be considered advantageous. As this is an experiment on both sides, it would be well to have an understanding that it should be open to modification or cancellation at the expiration at the end of say two years.

Yours faithfully,

S. V. BLAKE.

The report was adopted, and the Committee were further empowered to carry out the recommendations contained in the report.

Mr. Watson, from the Finance Committee, presented the following report: Convocation having on the fifteenth day of September, 1896, referred to your Committee the question of entering into negotiations with the Dominion Government for a new contract for the supply of the Supreme Court Reports, Mr. Watson, in accordance with the wish expressed by Convocation and by your Committee, attended at Ottawa, and had interviews with the Hon. Sir O. Mowat, Minister of Justice, and afterwards in pursuance of the subject addressed to them letters, whereof copies are hereunto attached. After a short delay, the letter dated 14th Nov., addressed to Mr. Watson, Chairman of the Committee, was received from the Deputy Minister of Justice, in which it is stated that the Minister is prepared to recommend the price of \$1.25 per volume (i. e. copy) upon an agreement of three years, or a longer term if desired. Ordered that the Finance Committee be authorized to conclude the arrangement on the terms proposed.

Ordered that Mr. Eakins be paid \$200 for his services and expenses inspecting the County Libraries for the year 1896.

Mr. Moir, from the Special Committee appointed to report as to the observance of the centennial anniversary of the Law Society, reported that having considered the matter, they recommend: 1. That the organization of the Law Society in the year 1797 be celebrated and commemorated as follows: (a) By a public reception to be held at Osgoode Hall on the 1st of July, 1897, given by the Society, to which the members of the profession and their friends be invited, and at which amongst other things an address be delivered by the Treasurer; (b) The preparation and publication of a memorial volume, giving a short historical account of the Society and of the leading members of the profession connected with the Society during its early days, with such other information as may be deemed of interest. 2. That the details be left to the Committee. The report was adopted.

Ordered that the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society be granted the use of the Great Hall for the purpose of holding a bar dinner on Thursday, 16th Dec., 1896.

The letter of Mr. Hamilton MacCarthy, dated 13th Nov., in reference to a bust of the late Col (afterwards Judge) Taylor, which he offered to donate to the Law Society, was read. Ordered that the Secretary write Mr. MacCarthy informing him that the Benchers, while fully sensible of the kindness of his offer, are obliged respectfully to decline.

Convocation then rose.