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of this homestead is to be invaded and marred, its comforts to be imperiled and its sweet quiet and seclusion to be broken upon with ringing bells, shrieking whistles and thundering trains—let the corporation, in the language of the Constitution, 'first pay adequate compensation to the owner thereof.' Judgment reversed."

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On the 22nd ult. an interesting event took place at Osgoode Hall, consisting of the presentation to Mr. Justice Taylor, the former Master in Ordinary of the Supreme Court, of an address from the Toronto Bar, accompanied with a handsome silver tea service and judges' robes, etc. In the absence from Toronto of the treasurer of the Law Society, Mr. D. B. Read, Q.C., presided. After a few words of congratulation by the chairman to the new judge, and of regret at losing him, the following address was read on behalf of Bar by Mr. Charles Moss, Q.C.:

"To the Honourable Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench for Manitoba:—

DEAR SIR,—The members of the Toronto Bar here assembled congratulate you on the well earned promotion which, while it will give a judge to the Bench of a sister Province, will deprive Ontario of an officer whom it has been our pleasure to see filling important positions in our Courts for more than sixteen years.

We but state what is well known when we say that the advanced and satisfactory condition of that branch of the Courts with which you were connected, is, to some considerable extent, to be attributed to your judgment, learning and activity.

Nor will you, in leaving us, cease to observe the effect of the work done by the learned judges of our Courts and your own efforts, but will find in Manitoba a Bar trained, to a large degree, in Ontario, and not unfamiliar with the publications which bear your name as author or editor.

We congratulate you on having as a brother

judge and chief of the Court, the Honourable Lewis Wallbridge, most worthily called from the Ontario Bar. Nor can we forget that it was from this Bar that his late predecessor was chosen, whose noble work, ending only with his life, was to establish British law over that vast territory where justice, with strong arm and firm voice, 'drills the raw world for the march of mind.'

In bidding farewell we pray that a long and successful career may be yours, and that happiness may attend you and your family.

As some token of remembrance and esteem we beg your acceptance of the accompanying articles. Signed, etc."

Mr. Taylor replied in suitable terms. In the course of his remarks he referred to the most pleasant intercourse which had always existed between himself and the Bar, as well as the other officers of the Court with whom he had been brought in contact, and gave an interesting retrospect of various changes at Osgoode Hall since he had first gone there as an officer of the Court. Reference was also made to the honour he felt at being enrolled in the list of those who have upheld the dignity of our Bench, and to the fact that three Chief Justices of Manitoba had been taken from the Ontario Bar. A large number of the Bar and many personal friends of Mr. Taylor, as also the Chancellor and Mr. Justice Ferguson, were present on the occasion.

NEW ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT.

A bill has been introduced at the present session of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, which requires more than passing notice. The first few sections are devoted to providing for the appointment and duties of an additional judge to the Court of Appeal, who shall assist especially in the work of the Chancery Division when his duties as a justice of Appeal permit. More judicial help is certainly required in the west wing, and things are not in a satisfactory state in the Court of Appeal. As to the appointee (should the bill become