

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

1. THE JUDICIARY.

The Committee begs to report that since the adoption of its report as amended at the Annual Meeting in 1918, action has been taken by the Dominion respecting the salaries of Judges of County and District Courts. The amount aimed at in that report was \$6,000 and the result of the legislation referred to is a straight salary of \$4,000. It is illogical that with the present high cost of living and the wave of increased remuneration for salaries in commercial and other lines that there should have been any hesitation to give Judges the minimum asked for—\$6,000. Your Committee regrets to have to report that the general principle that the salaries of Judges of Supreme Courts should be increased has not been recognized and that with the exception of an attempt at partial adjustment as between trial and appellate Judges no action has been taken. It is respectfully suggested that the Association be asked to reaffirm the salaries set forth in clause 9 of the report submitted at the Annual Meeting of 1918, except that it is recommended that there should be no distinction between the Judges of the Appellate Courts and those of the Superior Court and that the minimum for each of such Judges be \$10,000.00, and that all duties assigned to the Judiciary either by Dominion or Provincial Governments be performed without fees, and that the practice of appointing the Judges as commissioners and arbitrators be discontinued. Your Committee further regrets that the established principle of leaving Judges' salaries exempt from taxation is being infringed upon, and recommends that a communication be addressed to the Minister of Justice that the statutes be amended by striking out section 13 of the 1919 amendment to the Judges' Act and leaving subsection 3 of section 27 of chapter 138, R.S.C., 1906, as it originally stood. Your Committee feel that the proposed legislation requiring Judges to make a statutory declaration before receiving their salaries is a reflection upon the Bench and your Committee recommends that a protest be sent to the Honourable the Minister of Justice.

2. TARIFFS AND FEES FOR SERVICES IN THE PROFESSION
GENERALLY.

While certain of the Provinces have recognized the necessity of an increased tariff of fees and have effected increases to the extent