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*HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.*

The Annual Meeting of the Hamilton Law Association was held Jan-13. The trustees' report shows a membership of 70, a library of 3875 volumes, of which 109 were added during the year, and a generally prosperous condition of the affairs of the Association. Among the matters referred to were the deaths of Warren F. Burton, for twelve years Treasurer of the Association; T. A. Wardell, M.P.P., and Mr. S. H. Ghent, Deputy Registrar of the High Court and Clerk of the County Court of the County of Wentworth. The appointment of Mr. T. H. A. Begue to the latter office was also mentioned, as was the visit by the Minister of Justice, Hon. Chas. Fitz-Patrick, K.C.

The following officers were elected for 1903: President, Edward Martin, K.C.; Vice-President, F. MacKelcan, K.C.; Treasurer, J. A. Culham; Secretary, W. T. Evans; Trustees, Messrs. S. F. Lazier, K.C., Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., Wm. Bell, P. D. Crerar, K.C., S. F. Washington, K.C.; Auditors, Chas. Lemon and W. A. Logie.

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*COUNTY OF HASTINGS LAW ASSOCIATION.*

The County of Hastings Law Association held their annual meeting at Belleville on the 26th January, and elected the following officers: Honorary President, John Bell, K.C.; President, W. N. Ponton; Vice-President, W. S. Morden; Secretary, W. J. Diamond; Treasurer, J. F. Wills; Curator, W. C. Mikel. Books to the value of over \$300 have been added to the library during the past year, and the number of members has increased. Resolutions in favour of increased salaries to the judges, the reduction of the large disbursements in stamps (especially in respect of interlocutory examinations and foreclosure actions), and also approving of a Bar Dinner to be held in the near future, and of periodical meetings to bring the members of the profession in this district more in touch with one another were passed. The subject of unlicensed conveyancing was also discussed, but further consideration left over until after legislation should be introduced. The County Council authorized new book cases to be furnished, larger accommodation being required for the increased library.

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A good story is told of a certain Californian judge who delights in a little pleasantry to relieve the monotony of the Supreme Court session. It was during the hearing on appeal of a case in which a certain attorney appeared as a pleader, followed by an escort of office clerks bearing legal tomes. The judge looked up, and with a twinkle in his eye remarked: "How is this? Can't you read law enough in your office without bringing your books here?" "I'm not reading law," retorted the attorney. "I'm reading the decisions of the Supreme Court of California."