

two, I believe, were joined together; and so it went on until about 1860, when the whole building was reconstructed and beautified with the façade of cut stone on the outside, the adornments of stone and balustrades and all this beautiful tiling, etc., on the inside. Dr. Scadding says that the whole pile was calculated to elevate and refine each successive generation of candidates for the legal profession, and to inspire amongst themselves a salutary esprit de corps. These are good words of my old teacher, Dr. Scadding, whose memory we all have in respect, and the very same epithet and notations may apply to the present building."

Further addresses of an interesting and reminiscent nature followed, by Sir Æmilius Irving, Hon. W. H. Hearst, Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., and Mr. John T. Small, K.C. The new addition and its acoustic properties were specially praised, and it was pointed out by Mr. Johnston that the court room needed only some proper wall decorations and hangings to give it comparative perfection.

After the luncheon the Council of the Association met and dealt with a matter important to the profession, namely, the revision of the County Court and Surrogate Court tariffs.

THE FRASER CASE.

This case which has been occupying the attention of the Courts for some time past recently reached another stage, when the Court of Appeal gave judgment granting a new trial of the issue as to the sanity of Mr. Fraser.

The case is somewhat unusual, and in its progress through the Courts has given rise to a good deal of comment. The real object of the proceedings is to obtain a judgment of nullity of marriage. For that purpose an action was instituted by Michael Fraser by his next friend against the alleged wife and her father. At the outset, the question naturally arises, by what statute is the High Court of Justice of Ontario empowered to entertain matrimonial cases? We confess we are unaware of any such statute and therefore are unable to see that the Court