

Mr. Moss presented a Report from the Legal Education Committee, as follows :

(1) The Committee have considered the petition of Mr. J. A. Murphy and the papers accompanying it, and the communication of Mr. William Johnston, with reference to the application of Rule 142 to their respective cases. The Committee are of opinion that this Rule ought not to apply retrospectively, and, in order to remove all doubt upon the point, recommend that the Rule be amended by adding thereto the words, " But this Rule shall not apply to students-at-law who were admitted prior to Hilary Term, 1889."

(2) The Committee have also had under consideration the communication of the Honorable the Attorney-General, referring to a proposed amendment of the "Act respecting Solicitors," so as to permit the admission to practice as solicitors of certain barristers who have not served under articles as at present required by the Act.

The Committee recommended that Convocation give its concurrence to an amendment to the effect set forth in the annexed draft. This, the Committee is of opinion, will enable Convocation to deal with all such cases as may arise.

(3) The Committee have also had under consideration the question of the propriety of applying for legislation similar to that passed by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, providing for the admission to the Bar of Ontario of any person who is or has been or shall hereafter hold the office of Minister of Justice of Canada, and they recommend that such legislation be procured and suggest the annexed draft amendment to the "Act respecting Barristers-at-Law" as sufficient to meet the case.

Ordered for immediate consideration.

Ordered that the 2nd and 3rd clauses be considered at the next meeting of Convocation.

The first clause was adopted.

Ordered, that the subject of providing an Annual Official Law List for Ontario be referred to the Reporting Committee, with instructions to report a plan for the consideration of Convocation.

Mr. Moss moved for leave to introduce a Rule in pursuance of the first paragraph of the Report of the Legal Education Committee, adopted this day.

Ordered accordingly.

The Rule was introduced, and is as follows :

Rule to amend Rule 142: Rule 142 is hereby amended by adding thereto the words, " But this Rule shall not apply to any such student who was admitted prior to Hilary Term, 1889."

Ordered, that the Rule be read a first time.

Ordered, that the said Rule be read a second time at the next meeting of Convocation.

*Friday, September 19th.*

Convocation met.

Present—The Treasurer, Sir Adam Wilson, Kt., and Messrs. Beaty, Bruce, Britton, Foy, Hoskin, Irving, Kerr, Lash, McCarthy, McMichael, Macdougall, Martin, Meredith, Morris, Moss, Murray, Purdom, and Shepley.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Moss, from the Legal Education Committee, presented a Report.