

Secretary, on the same terms as in the case of all the officers of the Society, without house and present privileges.

Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Teetzel, moved as an amendment to the amendment that \$1,500 be struck out and that \$1,800 be substituted.—*Carried on division.*

Mr. Blake's motion, as amended by Mr. Meredith, was then carried on a division. Yeas: Teetzel, Meredith, Idington, Christie, Hoskin, Blake, Bell, Lash, Strathy, Bruce, Hardy.—11. Nays: Martin, Guthrie, Shepley, Douglas, Aylesworth, Watson, Magee, Riddell, Barwick.—9.

Mr. Meredith moved, seconded by Mr. Idington, that a sub-Treasurer be appointed, whose salary shall not exceed \$1,500 per annum, on usual terms and tenure, including security, with use of apartments and certain privileges to be defined by the Finance Committee, with duties to be defined by a committee composed of the Finance and Legal Education Committees.—*Carried on a division.*

Mr. Lash gave notice that he would, at the next meeting of Convocation, move the adoption of Rules relating to the foregoing resolutions, affecting the offices of Secretary and sub-Treasurer to be appointed.

Mr. White and Mr. Pirie were called to the Bar.

Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Barwick, moved the adoption of the Report of the Special Committee appointed 27th November in relation to the fusion and amalgamation of the divisions of the High Court of Justice.

The Report was considered paragraph by paragraph, and amended as follows:

Your committee, appointed by resolution of 27th November last, begs leave to present an interim Report.

(1) Your committee is very strongly of opinion that the fusion and amalgamation of the three divisions of the High Court of Justice is an urgent necessity, and should be completed without delay.

(2) Your committee is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the administration of justice that the double circuits should be abolished, and that common sittings should be held for trial of actions in the three divisions throughout the different cities and county towns of the Province, that thereby much labour and expense would be saved, a greater uniformity maintained, and the interests of the public and of suitors much better served. Such sittings should be held at certain fixed periods for each county, and should in the case of the larger centres be more frequent than the present sittings of Assize and Nisi Prius.

(3) Your committee is also strongly of opinion that the separate sittings of the Divisional Courts should be abolished, and that there should be only one Divisional Court for the disposition of cases in all the divisions of the said court, and that such Divisional Court should be composed of not less than three judges, none of whom should be the trial judge, and that there should be sittings of the said court at least monthly, and more frequently when required.

(4) Your committee recognizes the present difficulty in effecting the abolition of the double circuits, in the pecuniary results to the judiciary, and that, in view of their present manifestly inadequate remuneration, the change should not, except with the consent of the judiciary, be pressed at the present time; and in anticipation of legislation by the Dominion Parliament at its next session, whereby provision may be made for increasing the remuneration of the judiciary, your committee is of opinion with regard to the abolition of double circuits and of separate sittings of the Divisional Courts that, beyond the presentation of a petition for such increase of salary to the judges and the presentation of copies of this Report to the Minister of Justice and