

DIVORCE LAWS LACK UNIFORMITY

Bar Association President
Shows Need for General
Legislation.

The Ontario Bar Association opened their fourteenth annual meeting yesterday afternoon at Osgoode Hall. For a first day meeting there was a fairly good muster of members. A big variety of subjects from a legal standpoint were brought forward and will be fully discussed today. Divorce, the Ontario compensation board, the bankruptcy act, solicitors' costs, judges' salaries, privy council appeal court, county court judges and their work, crown attorneys, and police magistrates, were but a few of the numerous subjects touched upon.

During the meeting a point came to light which shows that even learned lawyers can make a slip. To bring the constitution of the association up to date it has become necessary to amend or alter some of the rules. The original framers of the constitution failed to frame a clause by which this could be done according to the constitution. But as lawyers are lawyers some of them will easily find a way out of the difficulty.

The president of the association, N. B. Gash, K. C., delivered an interesting address on the "need of uniformity in divorce laws." He claimed it had become necessary for a general divorce law to be enacted so that it would apply to the whole Dominion, just as the English divorce act was applicable to the whole of that country. There were only two provinces in the whole of the Dominion—Ontario and Quebec—said Mr. Gash, where it was still necessary to adhere to the antiquated, protracted, expensive and illogical system of being compelled to obtain an act of parliament for divorce.

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Every other province and even P. E. I. had their legally constituted divorce courts. England abandoned the parliamentary procedure for divorce in 1857 and today Ireland, Ontario and Quebec were the only places in the empire where such a system was in vogue. It is high time, declared Mr. Gash, for Canada to put her house in order in regard to divorce. Parliament should enact a general law superseding all provincial laws on the subject, and transfer to courts constituted for the purpose the disposition of all such cases. Mr. Gash thought that in framing such a law due regard should be shown for similar laws in other civilized countries, so that an end could be put for all time to the uncertainty, confusion and conflict of laws that have been cropping up.

A. J. Russell Snow, K. C., in introducing the report of the law reform committee, dealt first with the Dominion bankruptcy act and gave it a rather bad character. Mr. Snow's committee recommended it be altered in many ways and asked that a judge in bankruptcy was appointed he be amply compensated. The fees allowed to be charged by solicitors under the act were far from satisfactory, according to the committee's report.

In dealing with the subject of the Ontario workmen's compensation Mr. Snow and his committee are very cross with the administration board because they refuse to receive the legal profession. The board refused to answer any lawyer's letter and treated the profession with contempt. Why, he asked, should Samuel Price, the chairman of the board, and himself a barrister, brand the whole profession as bad just because one lawyer supposed to have overcharged a client in a compensation case. Mr. Price's actions, said Mr. Snow, required some explanation, charges.

"The workmen's compensation board is the most autocratic institution in the province," declared Mr. Snow, who then went on to say his committee thought that the present minister of labor should be asked to amend clause nine of the act and that clauses amongst others which should be inserted were: A clause to give an injured workman the right of appeal to a judge; that solicitors be allowed to present claims to the board and a scale of fees fixed; that the funds belonging to the board be handed over to the government to deal with.

The law reform committee also recommended that a committee consisting of judges, the Law Association and benchers, be appointed to go into the whole question of solicitors' costs and fix them on a reasonable basis. After advising that the judges' salaries be increased to an adequate sum the committee recommended that the present system of privy council appeal be in no way interfered with, as it would, in their opinion, be disastrous. The committee also desire that all registers of titles should be solicitors, that district court judges should fill in their time by sitting in Toronto, and that crown attorneys in cities of 100,000 be not allowed to take private practice and be paid accordingly.

Should Be Retired. Finally Mr. Snow and his committee ask that when police magistrates reach the age of 70 they should be retired from the bench.

The legislation committee, represented by F. O. Kerr, brought in a report dealing with provincial and Dominion legislation. The principal recommendation was that police magistrates should be chosen from barristers of at least three years' standing.

After Francis King of Kingston had dealt with legal ethics, N. S. Harrington, K. C., of Nanaimo, presented a long report on legal history. This proved to be a review of the active service record of the Ontario bar during the war. It showed that while 495 members of the legal profession enlisted and 110 of them would never answer another roll call. Mr. Har-



Mr. Percy Shepard and Mrs. Shepard (Miss Verva Sellers) whose marriage took place yesterday afternoon in St. Peter's Church.

ington gave an interesting review of the life history of some of the members killed and concluded by suggesting that a memorial to the fallen be erected in front of Osgoode Hall. The convention have a long day's business before them today. They start at 10.15 a.m. and end with dinner at the King Edward at 7.30 p.m. The principal addresses today will be given by Hon. N. W. Rowell, K. C., on the issue of nations; Horace J. Gagne, K. C., B. C. L., of Montreal, will also deliver an important address, whilst Hon. Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court of Chicago, will speak on "Municipal Court of Chicago, Including Its Psychopathic Laboratory."

CRIPPLED STEAMER BOUND FOR HALIFAX

New York, March 3.—The American Line steamship St. Paul, which left here Feb. 28 with passengers and cargo for Southampton, developed boiler trouble when about 800 miles east of this port, and will put into Halifax, according to a wireless message from the ship today.

The ship is due to reach the Canadian port Friday morning, the message added, and it was announced at the office of the line here that part of the passengers would be transferred to the steamer Canada for the rest of the voyage. Others will embark on the Cedric, due to reach Halifax Monday.

Distributing Passengers. Halifax, N.S., March 3.—The local agents of the steamer St. Paul have received instructions from the New York office to make arrangements for the transfer of the passengers. The steamer Canada, which was to have sailed tonight, has been ordered to await the arrival of the St. Paul, which is not expected to reach Halifax before Thursday afternoon. The Canada, in addition to her own bookings, will take the passengers landed here from the steamer Bohemian and about 400 of the St. Paul's 800 passengers. The members of the crew of the Bohemian were to have taken passage on the Canada, but they will now be held for the steamer Cedric, which will also take the balance of the St. Paul's passengers.



William Phillips, who has been appointed European manager for Canadian National Railways and Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited, with headquarters in London, England. Mr. Phillips is a Canadian, having been born in Toronto, Jan. 31, 1870. He entered transportation work as a boy of sixteen and has had a most extensive experience in both rail and ocean branches of transportation service in Europe and America. Previous to the appointment Mr. Phillips was executive agent in Canada for the Cunard Line.

SOCIETY NEWS

CONDUCTED BY MRS. EDMUND PHILLIPS.

The vice-regal private car "Canada" arrived at Niagara Falls, Ontario, this morning with a party destined to stay at the Clifton for two days to see the falls. The party consisted of Lady Helen Baillie-Hamilton and her brother, the Earl of Haddington, Miss Alice Cavendish, Miss Cook, and four servants. Lady Rachel Cavendish, Miss Saunders and Captain D. S. Wallace, A.D.C., were also to have been of the party, but were indisposed. One of the officials of the Queen Victoria Park will act as cicerone to the party from Government House, Ottawa.

A large complement of their women will accompany the mining institute when they hold a convention in Toronto next week, and several entertainments have been arranged for them. On Monday there will be a tea (probably at the King Edward), on Tuesday a tea at the Clifton, by permission of the Art Museum, and in the evening a bridge party at Mrs. H. S. Segsworth's house, when the men will go to a smoking concert.

Mrs. Harris McPhedran is in Ottawa today speaking to the Imperial Eastern Liberal Association on "Child Welfare, Mothers' Pensions and Conservation of Food."

The officials of the Canadian Pacific will dine at the King Edward on the 13th inst. Invitations have been issued to a reading by Prof. W. H. Greaves of the poetry of Dr. E. J. Pratt in the chapel of Victoria College on Tuesday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock.

Miss Grace Gillies gave a recital of her pupils in the Margaret Eaton Hall on Tuesday evening. When she was assisted by Miss Ruby Dennison. There was a large and appreciative audience. Among those present were: Mrs. A. C. McKay, Mrs. A. W. Auland, David McNam, Mrs. J. Home Cameron, Mrs. Leo Fredeh, Mrs. R. Wilson Smith, Mrs. Frederick Mercer, Mrs. M. M. V. Gerhardt Heintzman, Mrs. D. M. Featherston, Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Mrs. R. S. Williams, Sr. and Mrs. R. S. Williams, Jr., Mrs. Wm. Moore, Mrs. H. B. Farmer, Mrs. Pettigrew Smith, Mrs. Otto Palm, Mrs. Alfred Morgan, Mrs. Percy Deble, Mrs. Norman Allen, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Nelson Campbell, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wm. Kunita, Mrs. Kellens, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Charles Stark, Miss Kathleen Cowan and Miss Echa Murphy.

Yesterday afternoon the Church of St. Peter, Carlton street, looked very beautiful, although the decorations were very simple. The openwork brass pulpit, jeweled and chancel rail were wreathed with southern holly, the oak and pine and gothic panelling of the chancel was also draped and the carved oak altar was decorated with a tall vase of pink and white flowers. The altar was also decorated with a tall vase of pink and white flowers. The altar was also decorated with a tall vase of pink and white flowers.

The bride wore an open crown of orange blossoms, showing her beautiful golden hair, the tulle veil being pleated below the crown at the back and forming a train, with a spray of orange blossoms at the end of it. She carried a very large shower bouquet of white and purple orchids with lilies of the valley, and a bar of diamonds with large emerald and pearl. The maid of honor, Miss Pearl Macintosh, wore a short frock of mauve tulle over satin with green, yellow and silver bands of ribbon at the waist, and carried a shepherd's crook, tied with a bouquet of crimson roses and satin ribbon, the same color. The bridesmaids, Misses Dorothy Peterson and Grace Horley, wore the same frocks, but in peach and apple green, with roses of pink and yellow; they wore the groom's gift to them, two gold bangles. The best man was Mr. S. Spooner, Montreal, and the ushers, Mr. Hugh Sykes, Mr. Carlyle Meyer and Mr. Frank Dunlap, who received gold sleeve links from the bride.

After the ceremony, Mrs. Sellers held a reception at her beautiful house in Carlton street, when she looked very handsome in a Paris frock of moose satin draped with tulle of the same color with panels of ostrich, a transparent hat to match the crown covered with old blue feathers, a diamond necklace and a corsage bouquet of violets. Mrs. Shepard was seated with a black hat and a black and white dress, and the bride's table was arranged with many vases of Mrs. Russell's roses and ferns, the cake in the centre crowned with Sweetheart roses. The sunroom was filled with the hand-some presents sent to the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard left by the 6 o'clock train for California, where they will spend the next two months, returning home thru the Rocky mountains. The bride traveled in navy blue tulle with a sailor hat to match, trimmed with satin flowers and cinnamon fox fur. Mrs. Sellers is giving her daughter, as a wedding present, a house in Douglas drive.

The Heliconian Club will reopen on Saturday afternoon when Mrs. F. Powell, Miss Mary Whit, and Miss Monica Claver will be the hostesses, and Mr. C. H. Smith will speak on "The Tyranny of Imitation."

The musical program at the Women's Art Association on Wednesday afternoon at the fortnightly musicale was more than appreciated by the very large number present.

The following artists contributed: Piano, Mr. Albert Proctor; violin, solo, Mr. Leo Smith; vocal, Miss Marie Stank; Miss Elma Ferguson accompanied Miss Clark, and Miss Constance Martin accompanied Mr. Smith. There were also in both the upper and lower galleries. Among those present were: Mrs. A. C. McKay, Mrs. A. W. Auland, David McNam, Mrs. J. Home Cameron, Mrs. Leo Fredeh, Mrs. R. Wilson Smith, Mrs. Frederick Mercer, Mrs. M. M. V. Gerhardt Heintzman, Mrs. D. M. Featherston, Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Mrs. R. S. Williams, Sr. and Mrs. R. S. Williams, Jr., Mrs. Wm. Moore, Mrs. H. B. Farmer, Mrs. Pettigrew Smith, Mrs. Otto Palm, Mrs. Alfred Morgan, Mrs. Percy Deble, Mrs. Norman Allen, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Nelson Campbell, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wm. Kunita, Mrs. Kellens, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Charles Stark, Miss Kathleen Cowan and Miss Echa Murphy.

BATTLE FOR LIQUOR IN ITALIAN SHIP

Eighty Firemen Resisted Officers When Raiding Vessel in New York Harbor.

New York, March 3.—After a pitched battle in the darkened bunk rooms of the steamship President Wilson, in which members of the crew tried to defend their supplies of contraband liquor, government agents today seized 57 bottles of cognac which had been hidden on the ship.

The President Wilson arrived from Trieste Thursday and government agents conducted searches at various times. It was reported today that

liquor was found in the fire room, the cook's quarters, the bakery, the quartermaster's room and in the bilge. When the three inspectors entered the firemen's quarters about eighty men regarded them indifferently and were aroused only when the searches came upon suspicious lumps in the bunk mattresses. In a few minutes a bewildering array of bottled liquor was hauled forth by the inspectors from mattresses, three of which contained thirty bottles each, and from beneath false bottoms in the men's lockers. From behind a bulkhead twenty-one bottles were produced.

The bottles were placed on a table, over which one of the inspectors stood guard. Suddenly the lights were switched off and the framework of an iron bunk was hurled upon the table. Various other objects crashed upon the table, the men leaped from their bunks, and in a moment the room was the scene of the utmost confusion. The crew shouted and fought, but the inspectors, taking advantage of the gloom, edged their way thru to the door, where the light switch was finally located.

One of the agents thereupon sent for assistance, and when three inspectors more arrived the crew was driven aside and the liquor seized. Officers today also seized 550 bottles of cognac aboard the steamship Morr Castle and Monterey, from Havana, and 150 bottles of bacardi rum on the steamship Numamar, from Antilla, Cuba.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices of future events, not intended to raise money, to be worded, minimum \$5. If held to raise money for patriotic, church or charitable purposes, 4c per word, minimum \$1.00; if held to raise money for any other than these purposes, 6c per word, minimum \$2.50.

DAUGHTERS OF CANADA—Central Y. M. C. A., Thursday evening, March 4th, 8 o'clock sharp, Room 1. Speaker: Prof. G. M. Wrong, "What It Means to Be a Nation." Mrs. Jean Blewett, poem, "Canadian-Born." Public in-voice.

"MAKING GARDENS ATTRACTIVE TO BIRDS." Mrs. Dunnington-Grubb (landscape gardener), has kindly consented to address the public meeting of the Bird Society on the above subject, on Saturday afternoon next at 5 o'clock, in Central Y. M. C. A., with lantern views.

GOLF DATES

Montreal, March 3.—Royal Canadian Golf Association met last night and selected the tentative dates, subject to the approval of the Toronto directors, to whom they will be submitted, for the Canadian open and amateur golf championships. The amateur tournament will be held at the Beaconsfield Golf Club from June 25 to July 3, and with a 36-hole qualifying round, to which no players having a handicap of over 14, under the Calkins system, will be permitted to enter. The Kanawaki Golf Club reluctantly decline to hold the open championships on their course, owing to the changes which are being made.

The directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association are therefore approaching Clubs to secure a place to stage it. The date of this tournament is Aug. 17 to 20. The annual meeting will be held at Beaconsfield on June 23. Those present at the meeting were: President David Brown, Hon. Secretary J. L. McCullough and Directors W. W. Welsh and Cecil Gordon.

Pinehurst Golf Match Went for Extra Holes

Pinehurst, N.C., March 3.—All of the 136 matches in the first match round of the annual spring tournament were disposed of here today. One, in the fourth sixteen, went 22 holes, George Van Kester of Englewood winning from N. M. Robinson of Montclair at the fourth extra hole. On the other hand, S. A. Scrutner of Silvanoy and W. L. Rodgers of Oakmont took their respective matches in the thirteenth division by winning the first ten holes in a row.

The only surprise in the first division was the defeat of Fred B. Elliot, the Woodland expert, at the hands of Chas. H. Barnes of Philadelphia. Barnes won by three and two, and will play against Sam Graham, the medalist, in tomorrow's round.

Using Anti-Influenza Serum
On the Troops at Montreal

Montreal, March 3.—A new anti-influenza serum is now being used by Col. Bridges, A.D.M.S., and the medical officers of Military District No. 4 as a preventive, not only of the influenza itself, but chiefly of the pneumonia diseases and lung abscesses, which have proved more fatal than the influenza. This is a serum known as the Polyvalent serum. All the officers and men of the R.C.R. stationed at the Peel Street Barracks were inoculated in this serum last week, following a mild outbreak of the influenza at the barracks.

THE MONARCH FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

CASH-MUTUAL AND STOCK

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1919

EXPENDITURE		REVENUE	
Balance as at December 31st, 1918	\$24,977.86	Premium Income	\$66,896.14
Cash on Hand and in Banks	27,467.19	Re-insurance Claims	1,835.20
Losses	5,400.82	Interest and Transfer Fees	3,225.20
Re-insurance	7,453.61	Bad Debts	205.38
Expenses of Management, including commissions, bonus, salaries, directors' fees, travelling expenses, rent, taxes, adjustments, postage, interest and exchange, printing, stationery and advertising, and law costs	28,580.08	Balance	24,589.94
Adjustment re sale of Stock	32.50		
Balance written off	32.50		
	\$96,231.86		\$96,231.86
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Bonds and Debentures	\$82,702.00	Re-insurance and Accounts Payable	\$1,066.47
Cash on Hand and in Banks	5,037.47	Net Losses in Course of Adjustment	2,882.20
Accounts Receivable, Agents' Balances	6,598.98	Due for Commission and Operating Expenses	37,211.68
Bills Receivable	75.00	Re-insurance Reserve	37,211.68
Office Furniture and Fixtures	1,810.31	Surplus	65,216.80
Goodwill	830.86		
Accrued Interest	140.46		
Claims due from Re-insuring Company	175.00		
Calls on Capital Stock in Course of Collection	5,082.27		
Reserve Premium Notes	4,620.01		
Unearned Re-insurance Premium	\$108,044.82		\$108,044.82

We hereby certify that we have audited the Books and Accounts of The Monarch Fire Insurance Company, Cash-Mutual and Stock, for the year ending December 31st, 1919. We have examined all vouchers and checked all entries to the Company's Ledgers. The foregoing statement is in accordance with the books and in our opinion presents a correct view of the Company's affairs as at December 31st, 1919.

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