

## Bench and Bar

Mr. A. H. O'Brien, who recently resigned his position as Law Clerk of the House of Commons, has been appointed Counsel to the Speaker of the House. This is the first time, so far as we can ascertain, that this title has been given in Canada, and although Mr. O'Brien has acted as the Speaker's Counsel for some time he is to be congratulated upon being the first Parliamentary officer to be given the title. Mr. O'Brien, who has been a law officer of Parliament for 17 years, was formerly assistant editor of this Journal and has always been a contributor. He is also well and favourably known to the profession as the author of "O'Brien's Conveyancer," the standard authority on that subject; also of "Barron v. O'Brien on Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgages," etc.

The position of general counsel to the Canadian Pacific is now taken, on Mr. Creelman's retirement, by Edward W. Beatty. The reputation which Mr. Beatty acquired for himself, both as a lawyer and as a business man, shews the wisdom of the company in appointing him to that very responsible and arduous position. Mr. Beatty was born at Thorold, Ont., in 1877, is a graduate of Toronto University, and hails from Osgoode Hall as his legal birthplace. He was called to the Bar in 1901. The same year went to Montreal, and became general solicitor of the C.P.R. in 1910. We predict a successful career for him in his new position.

We recently came across a statement of claim in which the following clauses occurred, and were stated in the words and figures following:—

"8. On or about the 29th day of August, 1910, the shareholders voted to reduce the directorate from 6 to 5, thus eliminating the victorious plaintiff.

9. Beath then sued on his 10,000 shares, similarly succeeded, and was also eliminated, after which Harris of Orillia was elected to take his place.

10. MacLennan having successfully sued, met the official axe, and the office of the company moved to Orillia.