

EDITORIAL ITEMS—LAW SOCIETY.

the appointments which will have to be made." Let the remedy be applied before it is too late. What was a fair salary here a quarter of a century ago, is now a paltry pittance, which any man at the Bar of any eminence would naturally decline to accept, but for the honour of being made a target for the abuse of disappointed suitors or enraged politicians. This disinclination to accept an office the acquisition of which ought to be a barrister's highest ambition, is a grave misfortune, and is a subject much more worthy of consideration than many of the petty matters which engross the attention of our rulers.

THE first part of the "Rough draft of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, being a consolidation of the Acts of the Legislature of Ontario, with such of the Acts of the late Province of Canada as relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the Legislature of Ontario," (to use the language of the title page,) has been distributed for the information of members and others, and for the purpose of receiving suggestions from any quarter before the review of the work by the Statute Commissioners and its submission to the Legislature. If this review of Part I.—the rest of the volume not yet being issued—is to be more than a mere formal endorsement of the labours of the working men on the Commission, it will be sharp work to have the revision of the whole ready for the Legislature at its next session. We have every reason to believe that those who have this matter in hand are endeavoring to push the work with all speed. We can well understand its tedious and laborious nature, and though a consolidation will be of immense service, it will be far better to make it as perfect as possible, than so to hurry it as to necessitate further legislation. If it cannot be done we shall not grumble, if it can, we shall be proportionately pleased.

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ELECTION OF TREASURER.

At the first meeting of convocation, this Term, the Benchers proceeded to elect a Treasurer in place of Hon. John Hilliard Cameron, whose loss we have referred to in another place. The choice of those present fell upon Hon. Stephen Richards, Q.C. We congratulate him upon his appointment to so high and honourable an office. The selection of Mr. Richards will be quite acceptable to the Bar, who thoroughly appreciate his sterling qualities of head and heart, his scrupulous rectitude of character, and his conscientious devotion to his profession.

As there has been some discussion as to vacancy being filled so promptly after Mr. Cameron's death, and so, as has been alleged, not giving a number of the Benchers special notice of such important business so that they might be present, it would be well to quote the language of No. 14 of the Rules of the Law Society, which provides that:—

"In case of a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, or of the Treasurer elect, before entering upon the duties of the office, the Benchers present at the first meeting of Convocation next ensuing the occurrence of such vacancy shall, before proceeding to any other business, elect a Bencher to fill the office of Treasurer until the next statutory election."

Provision is made by Rule 12 for the case of the absence of the Treasurer, by the appointment of a temporary Chairman, but this does not apply to a vacancy in the office. It might have been more satisfactory (and would we are sure have been so to the newly elected Treasurer) if these rules had been a little more elastic, or framed with a little more thought as to possible contingencies, so as to have given more time for discussion as to the successor of one whose brilliant administration must make the office more difficult to any person who might follow