

Mr. Robinson, from the Special Committee appointed to consider and report as to the expediency of establishing a library of Canadian Law Reports and Statutes—Canadian and Provincial—in London, England, for the use of Canadian practitioners on appeals to the Privy Council, reported as follows: That at a meeting of the Committee held in September last, its Secretary was directed to communicate with the Law Societies of the different provinces and with the Attorney-General of each province and with the Dominion and Provincial Governments, in order to ascertain whether they would be prepared to contribute their reports and statutes towards the formation of the proposed library, and the Chairman was requested to ascertain when in London, what provision could be made there for the object proposed. That the Treasurer, during his late visit to England, has, in the absence of the Chairman, kindly seen the Registrar of the Privy Council and Mr. S. V. Blake, a member of our Bar, who is now practising in London. It was found impracticable at present to secure accommodation in the Privy Council building, but arrangements are contemplated which in the course of two or three years, may enable a room to be obtained there. Mr. S. V. Blake was then seen, and the result of several conferences with him will be found in the letter from him herewith submitted. That the authorities of the Dominion and of the various provinces, and the Law Societies of the various provinces, have been communicated with on the subject. An abstract of their replies is here with submitted, and is, in the opinion of the Committee, satisfactory. It seems to show that they will, with the exception of New Brunswick, from which no replies have been received, join in promoting the desired object, and the Treasurer has found that the members of the Judicial Committee, and the officials connected with that body, are most favorably disposed. The Committee believe that the Dominion and Provinces will join in defraying the small expenditure required, for which applications will be made to them; but as it is important to avoid delay, they recommend that in the meantime the Law Society authorize Mr. S. V. Blake to make the arrangement proposed by him, and become responsible for the necessary payments, which will include the cost of book cases. This recommendation is made on the assumption that the other provinces and the Dominion will concur, and that the continuance of the arrangement will depend upon such co-operation. With regard to the matter of exchange of publications with the Inns of Court, which was also referred to your Committee, the Committee recommend that consideration thereof be deferred for the present. The Committee further recommend that a copy of the Ontario Digest (1880—1890) be sent to the Library of the Inner Temple, together with a copy of the Five Years Digest (1891—1895) to which that Library is entitled as a subscriber to our reports.

*To Emilius Irving, Esq., Q.C.:*

MY DEAR SIR,—I was glad to learn that there was a disposition to honor me by the charge of the projected Canadian Law Library, and as arranged *i* now put on paper the proposal which under the circumstances I made to you on the subject. I am the tenant of Room 30 over the Canadian Offices, which room suffices for my business, and would as you agreed suffice for the Library, but not for both, because silence is required in the Library.

Now, if it is desired, I will undertake on condition that £30 a year are paid to me towards my rent, and that glass book cases are provided for the books, to put my present room at the disposal of the Canadian practitioners, making only such use of it myself as is consistent with its use as a library; to rent the adjoining room so as to enable me to perform this obligation; to keep a clerk so that there may be more constant attendance; and to become custodian of the Library. I will undertake that for the week before and during the hearing of the Canadian Privy Council Appeals, the Library shall be open without any intermission whatever during the usual business hours, either myself or the clerk being in attendance, and that for the rest of the year it shall be open