

LAW SOCIETY, EASTER TERM.

county or united counties number as follows:—

Algoma and Thunder Bay	4
Brant	17
Bruce	22
Carleton	46
Essex	16
Elgin	15
Frontenac	21
Grey	24
Halton	13
Hastings	43
Huron	32
Haldimand.	10
Kent	20
Lennox and Addington	9
Lambton	14
Lanark	13
Lincoln	24
Leeds and Grenville	15
Middlesex	59
Northumberland and Durham	34
Norfolk	18
Oxford	28
Ontario	27
Peel	10
Peterborough.	20
Prince Edward	6
Prescott and Russell	4
Perth	31
Renfrew.	14
Simcoe	37
Stromont, Dundas and Glengarry	18
Toronto	260
Victoria	21
Wentworth	75
Wellington	45
Welland	14
Waterloo	18
York	7

Making a total of 1104. Of these, so far as the Committee can estimate, about 1,020 are actually engaged in practice. To ascertain the estimated number it would, therefore, be necessary to reduce the number above given by an average of about eight per cent. Toronto and York (numbering 267) as having full use of Osgoode Hall library, and Carleton (numbering 46) as being allowed access to the Parliamentary library, may be excluded from the calculation. This would reduce the number to 791; deducting 8 per cent., there remain 728 practitioners, more or less, likely to avail themselves of a proper scheme.

7. The Committee propose the following scheme:—

(1) That a standing committee be formed, to be called The County Libraries Aid Committee, to which shall stand referred all correspondence on the subject, and which shall have power, subject to the directions of convocation, to work the scheme as far as the Society is concerned; the Finance

Committee retaining its control over expenditure.

(2) That the practitioners in any county or union of counties may form a library association, under chapter 168 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, by the name of "the (name of county town or the county, or union of counties) Law Library or Law Association."

(3) That it shall be provided by the constitution of the Association, that—

(a) The trustees thereof shall hold all the books thereof on trust, in case of the dissolution or winding up of the Association, or the disposal of its property, to satisfy and repay to the Law Society all sums advanced by the Society to the Association.

(b) That a room for the custody and use of the books, and proper arrangements for their custody, shall be provided, if possible, in the Court House.

(c) That the books shall be for the use of the judges of the county and of those practitioners who become members of the Association and pay the prescribed annual and other fees, and also for the use, during Courts and hearings before the Master in Chancery, of the judges and of all members of the profession residing out of the County.

(d) That the prescribed annual and other fees shall not exceed for those practitioners who do not keep offices in the county town one-half of the amount fixed for those who do keep offices in the county town.

(e) That at least one-half of the said fees and the whole of the aid at any time granted by the Law Society shall be applied in the purchase, binding and repairing of books for the library.

(f) That the Association shall make an annual report to the Law Society, shewing the state of its finances, and of its library, with such other particulars as may be required by the Standing Committee.

(4.) That the Association shall transmit to the Law Society proof of its incorporation and a copy of its declaration and by-laws containing the above provisions, and proof of the condition of its funds and library; and proof that it has acquired a suitable room therefor, with such other particulars as may be required by the Standing Committee.

(5.) That the Standing Committee being satisfied that the conditions above named have been complied with, may report thereon to the Finance Committee; stating the amount to which on the principle herein-after stated the Association is entitled, and thereupon the Finance Committee may authorize payment thereof.

(6.) That, it being expedient (with the view of encouraging the formation of the libraries), to grant more liberal aid during the early years after their institution, the