

LAW SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 1884.

Convocation met.

Present—The Treasurer and Messrs. Irving, Guthrie, Morris, Hoskin, Martin, Robertson, Murray, Britton, Fraser, Bell, Foy, Cameron, J. F. Smith, McCarthy, Read and McMichael.

The consideration of Mr. Martin's motion to adopt the report of the Committee on County Libraries was resumed.

The report was ordered to be considered clause by clause. Each clause was carried. The report was adopted.

Mr. Martin moved for leave to bring in a rule in pursuance of the report. Carried.

The rule was brought in.

Mr. Martin moved that the rule be read a first time.

The rule was read a first time, and is as follows:—

COUNTY LIBRARIES.

New Rule adopted 28th November, 1884, in pursuance of Report dated 18th November, 1884.

All existing rules upon the subject of County Libraries are hereby repealed, and the following Rule is substituted therefor:—

Rule 142. "That until further ordered, Branch Law Libraries for the use of the Courts and the profession may be established and maintained in any county town, or, in exceptional cases, in such other place in the county as Convocation may allow, on the following conditions:—"

1. That to "The County Libraries Aid Committee," shall stand referred all correspondence on the subject, and the Committee shall have power, subject to the directions of Convocation, to work the scheme so 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 the county town or the county, or union of counties) Law (or Law Library) 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 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, or in the town in which the Library is kept, 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 for the fiscal year, which shall commence on 1st January and end on 31st December of each year, 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 in all cases in which applications have been received prior to 1st November, 1884, stating the amount to which, on the principle hereinafter stated, the Association is entitled, and thereupon the Finance Committee may authorize payment thereof. That in all cases in which applications shall be received after 1st November, 1884, such applications shall be referred to Convocation, to be dealt with as the state of the finances may permit and Convocation shall see fit.

6. That, it being expedient to grant more liberal aid to libraries during the early years after their institution, the grant in aid from the Society shall be for the initiatory or first grant an amount double the amount of the contributions in money actually paid, or of the value of books actually given, from all local sources, such grant, however, not exceeding a maximum sum of twenty dollars for each practitioner in the county or union of counties; and for each year thereafter an amount equal to the amount of the fees actually paid to the Association by its members, such grant, however, not exceeding a maximum sum of five dollars in respect of each paid subscription.

7. This rule shall extend to existing Library Associations.

8. In case the contributions in money or books made to any existing Library Association, and to be taken into account in estimating the amount of its first grant, have been insufficient to entitle it to the maximum first grant, hereby provided, it shall be competent to supplement such contributions at any time before the 1st May, 1885, and on evidence thereof being supplied, such Association may receive the balance coming to it in respect of the maximum first grant under this rule.

9. That all annual grants be payable within one month after the 31st day of December in each year, provided the required reports and information have been supplied within fifteen days thereafter, and that in case of default, the grant be not payable for three months after such reports or information have been supplied, unless otherwise ordered by the County Libraries and Finance Committees.