

County of Terrebonne by a large majority. At the general elections of 1861, he was defeated in Terrebonne, but was elected immediately after for the neighboring County of Laval. Mr. Morin was still Solicitor-General when the Ministry resigned in 1862 on the defeat of the Militia Bill. At the general election of 1863 he again presented himself for the County of Terrebonne, but was defeated. This ended Mr. Morin's political life. In 1864 he became French Secretary to the Codification Commission, in place of the late Mr. Justice Beaudry, appointed Commissioner on the death of Mr. Justice Morin. After the termination of the labors of the Commission, Mr. Morin was appointed joint prothonotary at Joliette. Active political life did not, however, absorb all his time during the busy years from 1853 to 1863. Mr. Morin was one of the founders of *La Patrie*, the first French daily newspaper in Canada, and he remained one of its most active promoters until its publication was stopped in 1858, from want of pecuniary support. During these years he also practised his profession, chiefly in the criminal courts, where he was very successful.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BAR.—The usual meetings for the election of office-bearers, &c., have been held in the different sections. The annual meeting of the Montreal Section was held May 1st, Mr. W. H. Kerr, Q.C., *Batonnier*, in the chair. Mr. P. H. Roy, Secretary, submitted the report. It set forth that during the year the amount of \$2,000 had been granted the Library for the purchase of books; of this amount \$1,524.66 had been expended; 586 new books had been acquired by the Library, which now contained 9,147 volumes. The receipts had been \$4,405.22 against an expenditure of \$4,112.65, leaving for the year a surplus of \$292.57; altogether there was on hand at this date a sum of \$3,084.02.

During the year 27 had been admitted to practice and 5 rejected; 35 had been admitted to study law, and 31 failed to obtain their certificates. In 1875, 10 had been admitted to practice and 20 to study; in 1876, 15 and 31; in 1877, 18 and 27; in 1878, 21 and 33.

The following officers were elected:—*Batonnier*—A. Lacoste, Q.C.; *Syndic*—W. A. Robertson, Q.C.; *Treasurer*—C. A. Geoffrion; *Secretary*—P. Pelletier. *Council*—Strachan Bethune,

Q.C.; J. M. Loranger, Q.C.; W. H. Kerr, Q.C.; L. O. Taillon, M.P.P.; F. X. Archambault, Q.C.; G. Doure, Q.C.; D. Macmaster; J. S. C. Wurtele, Q.C.

The St. Francis Section of the Bar of the Province of Quebec has elected Robert N. Hall, Q.C., *Batonnier*; L. E. Morris, *Syndic*; W. White, *Treasurer*; H. C. Cabana, *Secretary*. *Council*—Hon. W. H. Webb, Q.C.; E. T. Brooks, Q.C.; G. O. Doak, H. B. Brown, and L. E. Panneton.

The Quebec Section of the Bar has elected J. G. Bossé, Q.C., *Batonnier*.

GENERAL NOTES.

LADIES IN COURT.—The late excellent judge, Justice Cresswell, had the failing of addressing his brother judges in a somewhat consequential and authoritative manner, which much annoyed Maule. Leaving the Court of Common Pleas one day in disgust whilst one of these performances was going on, he met Lord Campbell, and remarked, "There's that fellow Cresswell talking to the other judges like a magistrate talking to three black beetles!" Any one who knows the appearance of the learned judges during a winter term, in their black cloth robes and narrow ermine trimming, will better see the full force of the remark. He would never allow the court to be cleared of females even during the most disgusting trials. "Decent women don't come into courts of justice," he would remark. "Speak out, my poor girl," we once heard him say, "it must be very painful for you to go into all the bad language and disgusting details, but it is necessary to the ends of justice; and besides, all these finely-dressed ladies (pointing to the high-sheriff's lady and others who sat on the bench beside him) have come miles to hear what it shocks a poor innocent girl to repeat!" We were present and heard this, and record that five minutes afterwards, there were very few "fine ladies" indeed beside the sarcastic little judge upon the bench.—*Leisure Hour*.

QUEEN'S BENCH, CROWN SIDE.—The term of the Court of Queen's Bench, Crown Side, which came to a close in Montreal on Saturday, May 10, was of unusual length, but the business before the Court was conducted with much vigour. It is hardly right to judge of the success of a term by the number of convictions, but it may at least be said that the term is remarkable for the bringing of some great criminals to merited punishment, and that the administration of justice suffered no discredit from the failure of the juries to convict in cases where no reasonable doubt of guilt could exist.