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## ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Ontario Bar Association held its Annual Meeting in Toronto on 11th and 12th instant.

This gathering was a representative one and of much interest, notwithstanding the fact that the great war naturally engrosses so much attention, and not the least amongst the members of the legal profession who have loyally responded to the call of their King, the Fountain of Justice. In consequence of the absence of so many at their military duties, attendance was not quite as large as usual.

A number of prominent members of the Bar from distant parts of the Dominion were present, and took part in the deliberations. In addition, several eloquent speakers and well-known jurists from distant places delivered addresses.

But we cannot in this number do more than give the opening address of the President of the Association, Mr. W. J. McWhinney, K.C. It is both excellent and instructive.

After the transaction of some routine business, Mr. J. E. Farewell, K.C., of Whitby, gave a "Country County Crown Attorney's Random Reminiscences," in his own happy style. He was followed by a paper on Legal History by Lieut-Col. Ponton, K.C., of Belleville. Some of the leading members of the Association and their guests were then entertained at luncheon by the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

The afternoon was taken up with a scholarly address by the Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, the well-known Professor of Yale University, the subject being, "Charlemagne as a Legislator." A paper was also read by Professor R. W. Lee, Dean of McGill Law Faculty, Montreal, on "The Uniformity of Law in the British Empire." Addresses were also delivered by Hon. Mr. Justice Masten and Sir James Aikens, K.C., of Winnipeg.