

ties, because in a court judges have not only to determine, but, to do that, have to hear, and litigants and counsel have to hear what is determined. If there were time I would like to give you a little diary of dates, but there is not time. As I said, this Society began a century ago, 1797. The barristers then in the country got together and formed themselves into a society. Time went on, and they became an incorporated society and the members got the perpetual succession, which I hope will go on perpetually. That began in 1820. In 1823 was the great event when the Society at a solemn meeting adopted the seal which gives voice and substance to the indistinguishable corporation. But 1823 was another great event when the first report was issued by Thomas Taylor, Esquire, as he was called then. It took some time to get enough material for a volume of reports. I believe the Taylor reports were not issued in 1823, and the records of the Society report that there was a deficit. But what could we expect, for the first case in the first volume—Gentlemen, can you imagine the unsophisticated character of this report!—the first case is an application to strike an attorney off the roll for not accounting for his client's money! I would suggest that you should take a look at the book when you go out. There is a column that is said to be a Doric column on the top, and a heaver stationed on each side. On one side there is the figure of Justice with her eyes bandaged, of course, with the sword in one hand and the balance in the other. The other figure is that of Hercules and his club. These are some cases, even nowadays, where that bandage need not be removed from the lady's eyes, but the lady might request Hercules to step aside with his club. Not until 1832 did Osgoode Hall begin to exist as a building. We had no local habitation fixed. When Sir Emilius Irving gives his reminiscences, we shall ask him for particulars of these things, and if proper notice is served on him, and he does not find any just exceptions, he will give you the particulars. But I understand that Osgoode Hall, as a building, first began in 1832, that is 80 years ago, and that building was, or part of it was, of frame, the part we have just left after drinking the King's health. The east wing was the first part put up, and I am told that Sir John Beverley Robinson gave the land on which the building is, and John Beverley Robinson suggested the name by which the building is called "Osgoode Hall," in memory of the first Chief Justice of this province, whose successor Sir Charles Moss now is. Then some years afterward, in 1844, the west wing of the building was put up, and the