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The election of the thirty Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada for a term of five years will be held between the 26th of March and the 4th of April. The office of Bencher is one of dignity and influence, and is rightly prized by members of the legal profession. It is to be feared, however, that the duties of the office are frequently discharged in a perfunctory way. If one may judge from a perusal of the proceedings of the Law Society for the past five years many of the Benchers have not attended the meetings with any shew of regularity. It has been customary at former elections for a number of the leading Benchers to combine in sending out to the profession a list of those, including themselves, for whom they ask re-election. On the other hand new candidates have been wont to flood the Province with circulars on their own behalf. In this way some leaders of the Bar, whose qualities clearly entitle them to election, but who decline to canvass for office, are passed by. We would point out that any member of the Bar is eligible and that nomination is not required. It behooves each elector in making out his ballot to choose men who have proper qualifications.

In connection with the approaching election of Benchers several new names of varying merit have been suggested. In our opinion that body would be strengthened by the addition of Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., who, we understand, has never sought election. Mr. Johnston not only is in the front rank as a counsel, but in addition he is a man of keen business insight, a fearless critic and a strong advocate of needed reforms.

The profession should also be reminded of Mr. Nicol Kingsmill, K.C. We all know Him as an honoured member of the profession, and who is also entitled to a seat with the Benchers.