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a Judge—ability, industry, and an eminently judicial mind. Conscientious and painstaking, his decisions gave general satisfaction. Admitted on all hands to be a sound lawyer, promotion would in his case seem to be only a question of time. We regret that his services are lost to the public in the important position which he has occupied.

Of Mr. Mowat's successor we have already spoken. Mr. Taylor, the Referee in Chambers, takes Mr. Boyd's place, and the vacancy caused by this promotion has been filled by the appointment Mr. George S. Holmested. We entirely approve of this principle of promotion where the public can thereby receive no detriment, and in this case we are confident that Mr. Taylor will well and diligently perform the duties of his office. It was said at one time that he took rather a technical view of cases before him in Chambers, but that is a thing of the past, and was mainly owing to a determined and a successful effort on his part to establish some regularity in a practice which was notoriously irregular and devoid of system. Mr. Taylor has a very good standing as a lawyer, and has had large experience in the business of the Court, and in questions of title under the Quieting Titles Act. The appointment of Mr. Holmested is a good one, as well as a popular one in the profession, and there will be every desire on the part of practitioners to give him every assistance, and make every allowance in matters of detail, where he may feel at a loss from a want of experience.

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The Law Society under the powers conferred upon them by an Act passed in the last Session of the Ontario Legislature have established a Law School, and appointed four Lecturers, one of whom is the President of the School, they have also de-

cided on awarding as a special honor, to those who go through the School and pass the requisite examinations, exemption from service as students or articled clerks for periods of six, twelve and eighteen months.

The Barristers who have been appointed Lecturers, are Mr. Leith, Q. C., who is also the President of the School, and Messrs. Jas. Bethune, Z. A. Lash, and C. Moss. The several subjects of the Lectures are Real Property, General Jurisprudence, Commercial and Criminal Law, and Equity. We believe all these gentlemen to be thoroughly competent for the work allotted to them. But we cannot help expressing our regret that the Benchers did not continue the services of Mr. Anderson, Q. C., who has no superior in the profession in the knowledge of Commercial and Criminal Law, subjects in which he has been for so long a period Lecturer or Examiner for the Law Society.

It has always been a matter of great satisfaction to those who have been interested in the legal profession in Upper Canada, that so much attention has been given by the Law Society to the preparation of students both for the study and practice of the Law; and that in this Province alone of all the British Dominions, for a long series of years, was a compulsory examination required before call to the Bar. No one can doubt the beneficial effect of the system, and its adoption now by all the Inns of Court in England is abundant proof of the wisdom of its establishment by our Law Society nearly half a century ago.

The course in the Law School will be for six months, from November to May. There will be two classes, Junior and Senior, the first open to all clerks and students, the second open only to those, who have gone through the first, or have been two years engaged as clerks or students.

The course will consist of lectures, dis-