

DIVISION COURT CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

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Secretary's Office, Penetanguishene, Oct 6th. 1886.

DEAR SIR:—

No doubt you have wondered at the delay in receiving some report of our meeting of September 14th. It has arisen from the fact that I was waiting for several arrangements to be completed of interest to our Association, and therefore did not care to address you before. To those who were not present I am happy to report that the meeting was a very successful one, and will no doubt be fraught with great benefit to ourselves. I shall not here detail the proceedings of the meeting as you will find them in the number of the Law Journal which will reach you by concurrent mail. The reason for sending you this copy is that, as you will see by the published minutes of the meeting, Mr. O'Brien, the Editor of the paper, gave a short address at our meeting and made a suggestion as to placing the Journal within reach of the Division Court Clerks and affording us space for discussion etc. This offer was afterwards referred to E. H. Duggan Esq., Clerk 10th. D. C., York, to confer with Mr. O'Brien in the matter, the outcome of which is that Mr. O'Brien has made us the following offer, *i. e.* If 100 Clerks subscribe the terms will be \$4.00 per annum. If 200, \$3.50 per annum, and if 300, \$3.00 per annum, and it is in order to set before you a copy of the Journal that it is sent you. I have no doubt that there may be some confusion as to what amount is to be sent, but I think that can be obviated, by each Clerk who receives this circular at once advising me of his intention to take the Journal or not. I shall then, within a reasonable time, send to Mr. O'Brien a list of those signifying their intention of subscribing, and in accordance with that list will be the subscription price asked by Mr. O'Brien. This is really the most practical way in which we can secure the use of an organ of the press, of weight with the public, which is a great desideratum to such an Association as ours. You will see, by the minutes that His Honor Judge Sinclair did not care to reply fully to many questions submitted to him, as he was taken somewhat by surprise, but made a liberal offer to reply to questions submitted to him through our Association. Since that time he has made a still more liberal offer which is this: He is about to publish his work on the D. C. Act of 1886, and he has offered, through our 1st. Vice President, to give one chapter in that work, entirely to replies to enquiries made by the Clerks as to matters touching the tariff and procedure, and in accordance with this I would ask any Clerk, who has enquiries to make in reference to these subjects, to at once formulate them to me and I shall then send them forward to His Honor Judge Sinclair. In sending these enquiries, I would request my brother Clerks to confine themselves entirely to questions pertaining to the application of the present Tariff, and to procedure under the existing Act, as it is only on such subjects that we can expect any reply. I would ask that any such queries should reach me not later than the last day of this month.

I regret to say that there are yet a large number of Clerks who have not responded to our calls on them to become members. To such I would again appeal to at once become members. We are not trying to push the interests of any one individual Clerk, but we are working for the general benefit of the whole of the Clerks of the Province, and it is hardly fair that a small portion of them should bear the brunt of the work, both financially and physically. If we cannot have your attendance at our meetings (and to many it is almost an impossibility to attend) we can at least have the encouragement of your support, and the knowledge that the efforts being made are appreciated by the whole body of the Clerks in Ontario; and there is not the slightest doubt, that, if we work together as a united body, there are many changes and improvements that we can obtain, of vast benefit to us all. Trnstring we may have a hearty response from all.

I remain,

Yours truly,

H'Y JENNINGS,

Sec.-Treas.

To

M. R. Kiffin Esq.
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P. S.—I beg to hand you herewith copy of Constitution and By-Laws as adopted.