

great interest taken by members of the profession in the work, and drew attention to the working of the Devolution of Estates Act, urging action being taken to prevent abuse of the same. He also mentioned the satisfactory condition of the finances, and that, owing to the suggestion of the treasurer (Mr. Burton), a successful application for a yearly grant had been made to the Ontario Government.

TRUSTEES' REPORT, 1890.

The trustees beg to present their eleventh annual report, being for the year 1890.

The number of members at the date of the last report was seventy. One new member has been added, namely, Mr. Burkholder, and the present membership is seventy-one.

The annual fees to the amount of \$312.50 have been paid.

The number of volumes in the library is 2227. The increase for the year would have been greater, but the trustees being of opinion that the American series of Reports, to which the association subscribed, was apparently but little referred to though very prolific in numbers, exchanged the volumes for a United States Digest and some other books, which, it is hoped, will be found more useful.

The following periodicals are received, namely:—

The Law Times (English), *The Times Law Reports*, *The Solicitors Journal*, *The Albany Law Journal*, *THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL*, *The Canadian Law Times*, *The Western Law Times*.

The treasurer's report is submitted herewith giving a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure and of the assets and liabilities of the association, and the same is in the form required by the Law Society.

The indebtedness to the Law Society is being paid, as agreed, in yearly payments, but \$800 still remain unpaid, and these payments are a serious drain on the funds of the association.

The association is to be congratulated on having increased its revenue by the grant made by the Ontario Government to this and other law associations in aid of the purchase of books, and specially designed to be of assistance to the Judges at Assizes, Chancery Sittings, Election Trials, and for the County Stittings; the amount received was \$58.83, but a much larger grant is expected this year, and is urgently needed.

The trustees for the ensuing year hope to be in a position to make some very valuable additions to the library.

The trustees would repeat the remarks made in their last annual report regarding the Devolution of Estates Act.

Steps should be taken to devise machinery for the proper working of this Act, having in view the transaction of the business where it arises.

(Sgd.) EDWARD MARTIN, Pres.

Hamilton, January 5th, 1891.