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The Clerks are again particularly requested to mark on the certified copy of proceedings for trial the date of its entry with or delivery to them. The omission by a large number of Clerks to comply with this simple request occasions very considerable inconvenience.

Who to return papers to.

If papers are sent from Toronto and received by a Clerk, he will please note from whom he receives them and from what office they come, and when returning them to be careful and return them to the same office and officer from whom he receives them; by being particular in this respect, considerable trouble and confusion will be avoided.

Fees, case at Chancery sittings.

A Deputy Clerk is entitled to no fees on entering a Common Law case at a Chancery sittings.

*Lis Pendens*, Discharge Certificate.

A Clerk cannot be asked to certify that a *lis pendens* is discharged; he can only be asked to certify to the fact of a judgment having been given by the Court, and if the effect of that judgment is to discharge the *lis pendens*, it does so, but the Clerk does not certify so.

Meetings, mode of conducting.

Our last two meetings have been conducted on entirely different principles from those governing the previous ones. I came to the conclusion that my addresses occupied too much of your time and left too little opportunity for you to put questions on matters which may have arisen in your own experience, and to discuss them, I, therefore, thought it best to reserve my address until after the meeting and to send it to you in print instead of delivering it orally. I think I may congratulate you on the result. It was particularly noticeable at the last meeting that the Clerks took hold of matters for themselves and evinced a lively interest in the proceedings—this is shown by the number and nature of the questions asked. This course I would consider best for the future and would suggest, its being followed, at any rate for a year or two, so that it can be seen how it works.

Offices generally.

I am glad to find a very general improvement in the manner of conducting your offices, though in some cases, I am sorry to say, there is great room for further improvement, and I hope in such cases strict attention will be paid to the instructions given and that they will be carried out in full.

Surrogate fees

In Surrogate matters I have found that the tables of fees furnished you in minutes, 12/84 have not been adhered to as strictly as they should have been; indeed, in a number of instances, fees very considerably in excess of those laid down have been charged. I hope to find no such instance in the future, because, in case I do, I will be left no option but to specially report on it, and it would probably be considered as a malfeasance of office. This, I need not tell you, I would be very sorry to have occur.

Quarterly returns.

It is particularly requested that the Clerks would make the quarterly returns of judgments immediately after the end of each quarter; some Clerks most unnecessarily delay making these returns, some not making them until the third month after they are due. Of course a prompt return is required by

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