

the more especially if the answer embraced a long explanation. To do this would sometimes involve the keeping in mind until they could be noted of more than a hundred words, at the same time that the reporter was memorizing other words which were being uttered as the case proceeded.

Notwithstanding, however, these illustrations of the danger of adhering too closely to the narrative form, I think it would be possible to take advantage of it very fully if each reporter adopted for his guidance a series of rules and examples—such as any observant reporter who was also an efficient shorthand writer would be able in a short time to deduce from his practice—covering all cases in which it would be necessary or advisable to report evidence in question and answer. I would suggest, with a view to the more efficient discharge of their duties by shorthand reporters in the courts, whether a special curriculum, embracing among other things the reading of works on evidence, might not be prepared, in which they should be required to pass an examination.

NEW BRUNSWICK SHORTHAND SOCIETY.

There are excellent prospects for the introduction of an official system, similar to that in vogue in Ontario, in the Courts of New Brunswick. We fear the standard of speed—120 words per minute—is too low for satisfactory work from the officials to be appointed. It should be at least 150.

The following is the report of the special committee of the Society on:

COURT REPORTING:

The above committee, appointed at a recent meeting of your Society, desire to report that they have, in pursuance of the directions given to them, made further investigations in respect of the matters referred to them, with the following results:

1. That they are of the opinion that immediate steps should be taken by this Society to induce the Government of this Province to take action for the appointment of official shorthand writers in the circuit and equity courts of the Province.

2. That the number of reporters which it is at present deemed advisable to recommend to efficiently conduct the said business of the said circuit and equity courts should be at least four in number, two to be delegated specially for duty at St. John, one at Fredericton, and one in the county of Westmoreland. All or any of such reporters, however, to be liable to be called upon, as the chief justice or presiding judge may determine, to perform duties at any circuit or equity court held in this Province.

3. That no person shall be eligible for appointment as official shorthand writer without he is a member of this association, and further, that a certificate duly signed by the president and board of examiners of the association, and countersigned by the secretary, be granted to any proposed official reporter, testifying to his capacity to take verbatim reports at the rate of at least one hundred and twenty words per minute.

4. That in order to secure competent reporters for the performance of the work required, it will be necessary that they receive a salary of at least \$1,200 per annum, and in addition thereto, be further paid the sum of \$2 per day for hotel expenses on all occasions on which they are required to travel away from the particular district, and also the actual amount paid by them for travelling expenses. That for the said salary of \$1,200 per annum, the said official reporters shall make one longhand transcript of their notes for the use of the court, and that in the event of either party in any action or trial requiring transcripts of said official shorthand notes, the said official shorthand writer shall make such longhand transcript, for which he shall be paid an additional remuneration of ten cents for every folio of 100 (one hundred) words, such remuneration to be secured or paid in advance by the party ordering the same.

5. That it is impossible to get any competent person to give up the permanent positions in which they are now engaged if they are offered a lower salary than \$1,200 per annum.

6. That such official reporters should be appointed for life, or during good behaviour, unless incapacitated from performing their duties. Your committee have interviewed several reporters capable of performing the duties of court stenographers, and find none of them willing to accept an appointment at a less guaranteed salary than \$1,200 per annum.

7. Your committee have investigated thoroughly the appointment of official shorthand reporters in the Province of Ontario, and also in the various States and Territories of the United States of America, and they find that in no case where the reporters have been employed at a lower remuneration than \$1,200 per annum has the work been satisfactorily performed.

8. Your committee are enabled to submit the following table, showing the remuneration paid to shorthand writers in Canada and the United States, as far as they have been able to obtain them.

<i>District.</i>	<i>Remuneration.</i>	<i>Extra.</i>
Ontario,	\$4,500 per annum
State of Alabama,	\$10 per day	5c. per folio.
California,	\$10 per day	20c. per folio.
Georgia,	\$15 per day	10c. per folio.
Indiana,	\$10 per day	10c. per folio.
Colorado,	\$10 per day	20c. per folio.
Iowa,	\$7 per day	10c. per folio.
Kansas,	\$6 per day	10c. per folio.
Kentucky,	\$5 per day	20c. per folio.
Louisiana, Civil,		35c. per folio.