

gistic resolution, by the Bâtonniers present at a meeting on the 30th of May, conveying to him the thanks of the Council for his laborious and gratuitous services. Mr. DOUTRE was also presented with a silver inkstand, and a copy of the resolution engrossed on parchment. We have already more than once referred to Mr. DOUTRE's extraordinary services to the profession—services continued with unabated ardor even when confined to his room by severe illness. We feel no little gratification, therefore, in announcing that his *confrères* have conferred upon him this mark of esteem. One of Mr. DOUTRE's latest labors is contained in the pamphlet before us, comprising the *Règles de la Profession d'Avocat*, one hundred and sixteen in number. On these Mr. DOUTRE remarks, "Sans vouloir imposer le travail que j'ai fait à ce sujet, je le soumets comme pouvant servir de guide à l'avenir. Chaque application que les Conseils de Section feront d'une de ces règles servira à la confirmer. C'est ainsi que les règles de la profession d'avocat en France ont été confirmées une par une par l'usage et les sentences rendues par les Conseils de Section." Mr. DOUTRE has been succeeded in the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the General Council by Mr. ARCHAMBAULT.

THE JUDGE'S OATH.

The form of oath administered to a *Puisné* Judge on his appointment, which we append, may be of interest to our readers. The words date back to the time of 18 Edward III., A.D. 1344, and may be found in Evans' Collection of Statutes, vol. iii, pp. 7, 8.

"Ye shall swear, That well and lawfully ye shall serve our Lady the Queen and her people in the office of *Puisné* Judge of Her Majesty's Superior Court for Lower Canada, and that lawfully ye shall counsel the Queen in her business, and that ye shall not counsel nor assent to anything which may turn her in damage or disherison by any manner, way, or court: And that ye shall not know the damage or disherison of her, whereof ye shall not cause her to be

warned by yourself, or by other; and that ye shall do equal law, and execution of right, to all her subjects, rich and poor, without having regard to any person: And that ye take not by yourself, or by other, privily nor apertly, gift nor reward of gold nor silver, nor of any other thing which may turn to your profit, unless it be meat or drink, and that of small value, of any man that shall have any plea or process hanging before you, as long as the same process shall be so hanging, nor after for the same cause: And that ye take no fee as long as ye shall be such *Puisné* Judge of the said Superior Court, nor robes of any man, great or small, but of the Queen herself: And that ye give none advice or counsel to no man, great nor small, in no case where the Queen is party; And in case that any, of what estate or condition they be, come before you in your sessions with force and arms or otherwise against the peace, or against the form of the statute thereof made, to disturb execution of the common law, or to menace the people that they may not pursue the law, that ye shall cause their bodies to be arrested and put in prison; and in case they be such that ye cannot arrest them, that ye certify the Queen of their names, and of their misprision hastily, so that she may thereof ordain a covenable remedy: And that ye by yourself nor by other, privily nor apertly, maintain any plea or quarrel hanging in the Queen's Court, or elsewhere in the country: And that ye deny to no man common right by the Queen's Letters, nor none other man's, nor for none other cause; and in case any Letters come to you contrary to the law, that ye do nothing by such letters, but certify the Queen thereof, and proceed to execute the law, notwithstanding the same letters: And that ye shall do and procure the profit of the Queen, and of her Crown, with all things where ye may reasonably do the same: And in case ye be from henceforth found in default in any of the points aforesaid, ye shall be at the Queen's will of body, lands, and goods, thereof to be done as shall please her, as God you help and all Saints."