

the Secretary, as the Council will, no doubt, be consulted before any changes are actually made.

The system of filing of papers in the Central Office, when a matter is finally disposed of, is generally understood to prevail, but this is not carried out. There should be one place for all such filings, as also for all exhibits not returned, and all officials, Referees and Masters included, should be required to conform thereto. The clerk in charge of such a filing system should see to it that all exhibits are returned to the solicitor for the party who filed the same.

The Master-in-Ordinary's Department has recently been reconstructed, and all salaried Official Referees brought in as part thereof and under special control, so that all mortgages, mechanics' liens, winding-up of companies, and other references will be assigned or distributed among the different officers, and all fees shall be payable in law stamps.

The venerable Senior Taxing Officer should be relieved of all formal and ordinary taxations and clerical work, and retained as senior and consulting taxing officer. An assistant should be carefully selected and properly remunerated to take on the burdens of this office, the importance of which, to the lawyer as well as to the client, has not been fully appreciated. A competent officer in these days cannot be secured at present remuneration.

The amendment of Rules of Practice is as you know, within the jurisdiction of the Judges. The profession is not consulted nor heard thereon, and at times the interests of the public and the profession are not sufficiently considered. It has been suggested that a commission should be appointed for this work, composed of three Judges, three Benchers and three members of this Association, with the Law Clerk as a permanent secretary and responsible for the drafting of proposed amendments.

For some time it has been well known that the members of the profession do not give to the selection of Benchers the consideration it deserves, and are apt to mark the ballot more from the list of past Benchers than from a knowledge of their fitness or whether they have been an acquisition to the Law Society.