

to send delegates to the meetings of the New York State Bar Association at New York, the Manitoba Bar Association at Winnipeg, the American Bar Association at Washington, D.C., and the Lawyers' Club at Buffalo. Mr. W. J. McWhinney, K.C., represented us at Winnipeg, and spoke in enthusiastic terms of his reception there, where he advocated the formation of a Canadian Bar Association. Mr. E. J. Hearn, K.C., and other members of our Association, welcomed the Lawyers' Club of Buffalo in Toronto when en route to the Thousand Islands during the summer, and Mr. H. A. Burbidge of Hamilton has since represented our Association at a Club Dinner in Buffalo. I was delegated to the meetings at New York and Washington, the one at the end of January, the other at the end of October. Both of these meetings were very interesting and the hospitality unbounded. Having regard to the great numbers of the legal profession in the State of New York and the United States, one comes back from these meetings to our own, assured that, in proportion to the numbers available, our meetings are quite as well attended as theirs. The Washington meeting was very largely attended, as might have been expected, on account of the many distinguished men that could be conveniently gathered there in those delightful October days. The Honourable Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of Canada, made an address on "The Constitution of Canada," in the course of which he laid stress upon our position in the Empire, which drew forth the applause of the Canadians and a sympathetic cheer from our hosts. Indeed, with the assurances received on every hand and the strains of "Tipperary" in our ears we could quite believe the Washington lady's proclamation of "boiling neutrality."

We extend a hearty welcome to the distinguished Judges and members of the Bar from the United States and from the Province of Quebec, as well as from our own Province, who have so kindly undertaken to participate in our proceedings by preparing papers and making addresses at the Annual Banquet. Their association with us at the social functions of these meetings as our guests does much to maintain that enthusiasm without which this organization cannot thrive.