

LAW SOCIETY.

actually paid in by the members of the association during the fiscal year not exceeding \$5 for each member of the association, and that this rule should go into force and apply to the next annual grant.

9b. The Committee recommends that the fiscal years of the association should begin on 1st January and end on 31st December in each year, that the reports and financial statements covering the fiscal year be sent in promptly after 31st December, and the annual grants paid as soon as practicable after the receipt of the reports provided that where reports are not received before 10th January payments shall not be made unless otherwise ordered till three months after the receipt of the report.

10 The Committee recommends that rules be adopted for the establishment and maintenance of County Libraries in accordance with the terms of this report.

(Signed) EDWARD MARTIN, *Chairman*.

Circular referred to in Report.

COUNTY LIBRARIES AID COMMITTEE,
OSGOODE HALL, Toronto, 9th Feb., 1884.

SIR,—The County Libraries Aid Committee have been authorized by the Law Society to take steps to ascertain whether any more County Libraries are likely to be formed.

The County Libraries were established under rules of the Law Society which will be found in the *Canada Law Journal* for 1879, p. 180.

Subsequently these rules were amended by increasing the initiatory grant from \$6 to \$12. See *Canada Law Journal* for 1882, p. 357.

County Libraries have been established at Hamilton, London, Brantford, Peterborough, Whitby, Kingston and Walkerton, and have been found of great service.

It is felt that a sufficient time has now elapsed to test the practical working of the County Libraries, and it is desirable without further delay to frame rules for placing them on a permanent footing and making suitable provision for their maintenance, but before these rules are adopted it is desired to call the attention of the members of the profession, resident in the different county towns, where there are no County Libraries to the necessity of immediately taking the proper steps to establish libraries before the scheme is finally closed.

It is the intention of the County Libraries Aid Committee to submit to Convocation at Easter Term (19th May next) their scheme for the future management and aid to be granted to the County Libraries.

It is needless to say that much will depend on the number of these libraries and the Committee can only deal practically with those then actually in existence.

The Committee, therefore, request that all applications for the establishment of County Libraries shall be completed and forwarded to J. H. Esten, Esq., Secretary of the Law Society, not later than 1st May next.

The Committee also hope that you will favour them with your views and any information or suggestions which may occur to you on the subject of the establishment or maintenance of County Libraries.

Yours truly,

(Signed) EDWARD MARTIN, *Chairman*.

Statement of Moneys paid the following County Libraries Association for the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884:—

NAMES.	DATE.	Initiatory Grant.	Annual Grant, 1st 3 years.	Annual Grant, 4th & 5th yrs.	TOTAL.	REMR'KS
		\$	\$	\$	\$	
Hamilton .	1880	432	.....	.....	2016	
	1881	.....	288	.....	
	1882	432	288	.....	
	1883	.....	.....	288		
	1884	.....	.....	288		
Middlesex .	1880	360	.....	.....	1620	
	1881	.....	240	.....	
	1882	360	240	.....	
	1883	.....	.....	240		
	1884	.....	.....	180		
Peterboro' .	1880	132	.....	.....	632	
	1881	.....	92	.....	
	1882	.....	92	.....	
	1883	132	.....	92		
	1884	.....	.....	92		
Frontenac .	1880	120	.....	.....	522	
	1881	.....	92	.....	
	1882	.....	72	.....	
	1883	120	84	.....	
	1884	.....	.....	34		
Brant	1880	102	.....	.....	495	
	1881	.....	76	.....	
	1882	.....	76	.....	
	1883	102	.....	76		
	1884	.....	.....	63		
Bruce	1880	126	.....	.....	412	
	1881	.....	80	.....	
	1882	126	.....	80		
Ontario ...	1883	276	.....	.....	372	
	1884	.....	.....	96		
		2820	1720	1529	6069	

The report was read and received. Ordered to be considered forthwith. Considered and ordered to be further considered at the meeting of Convocation on Friday, 28th November.

NOVEMBER 22ND, 1884.

Convocation met.

Present—The Treasurer and Messrs. MacLennan, Irving, L. W. Smith, Hoskin, Morris, Moss, Bethune and J. F. Smith. Mr. Irving moved, seconded by Mr. J. H. Morris, That the Reporting Committee be requested to report to Convocation during this term upon the exact condition of the reports of the election trials and decisions since the publication of Hodgin's Reports, and also of the preparation for the next Digest. Carried.