

for their wrongs, or in aiding the weak against the strong, or to encourage settlements of differences, if possible, without resorting to the courts, and discourage dishonest, doubtful or hazardous enterprises.

"Is it not surprising that with all this outcry against lawyers and their doings a fair number of prosperous business people do not object to bring up a son or two in the very profession they never lose an opportunity of assailing.

"When I was called to the bar and for a number of years afterwards some half-dozen counsel did most of the trial and appeal work in this province. The services of these leaders were constantly in demand. No case of any importance seemed to be properly manned without at least two of these leaders. This scene has entirely changed. So called leaders have disappeared from the arena and a new order of things has set in. The few barristers who formerly did most of the court work have been superseded by many. In my opinion cases are presented, tried and argued better to-day than they ever were before, even by the distinguished leaders who have passed away. This change, in my opinion, has been brought about largely since 1889, when the Law Society established the Law School in Toronto and required all law students to attend a three years' course of instruction at this school and pass certain examinations before being admitted to the bar. Prior to the establishment of the Law School a very limited knowledge of the law seemed to suffice to pass the one day examination required for admission to the bar. Students in offices outside of Toronto had few opportunities to witness the manner in which cases ought to be tried. Now the theoretical and practical training afforded by the Law School, coupled with the opportunities given students to observe the manner in which cases are presented, argued and tried in many courts in Toronto, which are practically sitting all the time, have created a new race of lawyers, who, when admitted, have a fair working knowledge of the law and of the practice and procedure of the courts, and who have acquired sufficient courage and confidence