

2. Some of the suggestions made tend towards a further separation rather than a consolidation of the Divisional Courts. The rules as consolidated tend towards a consolidation; and in the opinion of your Board, they are the result of a quasi compact between the Bench and the Bar Associations to remedy the evils that undoubtedly existed before. These rules are suspended by the operation of a rule which was passed merely to postpone the coming into operation of the consolidation until a convenient period. Your Board believe that it would be a violation of that compact to retrograde in any particular, and they take this opportunity of expressing their opinion that the rule suspending the operation of the consolidating rule should be repealed, and that unity and uniformity should be established in all matters.

Arrangements have been made with the county authorities which will make the room adjoining the present library available as a reading-room.

The trustees again record their appreciation of the services of the librarian. Under her care, the books have been kept in good order, the reports have been noted to date, and no books have been lost from the library since its formation.

The historian of the association during the year published the life of Governor Simcoe, another valuable addition to the history of this province.

An extract from the report of the Inspector upon the library of the association accompanies this report.

The trustees record with deep regret the death during the year of two members: Mr. A. J. Cattanach, Q.C., and Mr. J. H. Morris, Q.C.

The particulars required by the by-laws accompany this report as follows:

1. The names of members admitted during the year.
2. The names of members at the date of the report.
3. A list of books contained in the library.
4. A list of books added to the library during the year.
5. A list of periodicals received during the year.
6. A detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of the association at the date of this report, and of the receipts and disbursements during the year.

The treasurer's accounts have been duly audited and the report of the auditors will be submitted to you for approval.

(Sgd.) JOHN HOSKIN, *President.*

December 31st, 1890.

WALTER BARWICK, *Treasurer.*

It was resolved that the members of the association are of opinion that the press of work in the Division Court in Toronto necessitates the immediate appointment of a third Judge, and the trustees are requested to forward a copy of their report and this resolution to the Attorney-General.

The following officers were elected for the year 1891: Mr. Moss, Q.C., President; Mr. Kingsmill, Q.C., Vice-President; Mr. W. Barwick, Treasurer; Mr. Armour, Q.C., Curator. Messrs. Bigelow, Q.C., Delamere, Q.C., A. MacMurchy, A. Cassels, and J. T. Small, Trustees. Messrs. Worrell, Q.C., and H. Cassels, Auditors. Mr. F. A. Drake, Secretary.