

LAW SOCIETY.

The Committee are of the opinion that the suggestions to be made to the Commissioners should take the form of a proposed code to supersede and be substituted for all existing rules relating to practice and procedure; and that a competent member of the profession should be employed by the Committee to frame and put into proper form and shape the general suggestions agreed upon by the Committee of the Associations.

The employment of such assistance will necessarily entail expense, and the Joint Committee desire to procure from the Law Society a grant to be expended under the direction of the Committee in the preparation of such a code.

I am, sir, yours, etc.,

(Sgd.) WALTER BARWICK,
Sec. Joint-Com.

COPY OF RESOLUTION.

At a meeting of the Joint Committee on Legislation of the Law Associations of the Counties of Wentworth and York held in Toronto on the 15th day of March, 1887.

It was resolved,

That it is advisable to bring about a complete fusion of the three divisions of the High Court of Justice.

That one judge should sit in each week for the disposal of all business of the High Court required to be done in court and in chambers, without regard to the division in which the actions are pending.

That a uniform practice should be adopted in all the divisions of the High Court, including therein the practice at the sittings of the various Divisional Courts.

That there should be not less than four sittings held at permanent and fixed dates in each county for the trial of jury and non-jury cases, at two of which jury cases shall be tried as may be determined by general rules of the court.

That the tariff of costs be amended so as to allow the deputy clerks of the Crown, local masters and local registrars, as local taxing officers, to tax increased counsel fees with briefs at trials, or on assessments, to a sum not exceeding \$40 to senior counsel and \$20 to junior counsel, in actions of a special and important nature, provided that J. H. Thom, Esq., Taxing Officer, shall have power to tax increased fees; provided that if the application be made in the first instance to the said local officials for fiats, no application shall thereafter be made to the said taxing officer.

That the foregoing suggestions be enacted and adopted as rules forthwith; but the consideration and re-enactment of the proposed consolidation of the rules of practice and procedure as set forth in the printed draft thereof now under consideration by the judges, be postponed so as to enable proper consideration to be given to them, the Committee being of opinion that such rules should wholly supersede and be substituted for all existing rules relating to practice and procedure; and that in view of the great importance of these rules, application should be made to the Law Society to call a special meeting at an early day to consider what action should be taken to enable this Committee to procure a carefully prepared and efficient code of rules of practice and procedure in all the courts.

And it was further resolved that the Law Society should be requested to take into consideration the subject of the increase of judicial salaries, and make such representations as they may deem advisable to the proper authorities with a view of having suitable increases made.

On these documents being read, Mr. Walter Barwick, Secretary of the York Association, who was in attendance, was invited to attend before Convocation.

After discussion it was ordered,

That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be placed at the disposal of such members of the Joint Committee on Legislation of the Counties of York, Wentworth and Middlesex, as may be members of Convocation, for the purpose of obtaining such assistance as they may deem necessary, in order to assist them in making such suggestions as they deem advisable in drafting and perfecting the proposed code.

Resolved, That in the opinion of Convocation the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Court of this Province should be substantially increased, and that the Joint Committee on Legislation of the Counties of York, Wentworth and Middlesex, be requested to take steps forthwith to confer with the Governments of the Dominion and Ontario with the object of obtaining such suitable increase.

Convocation adjourned.