

of a large share of legal work by depredators, and says that "if the Benchers of our Law Society cannot or will not exert themselves to provide a remedy, they should resign and give place to men who will effect a reform." He very naturally calls attention to the fact that other professions have long ago secured necessary legislation, but that the Benchers have done nothing for those whose interests they are elected to protect. There certainly is no valid reason why the same measure of protection should not be afforded to us as is obtained by the medical fraternity, by dentists or even by vendors of spirituous liquors. Our correspondent urges that an Act should be passed forbidding everyone save solicitors and notaries from practicing as conveyancers for hire, thus safeguarding the public as well as the profession. He also makes a strong plea that an Act or Rule of Court should be passed, requiring every solicitor whose name is appended to an application for grant of probate, etc., to state on affidavit that there is no agreement or understanding between him or any member of his firm or any other person, whereby any sum of money or share of business is payable to any person save only to his professional agent or partners. It is claimed that such an affidavit would be largely efficacious to stamp out a pernicious practice much in vogue in this regard by certain disreputable practitioners. He also urges that concerted action should be taken in this matter and legislation asked for during the coming session of the Ontario Legislature. It is true that the Benchers have considered this matter up to a certain point, and have felt difficulty in dealing with it, but we refuse to believe that nothing can be done to remedy the evil. Our correspondent says that he will be pleased to hear from solicitors interested in the matter, so that something definite may be accomplished.

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It has been remarked that in none of the court rooms at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, are the Royal Arms in evidence. In most of the court rooms, not only of Ontario but of the other Provinces of the Dominion this is considered a proper and suitable symbol of the Royal authority under which all courts are held, and it is somewhat curious that in the chief seat of the law in Ontario the Royal Arms are conspicuous by their absence.