

if these officials are underpaid it is because there are too many of them. We are far from admitting that the actual services rendered call for a larger fee. The Government should arrange it so that there would be only one

clerk and one bailiff where there are two of each at the present time. With such an arrangement there would be something in it for the officials. But these considerations should not delay a reduction of fees.

THE CANADIAN BAR.

The Junior Bar Association of St. John, N. B., met lately and adopted a constitution. Every young barrister is eligible for membership, but when he shall have been practising fifteen years he becomes an honorary member and ceases to vote. The officers are: G. G. Ruel, president; John L. Carleton, vice-president; A. G. Blair, jr., secretary-treasurer; D. Mullin, H. A. McKeown, H. F. Puddington and J. E. M. Baxter, members of council. Meetings will be on the second Saturday of each month from October to May.

The members of the Ottawa County Bar had a most enjoyable time on January 5th, when Mr. Fleming, Q.C., gave a banquet in their honor, which took place in Rouleau's Hotel, Hull. Those present were: Hon. Judge Gill, Montreal; J. M. McDougall, Q.C.; T. P. Foran, Q.C.; Mr. Rechon, Q.C.; C. B. Major, Mr. McMahon, L. N. Champagne, A. McConnell, Henry Aylen, Jules Beauset, W. H. Kenny, A. G. Gordon and J. S. Brooks.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Law Association was held, with E. Martin, Q.C., in the chair. The report of the secretary, Thomas Hobson, showed the present membership to be 71. The number of volumes in the

library is 2,836, of which 65 were added during 1895. The annual fees paid in amount to \$342.50. All liabilities have been paid except a loan of \$400 due the Law Society. The following officers were elected: E. Martin, Q.C., president; F. Macelcan, Q.C., vice president; W. F. Burton, treasurer; Thomas Hobson, secretary; E. Furlong, William Bell, P. D. Crerar, S. F. Lazier, Q.C., and George Lynch-Staunton, trustees; legislative committee, S. F. Lazier, Q.C., A. Bruce, Q.C., T. H. A. Begue, the president, vice president and secretary, with power to add to their number.

The annual meeting of the Bar Association of Western Ontario was recently held in London, Ont., the president, Mr. Matthew Wilson, Q.C., of Chatham, in the chair. The attendance was large. The report of the secretary, Mr. Percy Moore, London, showed that thirty-four sittings of the weekly High Court had been held here during the year, at which seventy-eight motions were heard. Though the working of the court had been on the whole satisfactory, the usefulness of the Act had been greatly impaired by the omission of a provision which would enable practitioners in western counties to make motions as of right in London, and by the necessity of mak-