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THE Law School was formally opened on the 7th inst. Hon. Edward Blake, the Treasurer of the Law Society, presided, and addressed the assembled students, and the learned Principal delivered an address, in the course of which he sketched the history of law schools and their relations to the legal profession in England and the United States, and discussed the curriculum now in force. Several other distinguished legal gentlemen joined in congratulating the Law Society and the students on the successful establishment of the School. During the present session the first and second years will take the same lectures, but will be examined on different papers at the end of the term. Seven scholarships are to be given to each of these years on this examination. There are now about one hundred and twenty students in attendance.

## LEGAL STATISTICS FOR 1888.

The Annual Report of Mr. Winchester, the Inspector of Public Offices, serves as a sort of barometer of the state of business in the profession; and it may therefore be useful as well as interesting to take a glance at some of the statistics he has gathered and which he presents in his report to the Government for 1888, which we have now before us.

We learn from the schedules to this report that during 1888, 4,954 writs of summons issued from the Q.B. and C.P. Divisions of the High Court, and 2,552 from the Chancery Division, or an aggregate of 7,506 writs. The amounts indorsed on these writs in the Q.B. and C.P. Divisions aggregated \$7,019,635.47; and the aggregate in the Chancery Division was \$3,888,974.12, or very nearly eleven million dollars altogether. Notwithstanding all efforts to decentralize business, it seems nevertheless to cling steadily to Toronto, where 2,428 of the writs issued. London, as usual, comes next to Toronto with 541, and Cornwall next with 299. There is one feature about this return we do not understand. The writs are supposed to issue alternately from the three Divisions, and yet in Ottawa the total number of writs in the Q.B. and C.P. Divisions together was 103, while the writs in the Chancery Division numbered 106; it would seem there that the clerk who issues the writs has been proceeding on the wrong principle of treating the Q.B. and C.P. Divisions as together constituting one Division.