

been presented by Mr. C. Robinson, Q.C.; a portrait of Mr. Charles Moss, Q.C., President of the association during 1891, has been presented by Mr. Kingsmill, Q.C.; and a bust of the Hon. Edward Blake, Q.C., has been presented by Mr. Lash, Q.C.

During the past year much attention has been given to the proposed changes in the rules of practice. In conjunction with the other associations, a Report of the Joint Committee of the Law Associations has been prepared embodying suggested changes in the rules. A summary of this Report is printed in the *Law Times*, 1892, at page 275. This Report has been laid before the judges for their consideration, and it is hoped will be adopted, as the suggestions are carefully framed, having only in view simplification of the practice and advancement of the interests of suitors.

No advance has been made in securing from the judges a compliance with the request continually urged upon them during the last five years to abolish the separate sittings of the Chancery Division for the trial of actions and its separate weekly sittings held as if the Judicature Act had never been passed. It must be plain to any one who has given attention to the manner in which business has drifted away from the Chancery sittings for the trial of actions that the holdings of these sittings is unnecessary, and is a pure waste of judicial strength. It is believed that the profession are unanimous in the desire to see these separate sittings abolished, and to have established a system of sittings (not lessened in number) for the trial of jury and non-jury cases according to a plan somewhat similar to that which has been laid before the judges in full detail by the Joint Committee of the Law Associations.

This association has also continued to urge the question of increasing the judicial salaries. One great obstacle met with at Ottawa in advancing this question is the opposition made on behalf of the County Court judges to any increase of the Superior Court judges' salaries unless the salaries of the County Court judges are increased at the same time. The Trustees believed that an increase of the Superior Court judges' salaries should first be sought, and that the advancement of a claim to have the salaries of the County Court judges increased as well meant only a failure to secure an increase in any judicial salaries. The result of the introduction of the question before Parliament during last session proved the view of the Trustees to be correct, and the whole judicial salaries question has apparently been abandoned by the government. The Toronto Board of Trade has, however, taken up the matter of these salaries, and it is to be hoped that the other associations will by representation to their local members assist in securing the solution of a vexed and difficult question.

The Trustees call attention to the serious delay that occurs each year in the issue of the Provincial Statutes. As far as they can ascertain, there