

Bench and Bar

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.

An old and highly respected member of the Bar takes the place of Mr. Shepley as Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada: John Hoskin, K.C., LL.D.

This position is an historic one, dating back, as will be seen by the list given in another place of those who have occupied the position, as far back as 1797. Those who have been selected to fill the position have always been among the most eminent in the profession. The name given to the highest officer of the Law Society may indicate one of his honorary duties, but is mainly suggestive that the person who holds the office has been counted worthy to fill the highest position of dignity which can be given to him by his professional brethren.

Dr. Hoskin was born in Devonshire, England, in 1836. He came to Canada in 1854, and for almost fifty years has been a member of the Canadian Bar. He was for some time partner with two of the most eminent lawyers that Canada has produced, the late D'Alton McCarthy and Britton Bath Osler. He was for many years Official Guardian of Infants.

Being interested in educational matters he was at one time Chairman of the Board of Toronto University, which conferred on him the degree of LL.D. He was subsequently a member of the Board of Governors. After he gave up practice Dr. Hoskin became President of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation.

Having resided for some years in England, he recently returned to this country, and, on Mr. Shepley's death, was unanimously elected by the Benchers to fill the vacant place.

The following is a list of the Treasurers of the Law Society of Upper Canada from its inception up to the present time:—

1797-1798—John White.	1821-1822—J. B. Robinson.
1798-1801—Robt. I. Dey Gray.	1822-1824—H. J. Boulton.
1801-1805—Angus Macdonell.	1824-1828—W. W. Baldwin.
1805-1806—Thomas Scott.	1828-1829—J. B. Robinson.
1806-1811—D'Arcy Boulton.	1829-1832—George Ridout.
1818-1819—J. B. Robinson.	1832-1836—W. W. Baldwin.
1819-1820—H. J. Boulton.	1836—R. B. Sullivan.
1820-1821—W. W. Baldwin.	1836-1841—R. S. Jameson.