

time to time. It is a matter of the utmost importance that the profession should have these Rules at the earliest possible time after their being passed. The Association would, therefore, suggest that the Law Society be asked to arrange for the issue (gratis) to every member of the profession of a copy of every new Rule immediately after the passing thereof. The present system of publication is far too slow and unsatisfactory. Many members of the profession do not take either of the law journals, and though the daily papers do contain the Rules, yet they are in that form apt to be lost and not in a convenient shape for use.

The necessity for amendments to the Devolution of Estates Act have been pressed upon the proper authorities, and it is hoped that action may soon be taken thereon so as to enable lands to be sold with the approval of the judge of the Surrogate Court, or Local Master, without the necessity of an application to the official guardian, and, generally, as far as possible, to permit business to be disposed of in the county where probate or administration has been granted.

The Insolvency Act introduced in the Senate at the last session was carefully considered by the Trustees, and certain amendments were suggested, but the bill was withdrawn, after much discussion. It will, probably, be introduced at the next session, with some important changes. The incoming Trustees will doubtless watch the passage of the bill, and make such suggestions as may seem proper.

The Trustees have much pleasure in reporting that, during the year, the Dominion Government authorized the importation of books for law libraries free of duty. The Trustees will continue to press the Government for an allowance for purchase of works on criminal and election law, insolvency, and all other branches of law over which the Dominion Government has jurisdiction.

While gratefully acknowledging the assistance received in the past, it is hoped that the Ontario Government will, during the present year, increase the allowance to each association to \$100.

The Librarian keeps the "Current Digest" regularly written up, and makes daily clippings of the notes of cases from the *Mail*. These are kept in a book, which has been found very useful to members of this Association during the year. All the books in the Library have been stamped with the seal of the Association. The thanks of the Association are due to the Hon. A. S. Hardy, for a map of Ontario; to the Attorney-General of Quebec, for the Revised Statutes of Quebec; and to Mr. Edward Martin, Q.C., for Brown's Parliamentary Cases and Supplement.

During the past year this Association lost, by death, the late R. R. Waddell, who had been one of the original Trustees, and had cheerfully given valuable services on many occasions.

Nothing has yet been done to render uniform the fees paid for similar services in the respective offices of the Master and Deputy Clerk of the Crown. It is hoped that another year will not be allowed to pass without this being remedied.

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