

Association had a membership of 126 duly qualified lawyers practising in Calgary. Of these 30 have gone to the front, some of them never to return. In addition to the Bar 30 law students from the Calgary offices have also joined the ranks. The record of Western Canada is splendid. When we compare this with a certain province in Eastern Canada one naturally asks the reason why one province shirks its responsibility as a component part of the Dominion, and lets the other eight provinces protect them, their wives and their children. There must be a reckoning for this some day. In the meantime why should not the Government enforce the Militia Act of Canada, and put all parts of the Dominion on the same footing so far as military service is concerned?

Bench and Bar.

LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA.

The proceedings of the sixth general meeting of the Bar, held at Edmonton, under the auspices of this society, in December last, was one of great interest to the profession of Alberta, and several of the matters discussed had also an interest for members of the profession in other provinces. We regret that want of space prevents our giving an extended report of what was done and said. We can only refer to a few of them:—

A report was presented of the committee on the evils of a patronage system which resulted in a resolution to the effect that the efficient administration of justice would be promoted by the appointment of an independent commission to make appointments to the land titles and other legal offices of the province. We have frequently referred to the objectionable practice of appointing ignorant laymen to positions which, certainly for the benefit of the public, should be occupied by members of the profession. Another resolution seeks to prevent unlicensed conveyancers and agents from doing business which properly comes within the province of lawyers. Other matters discussed were: Costs in probate and administration matters, mode of election of Benchers, etc.

At a meeting of the Benchers held in January last, James Muir, K.C., LL.D., was elected President, and Mr. C. F. Conybeare, K.C., D.C.L., Vice-President; Mr. Charles F. Adams being Secretary.