

reports, and Mr. Angus MacMurchy procured from the Provincial Governments gifts of the statutes of the different provinces.

Under the direction of the trustees, the librarian lately visited some of the principal libraries in Boston, and made herself acquainted with the system of card cataloguing.

The librarian is now engaged in the preparation of a catalogue which will form an index to the subjects treated in the books contained in the library and to the articles published from time to time in the various legal periodicals.

The trustees have given much consideration to the plans of the new court house, and have made many suggestions to the architect which, if carried into effect, will be of benefit to the public and the profession.

The last consolidation of the Ontario Statutes did not comprise the provisions of the statute R.S.O., 1877, cap. 168, respecting library associations.

Doubts have arisen as to the mode of securing the incorporation of new Law Associations, and the trustees have submitted to the Attorney-General a draft statute which, if passed, will enable new associations to become incorporated without difficulty.

The growth of Toronto and an increased jurisdiction has given rise to an enormous increase of work in the Division Court of the city and county. The work of the Junior Judge has doubled since his appointment five years ago, and unless some relief is soon given him his health must give way.

Litigants are subjected to the greatest inconvenience and hardship owing to the present press of business in the Division Courts, and to the inability of the Junior Judge to hold more frequent sittings of that court.

The trustees, having made careful enquiry, suggest the appointment of a third County Judge as a necessity. Upon this Judge should be imposed the duty of holding weekly Division Court Sittings in Toronto, and of sitting in chambers every day when not sitting in court.

The trustees suggest that the attention of the Government be called to the present state of affairs, which is well known to many members of the association, and to the necessity for the immediate adoption of the suggestion that a third Judge be appointed.

The Board of Trustees, having learned that a proposal was to be made by the registrars of the several divisions of the High Court to have rules passed to secure uniformity of practice in the several divisions, applied for and were kindly furnished with a copy of some of the suggestions made.

While your Board, in the interest of the profession, highly approve of the suggestions made in many, though not in all respects, they are decidedly averse to the rules being amended as suggested, for the following reasons:

1. The inconsistencies of practice have arisen from the disagreement of the officers as to the construction of various rules. The same rule generally and practically is in force in each division; the interpretation is different. Hence what is required is not an amendment of the rule, which again may produce diverse interpretations, but agreement amongst the officials, or if that is impossible, an arbitrary interpretation by some superior.