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## *THE ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION AND OSGOODE HALL.*

The Ontario Bar Association held its first luncheon at Osgoode Hall on Friday, May 17, and, with the permission of the Ontario Cabinet, made it the occasion of a formal opening of the new addition to Osgoode Hall for the use of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. The occasion was graced by Sir John Boyd, the Chancellor of Ontario, Sir Æmilius Irving, Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Hon. Justices Britton, Teetzel, Riddell, Latchford, Middleton, Sutherland, Kelly and Lennox, and the retired judges, Hon. Messrs. Maclellan and Osler. Hon. W. H. Hearst represented the Cabinet, and Messrs. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., and John T. Small, K.C., honorary president, and president respectively, of the Ontario Bar Association and the County of York Law Society. In the absence of the president, Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C., the vice-president of the Association, Mr. M. H. Ludwig, K.C., presided.

After explanatory remarks by the chairman as to the nature and object of the occasion a very interesting address was delivered by Sir John Boyd, as representing the Bench, which is well worth repeating here.

“I am glad to hear that the Treasurer is going to be called upon sooner or later for his reminiscences; probably they will go back far enough to entertain as well as instruct the present generation. They tell of an old gentleman in the States whose reminiscences would go back to George Washington, but, if he had a particular kind of drink before taking part in the discussion, they would go back to Christopher Columbus. But I do not think that our Treasurer can go back probably more than a century, because there was no such thing as Benchers or Treasurers a century ago. 1797 was the year in which the Benchers