

tration of justice, for the keeping up to the highest standard our judiciary, and, to that end, as far as possible eliminating from the selection of judges all questions of party politics, and preventing the Bench from being used, as it has occasionally been, as a dumping ground for discarded, needy or clamorous politicians.

It is high time that lawyers should assert themselves and realise the dignity and importance of their calling, and that they should put the profession in the first place and party politics in the second place. It is only in this way that the status of both Bench and Bar can be maintained and improved, and the profession continue to be, as it has been in the past in this country, a beneficial factor for the general welfare.

There was a brilliant gathering at a banquet given in the evening of the last day of the proceedings, the Governor-General being present, together with guests from the United States, Mr. Terry and Mr. W. G. Smith. Other eminent guests were the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Minister of Inland Revenue, the Solicitor-General, Justices Idington, Duff, Anglin and Brodeur of the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Cassels and Mr. Justice Audette of the Exchequer Court, Mr. Field, President of the Ontario Bar Association; Mr. J. E. Martin, K.C., Batonnier of the Montreal Bar, Mr. Drayton, Chairman of the Railway Commission, together with the principal officers of the Association. A number of distinguished members of the Bar from Prince Edward Island in the East to British Columbia in the West, also sat round the board.

The toasts and speakers at this banquet which was held at the Chateau Laurier were as follows:—following the toast of the King was that of the Governor-General of Canada, responded to by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

The High Court of Parliament.—Proposed by P. B. Mignault, K.C., Montreal, and responded to by Hon. J. D. Hazen, K.C., in the absence of the Prime Minister.

The American Bar Association.—Proposed by Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, and responded to by Mr. Walter George Smith, of Philadelphia.