

The present mode of electing Benchers is, I am strongly of opinion, most unjust to outside practitioners, who by it do not obtain the representation to which they are entitled, the Toronto Bar dominating the whole Province in the matter. In my view, the Province should be divided into districts for the purpose of the election of Benchers. This would enable the voters to have some knowledge of the candidates and secure a more representative body of Benchers, and vacancies occurring in the representation of a district could be conveniently filled by election in the district.

The long period elapsing between sittings for the hearing of non-jury cases calls for attention and, I think, remedy. There should be some means provided for the more speedy hearing of such cases when or soon after they are ready for trial. It is a matter which this and other associations might profitably discuss.

Among the noteworthy events of the year, there occurred two of general interest to the Province, but of special interest to the Kingston Bar. These were the death of Sir Alexander Campbell, late Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and formerly and for many years a member of this Bar, and the elevation to the same high office of another member of the same Bar, and a member of this association, the Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES AGNEW, *President.*

Kingston, Jan. 13, 1893.

### COUNTY OF YORK LAW ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1892.

*To the Members of the County of York Law Association :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the association, in presenting their seventh Annual Report, are again able to congratulate the stockholders upon the continued success which has attended the establishment of this association, and of the other Law Associations in the Province. There are now twenty Law Associations in existence, having a membership of 888 members, and possessing libraries which contain, in all, 17,757 volumes of Reports and text-books. \*

There were on the 31st of December, 1892, 388 members of this association, 363 of whom have paid their fees for the year 1892. During the year four members died, three severed their connection with the association by removal from the county or resignation, and thirty-nine practitioners became members. There are now 2,251 volumes in the library, 193 having been added during the year.

A portrait of Mr. J. K. Kerr, second President of the association, has