

ELECTION OF BENCHERS.

professional man so insane as to introduce an enemy into the citadel when we have all we can do to withstand the hostile army outside. If politics have been introduced, we may, when the mischief is done, witness an unseemly wrangle, suggestive of small boys each accusing the other of beginning the fight.

The following are the gentlemen who have been elected, with the number of votes given for each :—

W. R. Meredith, Q. C.	-	-	-	541
D. McCarthy, Q. C.	-	-	-	518
James Bethune, Q. C.	-	-	-	510
D. B. Read, Q. C.	-	-	-	508
Thomas Ferguson, Q. C.	-	-	-	490
Daniel McMichael, Q. C.	-	-	-	465
F. McKelcan, Q. C.	-	-	-	456
James Maclellan, Q. C.	-	-	-	433
John Hoskin, Q. C.	-	-	-	423
Charles Moss	-	-	-	404
Thos. M. Benson	-	-	-	403
Thos. Robertson, Q. C.	-	-	-	360
J. K. Kerr, Q. C.	-	-	-	352
Hector Cameron, Q. C.	-	-	-	341
Æ. Irving, Q. C.	-	-	-	337
B. M. Britton, Q. C.	-	-	-	336
John Bell, Q. C.	-	-	-	321
H. A. Hardy, Q. C.	-	-	-	319
J. J. Foy	-	-	-	307
H. W. M. Murray	-	-	-	300
Stephen Richards, Q. C.	-	-	-	298
T. B. Pardee, Q. C.	-	-	-	284
Edward Martin, Q. C.	-	-	-	283
James F. Smith	-	-	-	277
W. H. Scott, Q. C.	-	-	-	268
John Crickmore	-	-	-	262
J. H. Ferguson	-	-	-	255
David Glass, Q. C.	-	-	-	248
Andrew Lemon	-	-	-	229
Larratt W. Smith, D.C.L.	-	-	-	227

There are five new names on the list: Messrs. H.W. Murray, J. F. Smith, J. J. Foy, J. H. Ferguson, and David Glass, Q.C. The first four were put forward as representatives of the Junior Bar, though it is worthy of remark that Mr. Murray has been at the Bar since 1859, and Mr. Smith since 1860, whilst Mr. Osler and Mr. C. Moss, who were appointed by the Benchers last year to fill vacancies, were only called in 1862 and 1869

respectively. We recognize, however, in the election of the gentlemen alluded to, a desire on the part of the profession to carry out the action commenced by the old Bench, and to put into practical shape the subject which has been so persistently urged in these columns, namely, some measure of protective justice to those who are enrolled in our ranks and are now at the mercy of an army of irresponsible invaders. We are at the same time compelled to notice that another result has been to turn out three country representatives, and put Toronto men in their places.

There were about 650 voting papers sent in, of which 53 were rejected as informal or of persons not entitled to vote. The names next on the list were J. E. Rose, 224; J. A. Henderson, Q. C., 213; J. A. Boyd, Q. C., 213; James Beatty, Q. C., 197; R. Lees, Q. C., 192; E. J. Parke, 189; James Gilt, 185. After them came upwards of one hundred more who received votes ranging from 170 down to one.

We miss the names of many who would have made excellent Benchers; but some of them will doubtless hereafter be added to fill the places of those who may not attend to their duties. We trust the rule in this behalf will be more rigidly enforced.

The duty of the Scrutineers, the Treasurer, Mr. D. B. Read, and Mr. Crickmore were very arduous, as will be evident when we state that some eighteen thousand votes had to be counted, and that six days of hard labor were occupied in the scrutiny.