

The letter of Mr. W. F. Langworthy, barrister, Port Arthur, dated 26th January, 1898, on behalf of members of the profession in the District of Thunder Bay with reference to the establishment of a local law library at Port Arthur was read, and the matter referred to the County Libraries' Committee.

Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

Present: The Treasurer and Messrs. Aylesworth, Barwick, Guthrie, Robinson and Watson.

Mr. Barwick, in pursuance of notice given yesterday moved for leave to introduce a rule to be inserted after Rule No. 16 in page 12 of the printed rules of 1896: "(16a) The proceedings of the Benchers in Convocation shall be conducted as much as may be according to the ordinary Parliamentary mode." Convocation granted leave accordingly, and the draft rule was read a first and second time.

Friday, Feb. 18th.

Present: The Treasurer, Messrs. Barwick, Bayly, Bruce, Martin, Osler, Ritchie, Robinson.

Ordered that Mr. McBride, whose notice has remained duly posted, be called to the Bar, and Mr. G. F. Kelleher, who has attended additional lectures required, be called to the Bar and receive his certificate of fitness.

Mr. Osler from the Reporting Committee presented the quarterly report of the editor on the state of the reporting, as follows: "I have to report that there are in the Court of Appeal 25 unreported judgments, 15 of November, which will issue this week, and 10 of January. In the High Court Mr. Harman has 2, 1 of November ready to issue, and one of February. Mr. Lefroy has nothing unreported. Mr. Boomer has 5, of which 3 of November are ready to issue, and 3 of February. Mr. Brown has 17 cases unreported, 9 of December, ready to issue, and 8 of January. There are 16 unreported practice cases, 12 of December, ready to issue, and 4 of January. The Digest to the last Practice Volume, just closed, is ready to issue. The Digest of the Volume of Appeal, which will be closed this week, is in type, and the Digest of Volume 28 O.R. will be in the printers' hands early in the ensuing week."

Mr. Osler then presented the draft contract for the compilation of the Digest in pursuance of the direction of Convocation. Mr. J. F. Smith, Q.C., the Editor, was in attendance by request. The terms of the draft contract were discussed, and as a result some suggestions made were ordered to be embraced therein, and the draft as re-read after emendations, was approved. The Reporting Committee were ordered to have the contract engrossed, with power to make alteration not affecting the substance, the contract to be then duly executed.

Mr. Barwick then moved the third reading of the rule which had been twice read on the 9th inst. The said rule was then read a third time and passed: "16 (a) The proceedings of the Benchers in Convocation shall be conducted as much as may be in the ordinary Parliamentary mode."

Messrs. James McBride and G. F. Kelleher were then introduced and called to the Bar.

Ordered that the letter of Messrs. Jarvis and Vining be referred to the Finance Committee, with a request to report to Convocation.

Mr. Bruce, from the Discipline Committee, reported upon the complaint of Mrs. Wessner against Mr. O. E. K., solicitor, that the matter had been adjusted between the parties and the complaint withdrawn, and that in the matter of the complaint of M. J. Reid and D. D. Reid against Mr. J. M. G., a prima facie case had not been made out. The Committee were discharged from the further consideration of these two cases. Mr. Bruce, from the Discipline Committee, reported that in the matter of the complaint against Mr. J. B. D., a prima facie case had been made out. Ordered that the said complaint be referred to the Discipline Committee for investigation, and report.