

LORD ALVERSTONE.

As we go to press we hear of the death of this distinguished Englishman, who for 13 years was Lord Chief Justice of England, and who died on the 15th inst., at the age of 73 years.

In earlier days, he was known to the public as Sir Richard Webster, K.C. To his college chums and intimate friends he was Dick Webster, an all round sport and athlete; a warm friend and a fine specimen of an English gentleman. He was subsequently made Baron Alverstone, G.C.M.G. He became a prominent figure in Canadian history in connection with the Alaska Award in 1903. The part he took in that arbitration is fully discussed in a previous volume of this JOURNAL (ante Vol. 40, p. 3). Want of space forbids any further reference to his career in this issue.

ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association will be held at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on January 11th and 12th. The annual banquet will be given on the evening of the first day.

The notice calling the meeting is accompanied by the report of the Committee on Legal Ethics. As this report will come up for discussion at the meeting and will doubtless be fully considered, we need not at present examine it. We might say, however, that it seems to state briefly the main rules on this important subject and other noteworthy suggestion. We shall look forward with pleasure to the annual message of the retiring President, Mr. Field, K.C. He will, doubtless, give an interesting resumé of professional matters during the past year, meagre though it must of necessity be, owing to the engrossing fight for freedom in which our own country and our Allies are engaged.

A circular letter from the corresponding secretary gives details of the proposed proceedings, and will already be in the hands of the profession. We are glad to note that all County Court Judges and other officials are invited to attend the meetings.

At a meeting of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Ontario, held on the 6th December, 1915, the following Judges were selected to constitute the Second Divisional Court for the year 1916: Hon. R. M. Meredith, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas; Mr. Justice Riddell Mr. Justice Lennox, Mr. Justice Latchford and Mr. Justice Masten.