

Proceedings of Law Societies.

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

The Trustees beg to submit their fourteenth annual Report, being for the year 1893.

The number of members at the date of the last Report was seventy-one; one member has resigned and one has been added. The present membership is seventy-one. The annual fees, to the extent of \$302.50, have been paid. The number of volumes in the library is 2,619 (of which 121 were added during the past year), exclusive of sessional papers, *Gazettes*, etc. There are still some Reports which the Trustees would like to purchase when the funds of the Association will permit. The following periodicals are received, namely: *The Law Times* (English), *The Times Law Reports*, *The Law Journal Reports* (English), *The Solicitors' Journal*, *The Albany Law Journal*, *THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL*, *The Canadian Law Times*, *The Green Bag*, *The Law Quarterly Review*, and *The Western Law Times*.

The Treasurer's Report is submitted herewith, giving a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, in the form required by the Law Society. All the liabilities of the Association have been paid, except the balance of the loan from the Law Society yet to fall due.

The questions of Decentralization of Legal Business, the fusion of the courts, and the proposed amendments to the Devolution of Estates Act, have been pressed upon the proper authorities; the judges have just promulgated rules which are to come in force on January 8th, 1894, which it is to be hoped will prove satisfactory to all concerned, and it may reasonably be expected that some action will be taken at an early date in regard to the other two matters.

On November 1st, 1893, a reception was given to the Minister of Justice, the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, and the Attorney-General, the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat. The claim of the Association to an allowance from the Dominion Government for the purchase of the works on Criminal, Election, and Exchequer Law was brought to the attention of Sir John Thompson, who promised to consider the request, and kindly presented the Association with a full set of the Supreme Court Reports to date. The Trustees have great pleasure in acknowledging the courteous treatment and encouragement they have received on all occasions both from Sir John Thompson and Sir Oliver Mowat.

The Trustees have, in recognition of the valuable services of the librarian, increased her salary from \$260 to \$320.