

great deal of thought and possibly further action in regard to the filling of the ranks of the judiciary in this country in future generations.

Mr. O'Brien spoke of his experiences while in charge of the espionage cases, under the Department of the Attorney-General of the United States, remarking that all cases were tried in open Court, as in peace time, and pointing out further that the entry of the United States into the war rendered necessary the passing of legislation, new in its entirety, for the protection of the country from the work of alien enemies, both within and without. The Internment Statute, which had been used first in the unsettled days of 1798, Mr. O'Brien said, was found to be of the utmost assistance. That statute had been used to some extent in the days of 1812, but had since been forgotten. The Germans had forgotten it, but, the day after the United States entered the war, the Germans, as well as the Americans, learned about it. Some seventy German spies disappearing in internment camps are to its credit.

Captain Adolp Moilhut, a Montreal lawyer, a veteran of the famous 22nd Battalion, mentioned that, out of the Bar of Montreal seventy members had enlisted. He also spoke with interest of various experiences at the Front, stating amongst other things that it was not generally known that it had been at the request of the mine-owners of France that the Canadians had been held at Passchendaele.

The annual meeting was brought to a close on the evening of Friday, February the 21st, with a large banquet at the King Edward Hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It marked the beginning of a new international era for lawyers, and had a special charm by reason of the presence of some forty or fifty members of the Buffalo Bar Association.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—Honorary president, Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., Toronto; president, N. B. Gash, K.C., Toronto; vice-presidents, Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C.; Belleville, Col. R. J. MacLennan, Toronto, J. H. Rodd, Windsor; treasurer, C. F. Ritchie, Toronto; recording secretary, A. A. Macdonald, Toronto; corresponding secretary, Z. Gallagher, Toronto; historian and archivist, W. S. Herrington, Napanee; executive committee (residing in Toronto), J. A. McAndrew, A. J. Russell Snow, K.C., J. H. Spence, Frank Denton,