

COUNTY OF YORK LAW ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the County of York Law Association, held in its library on January 31st, 1898, the following report was submitted :

There are at present 333 members of the association, and 294 members have paid their fees for the year 1897. During the year sixteen practitioners became members. One member died, and forty-seven members severed their connection with the association by removal from the county, or resignation, or by being posted under the rules for non-payment of fees. There are now 3,424 volumes in the library, 203 having been added during the year, made up as follows: Reports and Statutes, 71 volumes; Texts and Digests, 60 volumes; bound periodicals, 42 volumes; miscellaneous, 30 volumes. The most important addition during the year comprised Cartwright's Constitutional Cases. The value of the books in the library is now estimated as follows: Reports and Statutes, \$7,705.08; text books, \$2,833.26; periodicals, \$1,462.57—total, \$12,000.91. Insurance to the extent of \$10,000 has been effected upon the library and property of the association. Following a custom of our past presidents, a portrait of Mr. Shepley, Q.C., president for the year 1896, has been presented to the association by Mr. Ritchie, Q.C., the retiring president.

The work of consolidating the Rules of Practice was completed during the past year. The changes suggested by the commissioners appointed to consolidate these Rules was submitted to the Committee upon Legislation, appointed at the last annual meeting. That committee gave a great deal of time and consideration to the memorandum, and made an elaborate report to the commissioners. This was followed by an interchange of views between the committee and commission, and the adoption of a large part of the suggestions made by the committee. The members of the association and the profession at large are much indebted to the members of the Legislation Committee for the time and attention which they so willingly and without remuneration gave to the consideration of the serious changes involved in the consolidation. The attention of the association is again called to the approaching completion of the court house in Toronto. Without doubt the present accommodation afforded the library will not be available any length of time. The trustees understand that provision is not being made for the immediate accommodation in the new building, which will be available for a library and reading rooms. The board trust that their successors will take up the question with a view to seeing that the provisions of the statute which require accommodation to be furnished in the court house for the association, are fully and fairly complied with. The trustees record the death during the year of the following member: Mr. W. G. Murdoch.

After this report was submitted and adopted the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Wm. Mortimer Clark, Q.C.; Vice-President, J. H. Macdonald, Q.C.; Treasurer, Walter Barwick; Curator, Angus MacMurchy; Secretary, Shirley Denison. Trustees:—J. B. Clark, Q.C., R. J. MacLennan, W. E. Middleton, D. W. Saunders, D. Fasken, C. D. Scott. Auditors:—H. M. Mowat, Goodwin Gibson. Committee on Legislation:—John Hoskin, Q.C., LL.D., E. D. Armour, Q.C., D. E. Thomson, Q.C., T. Langton, Q.C., D. W. Saunders, Douglas Armour, W. H. Blake, W. E. Middleton, E. T. English, C. A. Masten.