

Correspondence

The County Judge in Ontario

TO THE EDITOR:

I have read with interest the article of Her Honour Judge Kinnear which has recently appeared in the *Canadian Bar Review* on the county courts. She has made a number of recommendations which deserve full consideration. These recommendations are now under study by the Attorney-General's Department.

One of the most important points Her Honour advances concerns the uneven distribution of work among county judges. In some counties the volume of cases is very great, whereas in others litigation is comparatively rare. She therefore suggests some system of rotation among the judges in a district (1954), 32 *Can. Bar Rev.* at p. 150.

Sections 20 to 24 of the County Judges Act of Ontario, R.S.O., 1950, c. 76, make provision for the formation of a county or two or more counties into a County Court District. When a district is formed, judges of the county courts forming a district are obliged to hold the several county courts, courts of general sessions of the peace and county court judges criminal courts in rotation so far as is practicable in the circumstances. The judges are to meet once a year and arrange and appoint which of the courts in the district is to be held by each of the judges throughout the entire year. The county judge who is in point of time senior in appointment is required to convene the meeting, and no judge is excused from performing the work assigned to him, except by reason of illness or other unavoidable cause.

These sections of the statute were in operation until 1943. In that year their operation was suspended because of the gasoline shortage. In 1950, it was proposed that the sections should again become operative, but there was some opposition from the Department of Justice because of the expense involved. This opposition has since been withdrawn. The sections were again brought into operation on September 1st, 1954. For the purposes of these sections, the province is divided into twelve county court districts as follows: (1) Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln, Norfolk, Welland,

Wentworth; (2) Elgin, Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford; (3) Huron, Perth, Waterloo, Wellington; (4) Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, Halton, Peel, Simcoe; (5) Muskoka and Parry Sound; (6) York; (7) Haliburton, Northumberland and Durham, Ontario, Peterborough, Victoria; (8) Frontenac, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward; (9) Leeds and Grenville, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; (10) Carleton, Lanark, Prescott and Russell, Renfrew; (11) Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay; (12) Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Sudbury and Temiskaming.

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Books Received

*The mention of a book in the following list does not
include a detailed review in a later issue.*

- The American Lawyer - A Summary of the Survey of the Legal Profession.* By ALBERT P. BLAUSTEIN AND CHARLES O. PORTER, with CHARLES T. DUNCAN. Foreword by REGINALD HEBER SMITH. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Toronto: The University of Toronto Press. 1954. Pp. xi, 360. (\$5.50)
- Current Legal Problems 1954.* Edited by GEORGE W. KEETON and GEORGE SWARZENBERGER on behalf of the Faculty of Laws, University College, London. Volume 7. London: Stevens & Sons Limited. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Limited. 1954. Pp. vii, 236. (\$5.75)
- The English Conflict of Laws.* By CLIVE M. SCHMITTHOFF, LL.D. Third edition. London: Stevens & Sons Limited. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Limited. 1954. Pp. xliii, 514. (\$8.50)
- Les juristes prennent position contre l' experimentation et l' utilisation des armes atomiques.* Bruxelles: Association Internationale des Juristes Democratres. 1954. Pp. 51. (No price given)
- Legal Medicine.* Edited by R. B. H. GRADWOHL, M.D., Sc.D., F.A.P.H.A. St. Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company. Toronto: McAinsh & Co., Limited. 1954. Pp. xvii, 1093. (\$20.00)
- New Zealand: The Development of its Laws and Constitution.* Under the general editorship of J. L. ROBSON, LL.M., Ph.D., with specialist contributors. The British Commonwealth: The Development of its Laws and Constitutions, Volume 4. General Editor: George W. Keeton. London: Stevens & Sons Limited. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Limited. 1954. Pp. xix, 384. (\$9.50)
- Personal Property.* By J. CROSSLEY VAINES, LL.M. London: Butterworth & Co. (Publishers) Ltd. Toronto: Butterworth & Co. (Canada) Ltd. 1954. Pp. xlv, 350, 30. (\$9.50)
- The Principles of Modern Company Law.* By L. C. B. GOWER, LL.M. (Lond). London: Stevens & Sons Limited. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Limited. 1954. Pp. xl, 599. (\$8.50)

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