

## CURRENT EVENTS

**MONTREAL BENCH AND BAR.**—The Honourable G. A. Fauteux, K.C., was elected *Batônier*, and Mr. J. A. Mann, K.C., Treasurer, of the Montreal Bar on the first of the present month. Members of the Council, all chosen by acclamation, are A. Prud'homme, K.C., B. Panet-Raymond, K.C., S. McDougall, K.C., L. L. Legault, K.C., and G. Lemire.

An announcement of interest to members of the Bar of Montreal was made on the 13th of April when news was received from Ottawa that Mr. A. Chase Casgrain, K.C., had been selected to fill the vacancy in the Superior Court caused by the recent death of Mr. Justice Desaulniers. Mr. Casgrain, a member of the Bar of the Province of Quebec since 1903 and a King's Counsel since 1914, has served as a member of the Council of the Bar of Montreal during various terms and was its Treasurer in 1930. For many years he was associated in practice with the Honourable Errol McDougall who was elevated to the Bench last year, and it is interesting to note that the new appointee is to replace the successor of the present Judge McDougall's father who was a Judge of the Superior Court for many years.

The Honourable Gonzalve Desaulniers of Montreal, a Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec since the 15th of January, 1923, died on the 5th of April, aged seventy years. A member of The Royal Society of Canada, and an ardent admirer of France and things French, his writings and activities caused him to be named an Officer of the Legion of Honour and of "L'Instruction Publique de France".

Mr. Justice Ethier, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court, and Mr. Justice Rivet also of the Circuit Court of Montreal have resigned their offices owing to ill-health. Judge Ethier has not yet been replaced but, on the 13th of April, Mr. John Bumbray, K.C., was named to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Rivet.

The Honourable Esioff Léon Patenaude, of Montreal, a member of the King's Privy Council for Canada and one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec.

**MANITOBA BAR.**—A special committee of the Law Society of Manitoba, under the chairmanship of R. B. Graham, K.C., has prepared a draft of rules for adoption by the Society in respect to the keeping of accounts by members of the legal profession practising in the province. They are said to be based on the English Solicitors' Act, and require that every barrister and/or solicitor shall keep such books and accounts as may be necessary to show (a) the receipts from or on account of and the payments to or on account of each of his clients; and (b) the receipts and payments on his own account in connection with his practice. Certain regulations are also proposed for the keeping of trust or client accounts in a chartered bank.

In responding to the toast of the Bench at the 14th annual meeting of the Blackstone Club, held at the Picardy Salon, Winnipeg, Mr. Justice Adamson urged the members to take a greater and more serious interest in the political and economic organization of the State with a view to guiding the people by sane, reasonable and constructive legislation.

**ONTARIO BENCH AND BAR.**—His Honour Judge Huycke of the County Court of Peterborough died suddenly on the 10th of the present month.

Colonel Thomas Herbert Lennox, K.C., Conservative member of the Parliament of Canada for North York and a Bencher of the Law Society

of Upper Canada, died suddenly at his home in Toronto on the 3rd instant in his 66th year. He was one of the best known figures in Canadian public life, enjoying a large professional practice in Toronto and having a parliamentary experience extending over many years. He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1905, and reelected in 1908, 1911, 1914 and 1919. In 1925 he was elected to the House of Commons and re-elected in 1926 and 1930. As a citizen-soldier he responded to the call of Empire in the Great War, going overseas in command of the 208th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

QUEBEC BAR ASSOCIATION—At the annual meeting of the Quebec Bar Association on the 1st instant, Mr. Charles Auguste Chauveau, K.C., was elected by acclamation Batônnier of the Quebec Bar Association, succeeding Mr. J. E. Chapleau, K.C. Other officers elected were J. P. A. Gravel, Trustee; Paul Lesage, Secretary, and Jacques Dumoulin, Treasurer.

---