

## CURRENT EVENTS

At the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association Isaac Pitblado, K.C., LL.D., of the Winnipeg Bar, was elected President of the Association in succession to the Honourable N. W. Rowell, K.C., who had held the office for two successive years. Mr. Pitblado's place is among the leaders of the Bar in Canada. He is a Nova Scotian by birth, having received his early education there culminating in his graduation in Arts at Dalhousie University. He was called to the Bar of Manitoba in 1890. The Association has profited largely from his enthusiastic and practical support. His election to the presidency is a popular one.

Mr. George H. Montgomery, K.C., D.C.L., one of the leaders of the Montreal Bar, was elected Dominion Vice-President of the Association at the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Association.

The Honourable Arthur W. Roebuck, Attorney-General of Ontario, was created a King's Counsel under an Order-in-Council passed on the 18th August last.

Mr. W. T. Henderson, K.C., of the Brantford Bar, has been appointed to the Bench of the High Court of Ontario in succession to the late Mr. Justice Garrow. Before his appointment the new Judge had held the office of Solicitor of the City of Brantford for many years.

The Honourable Edmund W. P. Guerin, a retired Judge of the Quebec Court of King's Bench, Appeal Side, died at Montreal on the 31st of July. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1907, and in 1920 became a member of the King's Bench. He had been in ill-health for a considerable period.

His Honour Judge Alexander D. Hardy of the County Court of Brantford, reached his retirement age on the 13th of July. In reference to the event *The Brantford Expositor* published a sketch of His Honour's noteworthy career both as a Judge and as a citizen of Brantford, and said many pleasant things about him in an editorial in the same number. We quote a passage from the latter:

"The retirement of Judge Hardy brings to a close a most efficient discharge of highly important duties. His Honour, for the long period of thirty-seven years has ably met all the requirements of his high office, not only from the judicial standpoint but also with regard to a fair and common sense interpretation of the statutes. He has been most painstaking in the hearing of cases and has always endeavored to hold the balance true in connection with what has often proved much conflicting court evidence. His findings have been sound and very rarely successfully appealed and his written judgments have ever manifested a sane and far reaching reading of the law and of the authorities."

During his tenure of office, Judge Hardy was President of Judicial District No. 1, comprising Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Wentworth, Norfolk and Brant. He is an enthusiastic member of the Canadian Bar Association, having acted in the capacity of member of the Ontario Council

of the Association in its formative stages. We learn that His Honour has been requested to continue in office until his successor is appointed.

The Right Honourable Lord Justice Scrutton died in England last month at the age of seventy-eight. His judicial career was one of great distinction. He was called to the Bar in 1882, and appointed to the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice in 1910. In 1916 he was created a Lord Justice of Appeal. His treatises on the law of Copyright and the law of Charter-parties, together with his judicial pronouncements, testify to the fineness of his mental gifts. In our number for March last we referred to one of his latest judgments (*Butcher-Wetherley & Co. v. Norman*, [1934] K.B. 475; 50 T. L. R. 185) in which he admitted with great candour that Judges should not regard themselves or be regarded as having made the whole province of learning their very own.

Mr. George Frederick Curtis of Regina, has received appointment as an Associate Professor of Law in the University of Dalhousie. Born in England, Mr. Curtis has spent most of his life in Western Canada and has had a distinguished scholastic career. Coming to the University of Saskatchewan from Moose Jaw he assumed a prominent place in student activities as well as in the class room. Secretary to the Student's Representative Council in his junior year he finally became President of that body, and much was accomplished under his leadership. Mr. Curtis graduated LL.B. with great distinction in 1927, was Wetmore Scholar and Governor-General's Gold Medalist. Nominated Rhodes Scholar he proceeded to Oxford in 1928 and there entered Lincoln College. He made a First in B. A. in Jurisprudence, and in the following year a First in B.C.L. Proxime accessit the Vinerian Prize in his final year. He rowed for Lincoln. Mr. Curtis returned to Saskatchewan in 1931, joined the Saskatchewan Bar and has since been associated, first, with the firm of Gordon & Gordon in Regina, and, later, with the Attorney-General's Department of the Provincial Government.

Professor James Alexander Corry, of the Law School of the University of Saskatchewan, has been granted a special Fellowship in Law at Columbia University. This fellowship is open to teachers of law, and continues for one year. Professor Corry while at Columbia will pursue research in the field of Administrative Law.

Professor Corry was graduated with distinction (LL.B.) at the University of Saskatchewan in 1923, receiving the Wetmore Scholarship. Selected as Rhodes Scholar from Saskatchewan in 1924, he attended Oxford University for three years and obtained the B.C.L. degree. In 1927 he was appointed Assistant Professor at the Law School of the University of Saskatchewan, and promoted to a full professorship there in 1929.

Dean Kronkite of the Law School of Saskatchewan University has been appointed one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law for the Province of Saskatchewan. Dean Kronkite will wear his silk with much distinction.

P. H. Gordon, K.C., of Regina, has accepted a directorship in the Toronto General Trusts Corporation and taken up his residence in Toronto. He will practice there as a member of the firm of Gordon, Mortimer, Kennedy and Doherty.

Mr. H. Aldous Aylen, of Ottawa, has become a member of the law firm of Powell, Hogg & Aylen. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1921, and was formerly a member of the firm of York & Aylen. Mr. Aylen is one of the Ontario members of the Council of the Canadian Bar Association.

**LAW SOCIETY OF MANITOBA.**—At a meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society of Manitoba, held on 31st May last, the following officers and committees were appointed.

President, Edwin Loftus, K.C.; Honorary Treasurer, Horace Ormond, K.C.; Honorary Secretary, R. B. Graham, K.C.

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Representatives on board of trustees of the Manitoba Law School: Edwin Loftus, K.C. and R. W. Craig, K.C.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Barristers Society held on the 16th June last the following officers were elected:—Ivan C. Rand, K.C., Moncton, president; C. F. Inches, K.C., Saint John, vice-president, and Ernest A. MacKay, K.C., Fredericton, secretary-treasurer. The following were elected to the council in addition to the officers: The Attorney-General of the province and the past presidents of the society: J.H.A.L. Fairweather, K.C., M.L.A.; J.R.H. Teed, K.C.; H. O. McInerney, K.C., Saint John; C. R. Hawkins, J. B. McNair, R. P. Hartley, K.C., Deputy Attorney-General, Fredericton, and C. J. Jones, Woodstock.

Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., Recorder of London, died at his home at Kensington on the 13th of September, at the age of sixty-five years. After graduating at Cambridge he read law and was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in the year 1893. In 1907 he was appointed Judge of the Norwich Court of Record. He took silk in 1912, and was knighted in 1918. He was elected to Parliament for the Upton Division of West Ham in 1918, but resigned his seat after his appointment as Recorder of London. Both at the Bar and in the Judicial office Sir Ernest was distinguished for his ability and high character.

The present year marks the centenary of the Tolpuddle case wherein George Loveless and five others were punished by transportation for a technical breach of the criminal law which they had committed in endeavoring to establish a trade union. Their case was championed in the House of Commons and in the press, but Lord Melbourne refused to take any steps to mitigate their punishment. In 1836, however, Lord John Russell, who meanwhile had succeeded Melbourne, obtained a pardon for them and they returned home.

Russia it seems is to be admitted to the League of Nations on the request of thirty members of the League including Great Britain, France, and Italy of the great powers. Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa also supported the invitation to Russia. The invitation was accepted by M. Litvinoff on behalf of the Soviet Government, and he gave the necessary undertaking under Article 1 of the Covenant to observe all the international obligations and decisions binding on members of the League. After a very full discussion the Sixth (Political) Committee of the Assembly decided by thirty eight votes to three, with seven abstentions, to recommend to the Assembly that Russia be admitted to membership in the League.

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