

existed and it is a relief to find that the desiderated work is now in course of preparation. It is claimed by the publishers that every Australian case decided and reported up to the 31st December, 1933, has been considered by the editors and included in the Digest, with the exception of such as are obsolete or valueless. We are further informed that:

"As a result of exhaustive searches in English reports, many Privy Council decisions on appeal from Australian Courts not previously appearing in Australian digests have been found and included. From reports, dealing with specialized jurisdictions such as Industrial Arbitration, those cases which may be of use as precedents have been retained. A selection of useful decisions published only in newspapers has also been added. These cases in many instances are the only available cases for periods not covered by reports, and in some States have acquired particular authority through inclusion in local digests.

A large number of cases have been digested on points decided therein which are not mentioned in the headnotes or in previous digests, and many valuable dicta and observations as to general principles have also been digested.'

The work should have a ready sale.

CURRENT EVENTS

The hundredth anniversary of the famous trial for libel of the Honourable Joseph Howe was celebrated at Halifax on the 4th of the present month by a large gathering of citizens in the Nova Scotian Hotel. The meeting was addressed by the Honourable Sir Joseph Chisholm, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. In the opinion of the speaker there were four distinct results of the trial. First, it did not in any reasonable view of it add anything whatever to the law as it pertains to libel; secondly, it created such an impression that the reform party insisted upon Howe's candidature and secured his election in 1836; thirdly, the trial gave an impetus to reform; and fourthly, it brought to light for the first time the great oratorical ability of Howe.

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the Edmonton Bar Association on February 22nd at the Macdonald Hotel, Mr. W. E. Payne, K.C., M.L.A. of Red Deer, dealt with the new rules respecting solicitors' accounts which have been drafted by the special committee of the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta of which Mr. Payne was Chairman. These had been recently promulgated by the Benchers to come into force on July 1st, 1935. The speaker referred to the situation in England, other Canadian provinces and various Dominions where rules compelling solicitors to keep separate accounts for their own clients' funds are under consideration or in force. Mr. Payne introduced his topic by reference to the subject of bonding lawyers or other persons holding trust funds, a matter which had been before the Provincial Legislature in 1934, and he emphasized the desire on the part of the Benchers and the profession generally to meet the demands of the Legislature and the public. He pointed out that the question of bonding has been carefully considered and investigated but found impracticable.

The assurance fund scheme was also under consideration by the Benchers but due to a number of difficulties could not be introduced as a satisfactory measure, at least at the present time. He observed that the rules as in force in Ontario and Manitoba were substantially the precedents followed.

The Attorney General of the Province, Mr. J. F. Lymburn, K.C., Mr. S. B. Woods, K.C., and Mr. H. H. Parlee, K.C., also led the discussion on suggested simplification of practice and various proposals for amending the rules to attain this end. The President, Mr. J. Boyd McBride, K.C., was in the chair.

The Executive of the Edmonton Bar Association for the current year consists of Mr. J. Boyd McBride, K.C., President, Mr. E. W. S. Kane, Vice-President, Mr. Paul Poirier, Secretary, and executive members Ronald Martland and Harold Hawe.

His Honour Judge E. A. C. McLorg, Judge of the District Court of Saskatoon, died at Los Angeles, California, on the 15th January last. Judge McLorg was born on 31st May, 1864, the son of a Church of England clergyman, in Gloucestershire, England. He was educated at Clifton College and articled as a solicitor in the town of Bath. In 1883 with a view to farming, he came to Western Canada, homesteaded near Whitewood and carried on a ranch and sheep-farm until 1892. He then articled to Mr. William White, Q.C. at Moosomin and was called to the Bar of the North West Territories in 1893. He practised at Moosomin from 1893 to 1907, at first alone, and later with Mr. H. Y. (now Mr. Justice) MacDonald. His Honour was appointed to be District Court Judge at Saskatoon in December 1907, the first District Court Judge in Saskatoon and one of the first District Court Judges in the Province of Saskatchewan, and was the incumbent of that Bench until just before his death. His Honour took an active part in the suppression of the Riel Rebellion of 1885. As a Judge he was liked and respected by all members of the profession who practised before him.

Mr. H. P. Hill, K.C., of the Ottawa Bar, has been appointed a member of the Ottawa Hydro-Electric Commission.

After an illness of six months, the Honourable Mr. Justice Fisher of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, has resumed his official duties in the Court.

The County Court Judges of the Province of Nova Scotia have formed an association having for its object the attainment of uniformity of practice and decisions in the Courts.

The County of Carleton Law Association has elected the following officers for the current year:

President—F. H. Honeywell.

Vice-President—H. Aldous Aylen.

Secretary—J. T. Wilson.

Treasurer—D. K. MacTavish.

Trustees—H. J. Burns, James R. Robertson, Lorenzo Lafleur, V. S. C. McClenaghan, K.C., and A. W. Beament, K.C.

Auditors—Lester H. Clayton and Cuthbert Scott.

The members of the Welland Law Library Association foregathered at a banquet in the Hotel Brock, on January 6th, with Mr. W. S. Martin in the chair. After the toast to His Majesty the King was proposed by the Chairman and duly honoured, the programme of toasts proceeded as follows: His Honour the Judge of the County Court of the County of Welland: proposed by Mr. H. F. Upper, K.C., and responded to by His Honour Judge L. B. C. Livingstone. The Benchers: proposed by Mr. T. F. Forestell and responded to by Mr. T. D. Cowper, K.C. The Bar: proposed by A. L. Brooks, K.C., and responded to by Wilfrid Heighington, K.C., M.P.P. The Honourable the Justices of the Supreme Court of Ontario: proposed by R. S. W. Fordham, K.C., and responded to by the Honourable Mr. Justice N. S. Macdonnell.

On the 11th January the following officers of the Welland Law Library Association were elected:—Honorary President, His Honour Judge L. B. C. Livingstone; President, H. W. Maccomb; First Vice-President, Gordon A. Fraser; Second Vice-President, A. L. Brooks, K.C.; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles W. Sim.

The Manitoba Bar Association has elected the following officers and committees for the year 1935: President, R. B. MacInnes, K.C.; 1st Vice-President, W. P. Fillmore, K.C.; 2nd Vice-President, J. N. McFadden; Secretary, F. J. Turner; Treasurer, C. V. McArthur, K.C. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL—*Eastern Judicial District*: B. C. Parker, K.C., C. K. Guild, K.C., F. M. Burbidge, K.C., W. P. Fillmore, K.C., R. M. Fisher, K.C., Jules Preudhomme, K.C., J. T. Thomson, K.C., P. G. DuVal, H. A. Bergman, K.C., W. R. Cottingham, K.C., A. L. Dysart, A. E. Johnston, K.C., C. V. McArthur, K.C., James McLenaghan, B. V. Richardson, F. J. Turner. *Ex Officio Members*: H. J. Riley, K.C., past President; J. Ragnar Johnson, Editor Bar News; W. E. McLean, Legislative Counsel; G. A. Eakins, K.C., President N.J.D.; A. G. Buckingham, K.C., President W.J.D.; W. D. Card, K.C., President C.J.D. *Western Judicial District*: N. W. Kerr, K.C., S. H. Forrest, K.C. *Southern Judicial District*: W. J. Rowe, A. MacAulay, K.C. *Northern Judicial District*: R. Harrison, C. L. St. John, K.C. *Dauphin Judicial District*: E. N. McGirr, K.C., J. N. McFadden. *Central Judicial District*: E. G. Porter, K.C., J. C. Miller, K.C.

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