

path of study should be made reasonably free of curves. On the other hand the work presents a collection of material of the highest value and service to the practising lawyer who does not shy at the quest for knowledge *inter silvas Academi*.

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CURRENT EVENTS

The Honourable Mr. Justice John M. McEvoy of the Supreme Court of Ontario died at his home in Toronto on the 13th instant. He had been in ill health for some time. He was born in Middlesex County, Ontario, in 1864. During his practice at the Bar, Mr. Justice McEvoy had a distinguished reputation as counsel in criminal cases.

A Government Bill has been introduced in the Ontario Legislature which aims at discouraging the practice that has prevailed to an alarming extent in recent years of piling up municipal debt. The Bill makes it obligatory that permission of the Ontario Municipal Board should be secured before a municipality is justified in entering upon any scheme or undertaking to be paid for by the issuance of debentures—except in the case of such matters being approved by a vote of the taxpayers.

An illustration of the existence of a finer humanitarianism in this age over that prevailing fifty years ago is afforded by the proposal of the Ontario Minister of Health that the word "insane" should be deleted from the Ontario Statutes wherever it may occur, and be replaced by the phrase "mentally ill and defective". People suffering from mental trouble in the past were treated very much as social outcasts, and little interest was manifested in aids to recovery from their affliction.

The members of the North Carolina Bar Association have accepted the invitation of the Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society to visit Nova Scotia during the coming summer. It is expected that some 400 members of the Association will avail themselves of the invitation, arriving at Halifax on the 19th of August.

The following alteration in the dates of holding of sittings of the Supreme Court has been made by the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to be effective from the 24th day of November, A.D. 1934. MIDLAND CIRCUIT (Cumberland) On the 3rd Tuesday of May instead of the 3rd Tuesday of June. WESTERN CIRCUIT (Digby) At Digby on the last Tuesday of May instead of the 2nd Tuesday of May. (Annapolis) At Annapolis on the 1st Tuesday of October instead of the 1st Tuesday of November. (Kings) At Kentville on the 2nd Tuesday of May and the 3rd Tuesday of October instead of the last Tuesday of April and the 2nd Tuesday of November.

The Honourable Walter G. Mitchell, K.C., of the Montreal Bar, died on the 3rd instant at the age of fifty-eight. At the time of his death Mr. Mitchell was associated with the Honourable J. L. Ralston, K.C. in the

firm of Mitchell, Ralston, Kearney and Duguet. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1921 to 1924. Prior to that he sat in the Quebec Legislature, holding for several years the portfolio of Provincial Treasurer and, later, becoming Minister of Municipal Affairs.

W. P. J. O'Meara has been appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Canada. Mr. O'Meara was first appointed to the Department of State in 1919 as Junior Departmental Solicitor, and promoted to the post of Departmental Solicitor in 1929.

Colonel John Bruce, Local Registrar of the Exchequer Court of Canada for the Toronto Admiralty District, died on March 19th, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. Colonel Bruce also held the office of Special Examiner to the High Court of Ontario.

At the annual meeting of the Calgary Bar Association held last month, James Short, K.C., was elected Honorary President; D. G. Mackenzie, K.C., President; and L. F. Fenerty, K.C., Vice-President. A. W. Hobbs was elected Secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of the following: Alexander Hannah, K.C.; C. J. Ford, K.C.; George Ross, K.C.; B. J. Broomfield; Frank L. Burnet, and G. D. C. McEwen.

Robert J. Bradley died at his home in Quebec on the 21st of last month at the age of eighty-eight. Mr. Bradley was for some years Local Registrar of the Exchequer Court of Canada for the Quebec Admiralty District.

George MacPhail Clark, K.C., died at his home in Toronto on the 24th of February last. For some years Mr. Clark was a member of the law firm of Parker, Clark and MacEvoy. As a practitioner he specialized in mining and company law. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1904 and was created a K.C. in 1928.

George C. M. Boothe, senior member of the firm of Boothe, Morrow and Parney, Edmonton, Alberta, died on March 21st, in his forty-fifth year.
