

authority, interprets this sentence to mean that the plaintiff's interrogatories must relate to the *support* of the cause and the defendant's to its *defense*; and that the plaintiff may not inquire as to the defense, nor the defendant, as to the support of the cause".

That view would seem to be in harmony with the observation of Buckley L. J., in *Brown's Patent* (24 R.P.C. 61) that, "The broad statement is still true that a party can only interrogate to support his own case and not to ascertain the evidence of his opponent in order to destroy his opponent's case".

In the appendix to his book Mr. Amdur furnishes a very useful excursus on the preparation and prosecution of a patent application in the United States Patent Office. The Table of Cases as well as the Index to Forms and General Index are in all respects satisfactory.

The author is to be congratulated on the excellence of his work throughout.

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The Rotarian (May, 1935), Published by Rotary International, Chicago, U.S.A.

This is an unusually interesting number. Mark Graves in an article entitled: "Taxes: Now we pay the Fiddler" outlines what is ahead for the man who must contribute to the cost of costly government. But he thinks the United States is now on the way to recovery of its economic health. Sir Herbert Samuel contributes to this number a very readable article on "The Pageantry of Parliament."

CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. J. Ragnar Johnson, of the Manitoba Bar, has accepted the position of Executive Editor of *Bench and Bar*, and will take up his residence in Toronto in August next. He has held the editorship of the *Manitoba Bar News* since its foundation seven years ago.

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Leonard W. Brockington, K.C., former City Solicitor of Calgary, has accepted the position of general counsel for the North West Grain Dealers Association, with head-quarters in Winnipeg. Mr. Brockington was called to the Bar of Manitoba recently. Members attending the meeting of the Canadian Bar Association for the present year in Winnipeg will be glad to greet Mr. Brockington in his new home.

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The Barristers' Society of New Brunswick has presented to the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court of that Province a tablet testifying to the esteem of the Bar for the late T. Carleton Allen, K.C., D.C.L., who held the position of Registrar of the Supreme Court for many years.

Frank L. Bastedo, K.C., of Regina, has been elected President of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Saskatchewan.

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The Honourable Eugene Lafontaine, a former Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of the Province of Quebec (Appeal Side) died on the 21st of last month. Called to the Bar in 1879, he was created a King's Counsel in 1893. In 1906 he was appointed to the Bench of the Superior Court, and in 1923 elevated to the Court of King's Bench. He was Dean of the Faculty of Law in the University of Montreal for some years.

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At a recent meeting of the Montreal Bar Association the following officers were elected:

Bâtonnier: Arthur Vallee, K.C.

Syndic: Bernard Bourdon, K.C.

Treasurer: J. A. Mann, K.C.

Secretary: Hugh O'Donnell.

Councillors: Gustave Adam, K.C.; Emile Cadotte, K.C.; Maurice Dugas, K.C.; Jean Fauteaux; F. R. Hannen, representative of the Junior Bar.

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At the fifteenth annual meeting of the Blackstone Club of Winnipeg, the principal speakers were the Honourable W. J. Tupper, K.C., Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, and the Honourable Mr. Justice Dennistoun. The Lieutenant-Governor delighted his audience with reminiscences of professional life on its humorous side. Mr. Justice Dennistoun during the course of his remarks paid high tribute to the character of Chief Justice Prendergast. Proceeding to speak of the profession in a general way, the learned Judge contrasted life on the Bench with that at the Bar, stating his conviction that the Bench with its greater freedom from worry was more conducive to longevity. Before the close of the meeting, Mr. G. H. Aikins, K.C. asked the co-operation of the profession in making the forthcoming annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association a success.

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The first Canadian Penal Congress is to be held in Montreal on the 13th and 14th of June, and will sit in conjunction with the National Conference on Social Work. There is a great deal of ferment over capital punishment in the minds of people throughout the British world today and it is well that public opinion should be wisely guided on the question.
