

THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW

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The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association will be held in the City of Toronto, on the 18th, 19th and 20th days of August, 1937.

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NORMAN BIRKETT, K.C., TO REPRESENT THE ENGLISH BAR.—The Canadian Bar Association is happy to announce that Mr Norman Birkett, K.C., of the English Bar, has accepted the invitation of the Association to be their guest at the Annual Meeting in Toronto next August. Mr Birkett's name has long been familiar to the profession in Canada as one of the leaders of the English Bar. The Association is to be congratulated on its choice of English representative and it is an additional pleasure to note that Mrs Birkett will accompany her husband on the trip.

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INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF THE PARIS BAR'S JUDICIAL YEAR.—In December last the Association was invited to send a representative to attend the Inaugural Ceremonies of the Paris Bar's Judicial Year on the 5th of December. The President, Mr Justice Davis, requested Mr St. Laurent, who was then in London, to attend. The following letter from Mr St. Laurent to the President of the Association bears witness once more to the cordial relations existing between the profession in France and in this country.

Dear Mr. President :

I have just returned from London and I feel that one of my first duties is to thank you again for having afforded me the privilege of attending as your representative, the inaugural ceremonies of the Paris Bar's Judicial Year on the 5th December last.

This, as you know, takes the form of a solemn opening of the Conference of the Probationer Lawyers and is presided over by the Batonnier in office surrounded by the former Battonniers and the members of the Council, and is attended by the Keeper of the Seals, the President of La Cour de Cassation, the President of the Court of Appeals, and all the other incumbents of high Judicial office. There are also guests from the various Provincial Bars as well as from several foreign Bars.

It is followed in the evening by a gala dinner given by the Batonnier in office.

My attendance enabled me to meet again several of those French Lawyers who have been at meetings of our Association and I was charged by the present Batonnier, M. Etienne Carpentier, and also by our former guests: M. le Batonnier Fourcade, M. le Batonnier Payen, Mtre DeCugis, Mtre Olivier Jallu, and Mtre Andre Viénot to convey to you and through you to all our members, the expression of their most cordial greetings.

Mr. Carpentier has since sent me a print of his address on that occasion inscribed as follows:—

“A monsieur le bâtonnier Louis Saint Laurent en souvenir d’une réunion qu’il a bien voulu honorer de sa présence—hommage d’un bâtonnier qui partage les sentiments de profond attachement de son barreau pour le grand barreau Canadien.

CARPENTIER ETIENNE.”

Please allow me, Sir, to pass on to you this further assurance of the Paris Bar’s consideration for our Association and its members, and to say how much I appreciate the honour of having represented the Association on this occasion.

Yours very sincerely,

LOUIS ST. LAURENT.

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