

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

While the details of the Programme for the Eighth Annual Meeting have not yet been settled, the plans of the Committee on Arrangements have so far advanced as to give assurance that the Meeting will be a memorable one in the history of the Association.

For the third time the Association will hold its general meeting in Montreal, a fitting recognition of the great part which has been taken by the leaders of the Bench and Bar of the Province of Quebec in the formation of the Association and in supporting it during the early and testing years of its existence.

The Committee have great pleasure in announcing that the Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States, has consented to attend the Meeting and make the Annual Address. The high position occupied by Mr. Hughes as the leading member of the United States Administration would alone ensure him of a cordial welcome from Canadian lawyers, but, aside from that, his distinguished career at the Bar and as a member of the Supreme Court of the United States marks him as one of the foremost figures in the profession. So far as can be ascertained, this is the first time that an American Secretary of State has visited Canada during his term of office, except on official business. The presence of Mr. Hughes, therefore, is significant of the *prestige* of our Association, and the opportunity which its meetings afford for the cultivation of friendship and goodwill between the United States and Canada.

The Right Honourable the Earl Birkenhead, who has accepted the invitation of the American Bar Association to address its Annual Meeting, is also to attend the Montreal Meeting and speak to the members of the Canadian Bar. The part which has been taken by Lord Birkenhead in the public life of Great Britain during the past fifteen years, and especially his work as Lord

Chancellor from 1918 to 1922, have brought him so prominently before the Bar of Canada that he requires no introduction. The great measure associated with his name consolidating and revising the law relating to Real Property assures us that his political activities have not overshadowed his interest in the law. Lord Birkenhead is the third of the line of those who have filled the great office of Lord Chancellor who have addressed the Canadian Bar Association, and it is certain that his visit and his addresses will arouse lively interest in the profession and the public generally.

The governing bodies of the Bar in both France and Belgium have been invited to send delegates to the Meeting, and, while the names of their representatives have not yet been received, we hope to welcome distinguished members of the Bar from these sister nations.

Leading members of the Bench and Bar of Canada will make addresses and take part in the discussions.

There will be presented for consideration reports on such subjects as the Administration of Justice, Legal Education, Uniform Legislation and other questions of moment to the Bar. A very important report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in which important amendments to the "Criminal Code" are suggested will be one of the leading matters for consideration. Further details in respect of this feature of the Programme will be announced later.

The headquarters for the Meeting will be at the Mount Royal Hotel, and every effort will be made to provide for the comfort and convenience of those attending.
