

## MANITOBA BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Bar Association was held at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, on February 6th, 1923. There was a large attendance at all sessions and a great degree of interest was manifested in all branches of the Association's work.

Many of the items of business dealt with, while purely of a provincial or local interest, indicated that the Association is keenly alive to its responsibilities both to the profession and to the public. Special prominence was given to the report of the Rules and Statutes Committee and to the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider suggestions for Reforms in Procedure. Both of these Committees have been actively working throughout the year and their reports were received with keen interest and appreciation. The latter Committee reported as to the steps that have been taken with respect to the expediting of trials of actions; and made important recommendations in regard to shortening times for pleadings. The Committee had considered the suggestion of the establishment of a Commercial Court, but were not prepared to recommend this at the present time. Arising out of the report of the Committee, a lengthy discussion took place concerning the proposal now before the Provincial Legislature for the abolition of the Grand Jury, and the Association adopted a resolution concurring in the recommendation that the necessity of summoning a Grand Jury at the Criminal Assizes and of presenting bills of indictment before a Grand Jury should be dispensed with, but expressing the view that the Attorney-General or a Judge of the Court of King's Bench should be authorized to summon a Grand Jury at any time he sees fit, and that the inspection of Public Institutions should be delegated to some Committee or body appointed by the Legislature.

A resolution was passed unanimously expressing appreciation of the establishment of *THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW*.

At luncheon, a very eloquent address was made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Curran, of the Court of King's Bench, on the subject of "Ethics."

The chief speaker at the Annual Dinner of the Association was the Hon. Mr. Justice Mackenzie, of the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan, who gave a masterly address on "Cross

Examination." Other speakers included His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Aikins, K.C., who was the first President of the Manitoba Bar Association; the Hon. W. E. Perdue, Chief Justice of Manitoba; Mr. J. P. Foley, K.C., representing the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, and Mr. Isaac Campbell, K.C., a former President of the Association.

The President, Mr. T. A. Hunt, K.C., presided at all sessions, and was re-elected unanimously. The Council consists of representatives elected from the various Judicial Districts. For some of the vacancies, a mail ballot was taken, subsequent to the meeting. The following constitute the Council for the ensuing year: Honorary President—Hon. Chief Justice Perdue; Past Presidents—His Honour Sir James Aikins, K.C., Isaac Campbell, K.C., and E. Anderson, K.C., Winnipeg; President—T. A. Hunt, K.C., Winnipeg, and the following members: H. A. Robson, K.C., Edwin Loftus, K.C., R. F. McWilliams, K.C., H. P. Grundy, J. K. Sparling, S. J. Rothwell, K.C., H. J. Riley, E. T. Leech, C. H. Locke, R. D. Guy, P. J. Montague, Travers Sweatman, K.C., J. T. Thorson, R. B. Graham, K.C., A. C. Ferguson, H. A. Bergman, K.C., of Winnipeg; H. E. Robinson, Carman; H. E. Henderson, K.C., A. G. Buckingham, Brandon; George T. Armstrong, K.C., Manitou; J. H. Black, Morden; F. G. Taylor, K.C., E. G. Porter, Portage la Prairie; C. L. St. John, R. Harrison, Minnedosa; J. L. Bowman, E. N. McGirr, Dauphin.

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