

JOINT MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC SECTIONS OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

This year's mid-winter meeting of the New Brunswick members of the Canadian Bar Association took place at the Brunswick Hotel in Moncton on March 21st and 22nd, 1958. Members of the Association from the other Atlantic Provinces were again invited. There was a large representation from the New Brunswick Bar, and a few members of the Bars of the other Atlantic Provinces also attended. The organizing committee consisted of George T. Mitton, Q.C.; J. Edward Murphy, Q.C.; Mark Yeoman; Clarence Roy; Stuart Stratton; Donald Friel; George J. Bingham; R. L. Miller; Reuben Cohen; Claudius Leger and W. L. M. Creaghan. An enjoyable ladies' programme was organized by Mrs. R. M. Palmer, Mrs. G. T. Mitton, Mrs. J. E. Murphy, Mrs. R. L. Mitton and Mrs. R. L. Miller.

The meeting began with the reading of a paper entitled "Possessory Title to Wilderness Land" by David Harley, the first of a series of papers conducted by the Legal Education and Training Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association under the chairmanship of Dean William F. Ryan of the University of New Brunswick Law School. The paper is reproduced elsewhere in this journal.

Following Mr. Harley's paper, subsection meetings on Air Law and Mines and Minerals were held. At the Air Law meeting a discussion of the Warsaw Convention took place under the chairmanship of W. H. Hewson, Regional Counsel of the Canadian National Railways. The Mines and Minerals subsection meeting was chaired by John P. Palmer. At this meeting problems arising under the New Brunswick Mining Act and problems relating to off-shore oil in Canada were discussed. Following these meetings members of the Junior Bar met under the chairmanship of Roy Mollins.

The meeting resumed that evening with Professor A. J. Meagher, Q.C., of the Faculty of Law of Dalhousie University giving an informal talk on the proposed new Admiralty Act. The conference then continued with meetings of the Insurance Law and Criminal Law subsections. Donald M. Gillis presided over the insurance meeting where the meaning of various statutory provisions relating to automobile insurance was discussed. This was followed by an examination of recent changes respecting the insurance and statutory conditions pertaining to fire insurance policies. The subsection meeting on the administration of criminal justice, chaired by Henry E. Ryan, discussed the effect of section 451(c) of the Criminal Code empowering a justice to remand an accused into custody to be examined by a medical practitioner to determine whether he is mentally competent.

The evening concluded with a reception sponsored by the Saint John and Fredericton barristers.

On Saturday morning subsection meetings on Commercial Law and Labour Relations took place. At the commercial law meeting, the Mechanics' Lien Act, the 1956 amendments to the Town Planning Act, the new provincial Companies Act and the Conditional Sales Act were discussed. The labour relations meeting featured a panel discussion on relationships between union and management. The panel consisted of J. D. Harper, E. Neil McKelvey and Lester G. Hoar.

The morning's business concluded with the reading of a paper, "Filing under the Conditional Sales Act — Is it Notice to Subsequent Buyers?" by G. V. La Forest of the Faculty of Law of the University of New Brunswick.

On Saturday afternoon Dean William F. Ryan of the Faculty of Law of the University of New Brunswick gave the final paper of the conference on public international law problems of particular interest to New Brunswick. A portion of this talk relating to power development on the Saint John River may be found elsewhere in this journal.

The subsection meeting on taxation then took place. Participating at this meeting were Frederick H. Forbes, Frank P. Blackmore, C.A., Mark Yeoman and Fernand Gibbs.

Following this a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of D. Gordon Willet, Q.C., vice-president of the Canadian Bar Association for New Brunswick.

A reception sponsored by the Moncton Barristers Society was then held, and immediately following the conference concluded with a dinner at the Brunswick Hotel presided over by Mr. Willet. The guest speaker, the Hon. G. F. G. Bridges, Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, Appeal Division, spoke on "Some Aspects of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick". He was introduced by Mr. Willet and thanked by W. L. M. Creaghan.