

THE ST. ANDREWS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Barrister's Society of New Brunswick held at the Algonquin Hotel last June amply justifies the decision by the Council a few years ago to hold annual meetings at St. Andrews and couple them with a programme of entertainment for barristers and their wives.

The meeting opened on Sunday, June 18, with the Society's annual golf match on the hotel's links. To round out a full day of entertainment, the Moncton Barristers' Society entertained at an evening cocktail party. As is usual with cocktail parties, this enabled the members present to become better acquainted with their brother barristers, and to realize that the man on the other end of the telephone or one on the other side of the Court room is not such a bad fellow after all.

The business sessions held during the next two days were interesting and lively and a large volume of rather important business was transacted.

An important decision made was to increase the requirements for admission as students-at-law. The proposal to require a student-at-law to have completed a B.A. or B.Sc. course was hotly debated at the previous year's meeting and referred to a committee for the drafting of specific amendments to the regulations of the Society. Much constructive discussion followed upon the presentation of the report. A number of material alterations were made to the proposed amendments before they were approved in final form. The effect of the amendments is that students-at-law being admitted subsequent to September, 1951 are required to have a B.A., a B.Sc. or other approved degree. The regulation under which a person may be admitted as a student-at-law without attending Law School was repealed. It was also decided that a student must put in at least six months actual service in an office before admission as a barrister.

A highlight of the business session was an interesting and informative discussion led by Hon. Charles P. McTague, K.C. on the Survey of the Legal Profession now being conducted by the Canadian Bar Association. Mr. McTague explained, and enlivened the members' interest in a subject with which comparatively few were acquainted.

The principal guest speaker at the dinner on Monday evening was Mr. Justice Vincent McDonald of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia who delivered a brilliant, learned and humorous address. A. N. Carter, K.C., the then President of the Canadian Bar Association spoke briefly at a luncheon held on Monday and brought home to the members the widespread ill-feeling among the public against members of the legal profession. It was largely due to Mr. Carter's address that a committee was set up to investigate ways and means of professional advertising on behalf of the Society.

It is the unanimous feeling of those who have attended these annual meetings at St. Andrews that they are among the most enjoyable events of the year. Apart from the many friends made, such a meeting is of the utmost value in welding together the legal profession by ties of friendship and by open discussion of the Society's business affairs. It is of primary importance for efficient administration of justice that the province have an integrated and well organized bar. The role of the annual meeting at St. Andrews ranks high in establishing and maintaining a high standard of professional efficiency. It is to be regretted that a comparatively small number of the members of the Society take advantage of the opportunity to attend this meeting, but it is hoped that future years will see an increasingly large enrolment.

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