ROYAL COMMISSION ON DOMINION-
PROVINCIAL FINANCES
The Report of Executive on Student Affairs
A discussion of school policies, at an early date, rather seems to be in the nature of elementary processes...
OBITER DICTA

Published at Osgoode Hall Law School.

EDITORIAL BOARD

MALCOLM S. SMITH, M.A.
Book Review Manager.

WILLIAM S. BUTTON, B.A.
Editorial Staff.

TERENCE P. FLAHIFF,
DAVID C. VANEK, B.A.
WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, B.A.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1937

ON LEGAL EDUCATION.

The editors of Obiter Dicta originally had hoped to reprint in this issue an article on Legal Education, which appeared in the April number of the paper in order that the students of first year might have an opportunity to read about the problems involved with the issues upon which the students and the Benchers of the Law Society so far have found themselves at variance. These issues were elaborately delineated in the article and accompanying document prepared by the student committee appointed last autumn, of which the members, ever L. Barnett, J. C., F. G. Macdonald, and W. D. Macdonald. The limited amount of space at our disposal has rendered it impossible for us to reproduce the Report in full, and we feel that any attempt to compress the words must inevitably detract from its force and so work an injustice upon its presentation, for we have deemed it advisable to publish a condensed version.

Nevertheless, we feel that further discussion of this vital subject is both inevitable and desirable, and we cannot abstain from commenting briefly upon it. On the basis of the broad outline presented by the whole student body of Osgoode Hall, committees in successive years have unhesitatingly recommended the abandonment of the principal fee payment system. They have found that too little emphasis has been placed upon the study of legal principles, which is the essence of legal education. It is suggested that the system of office training—many features of which have proven wholly unsatisfactory—be abolished. It was found that some students failed to obtain adequate training—both practical and academic—to fit them for the duties and responsibilities which the practice of law entails.

Each of these committees recommended the substitution of a full-time law school, administered and supported by graduates of recognized Universities and Colleges. Such a system, the committees felt, would permit an enlargement of the scope of instruction and training in law as well as an expansion to include other subjects such as jurisprudence, legal ethics, industrial relations. It is of course impossible to become acquainted in drafting legal documents, a system conducive at once to a more solid groundwork and a higher degree of specialization than has hitherto been possible.

The present editors of Obiter Dicta, like our predecessors, have noted the growing profit of discussion of these matters. We believe that the students, if we understand them to be the case, is still receiving their consideration, may be permitted to express the hope that they will institute some, at least, of the recommended changes as a part of their annual plan of creating a finer law school. Our future policy will be to tender our whole-hearted support to any proposals in this direction whether they be the work of the students, the older men or the green body of lawyers practising in the province—whose comments we should like to hear in the years working toward this end cannot be stressed too frequently.

NEW LECTURERS AT THE LAW SCHOOL.

The regrettable decision of Mr. John Robbiett and Mr. Henry Forresters to forego the position of lecturer so solely to private practice has resulted in the creation of two new chairs, both in the personnel of the teaching staff, and in the realisation of courses in the curriculum formerly given by these two gentlemen.

Professor Flahiff, who two years ago took over Dr. Wright's course in Agency, now proceeds to another course long associated with Dr. Wright, namely, Contract Law. Mr. Wright replaces Mr. Robbiett as lecturer in the course on Labour Law. Mr. Wright has explicitly new a new approach to the subject, and the students can expect that of these courses as a result of the change that does not apply that the new treatment will be less expository and entertaining than the old, for fortunately both Contract and Labour Law are among the subjects which stand to benefit by a reduction of the number of hours permitted, it is highly probable that the old course would have been extended beyond the new course. Mr. Wright is interested in seeing how the Dean wishes to set the labour at a relic, or how disagreeable Mr. Wright would find it if the new course is too scholarly or entertaining than the old. For fortunately both Contract and Labour Law are among the subjects which stand to benefit by a reduction of the number of hours permitted, it is highly probable that the old course would have been extended beyond the new course. Mr. Wright is interested in seeing how the Dean wishes to set the labour at a relic, or how disagreeable Mr. Wright would find it if the new course is too scholarly or entertaining than the old.
UNDISCLOSED PRINCIPAL

(Continued from Page 1)
While its modern system of ventilation will be a welcome feature. Indeed, Proctor, too, is made for study rooms on the second and third floors, having easy access to the library.

A large part of the present Law School building must of necessity be completely renovated. The Philip Drew Library is to be converted into a single room which is intended to be used as an examination hall. At present, papers may be utilized for social functions, though it is the rule in floor levels, which cannot be overthrown, renders it unavailable for this purpose. The existing classroom will be retained, but it is planned to call for the reorganization, new doorways, and the installation of an improved ventilation system involving a certain amount of expense. Obviously extensive alterations in the railways throughout the building will be required, and it is to be hoped that the opportunity of providing more direct means of communication between the various units of the building will not be lost.

The benefits conferred upon the members of the profession by the creation of the new building are at least as great as those which the students will reap. Along the entire length of the third floor, and on the second and third floors will be ranges of examination rooms in which lawyers will be able to travel alone. Some thirty-three basement offices will be provided for their use on the main floor, together with the wash rooms and lavatories. The reorganization of the old building in the neighborhood of the Convocation Hall involves the creation of a large room, the exact nature of which escapes definition. The walls are to be lined with bookcases, the furnishings are to include writing desks, chairs, tables, and chairs. Here members in judgment will be able to read, converse with one another, L Sapphire Lunches will be served in an adjacent kitchen to which the service from the kitchen now used by the students is to be transferred. The Beengers are to have their little piquery.

The present Secretary's office and other space made available by the reconstructions of the premises, is to be converted into a reception room, seating thirty-five people, and will be in a position to be used by many invaders in our midst. These members of the student body will be able, in forming future plans, to visualize the scheme as it has been developed, a principle which is in line with the concept of an architect's drawing, giving up a perspective view of the new building as shown in the blueprints posted outside the Wychwood Court-Conditioning in Osgoode Hall.

For these aims, the Club has two main activities, the Luncheon and the Mock Parliament. The Luncheons, which are held about a month, are usually attended by a few hundred students. They are held at least once a year in the main law school, which is to be done by some invaders in our midst. These members of the student body will be able, in forming future plans, to visualize the scheme as it has been developed, a principle which is in line with the concept of an architect's drawing, giving up a perspective view of the new building as shown in the blueprints posted outside the Wychwood Court-Conditioning in Osgoode Hall.

The Mock Parliament will come into being through the generous assistance of the Osgoode Hall Conservative Club, which has been assisted not only by the University of Toronto but also by the University of Western Ontario, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Queen's.

The University of Toronto Law Journal

PROFESSOR W. F. M. KENNEDY, Editor

Published by The University of Toronto Press

R. G. BURBURY

PUBLISHERS

FORMERLY 20 VOLUME OF Osgoode Hall Representative

OSGODE POLITICAL

The Gladstone Club

President—William L. Moore.
Vice-President—John M. Godfrey.
Secretary-Treasurer—W. R. B. Button.
3rd Year Representative—Grant H. Armstrong, M.A.
2nd Year Representative—Jack Wilson, M.A.
1st Year Representative—George McNab, M.A.

The Gladstone Club, composed of the students of the Osgoode Hall Law School who are interested in the course of English party politics, founded some years ago in the name of one who still enjoys an ample time in the Empire, is aims are twofold: firstly, to promote an academic interest in the subject; and secondly, to facilitate social intercourse among its student members.

To further these aims, the Club has two main activities, the Luncheon and the Mock Parliament.

The Luncheons, which are held about a month, are usually attended by a few hundred students. They are held at least once a year in the main building, and in the past have been attended by a large number of students. A variety of societies exists, including a law society, a political society, a debating society, and a debating society. The organization of the political interest as well as the interest in the law, may be heard.

After the speaker has finished, the meetings are thrown open to general discussion and all the speaker finds himself surrounded by a kind of ardent and sometimes unlimited questions. It will be seen from this procedure that the subject of these Luncheons is law...
ROYAL COMMISSION ON FINANCES

(Continued from Page 1)

The problem of the subsidy was a major one. It had arisen, essentially, as a result of the need for the federal government to provide financial assistance to the provinces. The provinces had been granted an annual subsidy, which varied from year to year, and this was intended to provide a stable source of revenue for the provinces. However, the federal government had been reluctant to provide this subsidy on a permanent basis, fearing that it would become a permanent obligation.

The Royal Commission on Finances was established in 1911 to examine the financial situation of Canada. The commission was chaired by John A. Macdonald and included a number of prominent Canadians, including William Lyon Mackenzie King, who later became prime minister.

The commission recommended that the federal government should provide a subsidy to the provinces on a permanent basis, to be based on the provinces' needs. It also recommended that the subsidy should be increased over time, to reflect the growth of the provinces' economies.

The report of the Royal Commission on Finances was published in 1912, and it played a significant role in the development of Canada's federal system of government. The commission's recommendations were eventually adopted by the federal government, and the subsidy to the provinces became an important element of Canada's federal system.

For Your Next Suit

CLINTON DRAPE GARMENT

Featuring

REFLEX CONSTRUCTION

Jerry Clinton

2060 York St.

Dealers' Representative of Imperial Theatre

42 Years of Continuous Publication of Canadian Legal Literature

Large Stock of Test Books for Immediate Delivery — Special Students' Discounts

We are Special School Representative; Mr. B. C. Young

Obiter Dicta

Toronto, October 29, 1927

Obiter Dicta

Toronto, October 29, 1927

MEN'S SHOP

WORD CONCERNING "CONFIDENCE"

Throughout history, men have found self-confidence to be an invaluable ally in achieving greatness!

To be well dressed, and know that your clothes do credit to you, is a great aid to your self-confidence. At the Men's Shop you will find the latest in design, fabric, social, sport, and business wear, irre- prehensibly correct in style, pleasingly exclusive in the unselfconscious...and priced within reach of student budgets.

Phone AD. 5011 or AD. 5011
Free Parking While Shopping

BAY STREET SECTION

EATON'S-COLLEGE STREET

COOPER FLORIST

Always At Your Service

TWO STORES

(1) King St. West

(2) Yonge St.

And Royal York Hotel.

Open Every Evening till 11 p.m.

ASHLEY & CRIFFEN

PHOTOGRAPHS

83 Bloor W.

Thorne, Mulholand, Howson & McPherson

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

FEDERAL BUILDING

TORONTO

R. E. Howson

R. S. McPherson

Licensed Trustees

KALT

KITCHENER