

Thirteenth Day.
8 May 1907.

RECIPROCITY AS
TO BARRISTERS.

(Sir
William Robson.)

every observation you are making applies equally to the Scotch and Irish Bar. The Scotch and Irish Bar maintain their regulation against us, and we maintain ours against them. We have certain restrictive regulations amongst ourselves even; we do not allow the member of one circuit to practise in another circuit, and we have all these restrictive regulations, which are something quite outside any question between Englishmen and anyone coming from the Dominions beyond the Seas. It has nothing to do with that, because whatever we did with regard to Colonists we should equally have to do with regard to the Scotch and Irish Bar.

Mr. DEAKIN : Under similar conditions, most certainly.

Sir WILLIAM ROBSON : It is the generality of the resolution which makes me a little apprehensive about it.

Mr. DEAKIN : However, if I have enlisted your sympathies in this matter it is sufficient for the present.

Sir WILLIAM ROBSON : It will be very favourably considered by the English Bar and the Lord Chancellor, and the observations you have made, which have apparently some personal reference, I should be very glad to put before the Lord Chancellor.

Mr. DEAKIN : I have done it not for personal reasons, but because, as you know, professional men all the world over are rather jealous of the status they acquire, and if one of their number——

Sir WILLIAM ROBSON : Without perhaps any definite resolution, I will communicate with the Bar Council. I would ask the Conference not to pass any general or sweeping resolution without much greater consideration than we have been able to give to it.

CHAIRMAN : There is one more suggestion. We will put the resolution Sir Joseph Ward has made on record as having been submitted, and then reserve the whole thing. I do not think we shall get further.

Sir JOSEPH WARD : Under the circumstances I am quite agreeable to that course. The resolution will go on record as a suggestion.

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CHAIRMAN : And the subject can be reserved for further consideration. As to the other case you mention, the surveyors, there is really no difference of opinion about it. In the paper you have from us we quite accept your resolution.

Sir JOSEPH WARD : That is all right

Mr. BRODEUR : The same objection will apply as far as Canada is concerned to this proposal about the surveyors.

Mr. DEAKIN : That does not disqualify Sir Joseph Ward from moving his resolution, or from its being carried. It only means that we representatives of Federal Governments cannot take any official part in that.

Sir JOSEPH WARD : I will give you my reason in one sentence, but there are many others I could give why I think this resolution should be put