

He had thereupon gone through the Minute Books from 1907 to the present day and found that the matter had been discussed on four occasions, namely 24th October 1916, 24th April 1923, 22nd January 1924 and 8th July 1924. He read to your Sub-committee extracts from the Minutes of those dates.

Your Sub-committee came to the conclusion that the discretion of the Court in their choice of new Assistants was unfettered and that they were at liberty to choose from the Livery either by seniority or by worth. It was, however, clear that on former occasions the Court had leaned towards choosing by seniority and your Sub-committee was in agreement with this opinion.

Your Sub-committee accordingly examined the Livery List with a view to ascertaining whether there were any senior Liverymen who had not been asked to serve as Assistants and on the Clerk reporting that from a perusal of the Minutes it appeared that comparatively few senior Members had been ^{formally} asked and excused on their own request namely:

- 10. Mr P. Godfrey
- 27. " J. Barker
- 34. " Boosey
- 111. Sir A. Hood
- 54. " Felix Schuster
- 64. Mr A. Boulton

Your Sub-committee considered the first fifty-nine names not being already Assistants.

In a large number of cases, as will appear below, it was found that there was an adequate reason why Members had not been invited to accept office but in certain cases on no such reason appearing, your Sub-committee