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Professional Ethics.

To the Editor of the CANADA LAW JOURNAL.

SIR,—When a member of the profession so far forgets the dignity of the position he holds, and the code of honor existing amongst professional men, as, to be guilty of conduct such as the following circumstances disclose, he deserves exposure :

The following are the facts :—A gentleman in Buffalo, a client of a Toronto firm, had a claim for an account against a customer in Brantford. The account was placed in the hands of the Toronto firm for collection, and a correspondence took place with the debtor which resulted in a short extension of time for payment. When the time for payment arrived, the debtor somehow or other fell into the hands of a Brantford barrister, and instead of a remittance being made to the solicitors in Toronto the aforesaid barrister sent his cheque direct to their client in Buffalo and added to his letter the following :—"If you want any accounts collected in Western Ontario you can find out by inquiries at _____'s, Buffalo, or Messrs. _____ wall paper manufacturers, Buffalo, whether or not you are likely to meet with satisfactory returns by sending them direct to me. By sending accounts to Toronto you incur double the expense, the Toronto lawyer having to employ an agent here to sue it and of course he must charge himself a small morsel.

"Faithfully yours,
"X_____."

I spare his several initials and call him "X," preferring to leave him as the *unknown quantity*. At the same time was posted to the Toronto firm a post card purporting to be written by the debtor, but in the *handwriting* of the "unknown quantity," informing them of a remittance to Buffalo by the debtor direct. Comment on such a proceeding is useless.

Yours, etc.,
A. B.

Toronto, 1st March, 1881.

[The Discipline Committee will apparently have enough to do under the recent Act. Such things as the above will perhaps convince even Mr. Meredith, who opposed the bill, of the

necessity of giving ample powers to the Benchers in such matters.—ED. C. L. J.]

To the Editor of the CANADA LAW JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed I send you a clipping from the *Northern Advance*, published in this town, which will show you to what length our post-master-pettifogger will go.

Yours truly,

"SUBSCRIBER."

Barrie, Feb. 14, 1881.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale; and upon which default has been made, there will be sold at, &c., &c. Terms—One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid down on the day of sale; for balance, terms made known on the day of sale. For further particulars application to be made to JAMES EDWARDS, Conveyancer, Barrie, Vendor's Agent."

[This person is doubtless thoroughly versed in real property law and his services are of course much sought after as a "conveyancer," and as a "Vendor's Agent." This being so it is a pity he should be cramped by any remembrance of the fact that he occupies an important position in the public service. So that this difficulty may be remedied as far as possible, (and doubtless his modesty stands in his way) we shall send a copy of this journal to the Postmaster General, so that, being aware of the facts, he may be graciously pleased to apply the appropriate remedy. One very efficient and summary one occurs to us, and we trust may also occur to him.—ED. C. L. J.]

Unlicensed Conveyancers.

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MY DEAR SIR,—As it appears the Legislature will not protect us in our legitimate calling, I would suggest that country practitioners throughout Ontario send circulars to the farmers and others in their respective neighborhoods, showing the danger they incur in doing business with incompetent men and their legal responsibility for errors.

This is our only possible chance to secure even a measure of protection, and I suppose