

they are paid for. Their knowledge would enable them to be of service to the public in various ways that at once occur to one familiar with such matters. They would also be able to make suggestions from time to time which would be helpful in the administration of their offices, in perfecting the system of registration. The fact that it was necessary to create the office of Inspector of Registry Offices, and that this office has been filled by the appointment of a professional man of high standing, is, in fact, an admission that there is a necessity for supervision by one familiar with the laws of the country. If the registrars were legal men, there would be little use of an inspector.

Of what benefit to the public, in the position of registrar, can a man be whose occupation, up to the time of his appointment, has been that of a grocer, a doctor, a farmer, an auctioneer, a fish-peddler, etc.? And yet such were some of these.

DECENTRALIZATION OF THE COURTS.

The long-continued agitation arising from the desire of the profession in the eastern and western ends of the Province to have the attendance of judges of the High Court at London and Ottawa to hear motions, which otherwise would be heard in Toronto, has at length resulted, we understand, in a promise by the Premier to introduce a bill on the subject, providing for weekly sittings of the High Court in these cities, for the hearing of certain motions in all cases where the cause of action arises in the counties of Middlesex or Carleton, or in the surrounding counties.

This movement tending towards the general decentralization of the courts has been for a long time strongly urged by many prominent members of the profession, and the seed which has been sown has at length sprung up, and is likely to bear fruit in a way which will, we think, be disastrous to the profession, and injurious to the public interests. It is no new thing for this journal to protest against the evils of decentralization, and, before it is too late, we would again implore those who are urging this change, as well as those who have the power to make the change, fully to consider the results. If there are evils to be corrected, they are, to a large extent, evils which could be remedied