

Rule 225 provides that a married woman may sue or defend or become a party to any proceeding or matter in the court in all cases without a next friend.

The rules appended to the Act are substituted for all the common law and equity rules of pleading and practice in force hitherto : Rules 292 and 333.

The time of the long vacation is changed and will hereafter be from July 15th to September 14th, both days inclusive.

Rule 695a provides that an assignment for the general benefit of creditors shall take precedence of all judgments, and of all executions not completely executed by payment to the creditor, subject to the lien, if any, of execution creditors for their costs.

Rule 808 abolishes arrest and imprisonment for debt in all cases, including *capias* in case of a debtor about to leave the Province.

As to costs, the new rules which will more particularly affect solicitors are the following :

932. The court and every judge thereof, in so far as it or he may be able so to do without injustice, shall adopt and carry out the principle that no costs of any interlocutory motion before judgment, or before an order to enter judgment is obtained, shall be allowed, unless in the opinion of the judge or officer making the same, or of the taxing officer, such order was necessary to the proper trial or disposition of the case, or to do justice between the parties ; and all costs of motions made before final judgment, where costs are allowed, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be taxed at the taxation of the general costs of the cause, subject to all just rights of set-off. In cases where an application is made which, though within the strict right of the applicant, is considered by the court or judge to be vexatious or unnecessary, costs may be given against the applicant ; and

938, which provides for payment of the solicitor's fees in an administration or partition suit by a commission on the amount involved, as in Ontario, in lieu of ordinary taxable fees.

A tariff of fees to be allowed to barristers, solicitors, and sheriffs, under the Act, is to be promulgated by the judges, and published in the *Manitoba Gazette*.

On the whole, it may be fairly said that the Act contains many improvements in the law and in the practice and pro-