

ember with pleasure. I don't know whether the student of law permits himself the refreshment of enthusiasm, or indulges in poetical reminiscences as he passes by historical chambers and says, 'Yonder Eldon lived—upon this side Coke mused upon Littleton—here Chitty toiled—here Barnwall and Alderson joined in their famous labors—here Byles composed his great work upon Bills, and Smith compiled his immortal Leading Cases—here Gustavus still toils, with Solomon to aid him'; but the man of letters can't but love the place which has been inhabited by so many of his brethren, or peopled by their creations as real to us at this day as the authors whose children they were—and Sir Roger de Coverly walking in the Temple Garden, and discoursing with Mr. Spectator about the beauties in hoops and patches who are sauntering over the grass, is just as lively a figure to me as old Samuel Johnson rolling through the fog with the Scotch gentleman at his heels on their way to Dr. Goldsmith's Chambers in Brick Court; or Henry Fielding, with inked ruffles, and a wet towel round his head, dashing off articles at midnight for the Covent Garden Journal, while the printer's boy is asleep in the passage."

Judge Dillon, an intelligent observer from this side of the Atlantic, not long ago spent several weeks in and about these Inns and Westminster Hall, and in a very able address recently delivered before a bar association, gave the result of his observations. The subject, we believe, possesses sufficient interest to justify us in presenting our readers with the Judge's paper in a somewhat abridged form.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS IN ONTARIO.

The death of Chief Justice Harrison of the Court of Queen's Bench has led to the following changes and appointments. Chief Justice Hagarty, of the Court of Common Pleas, takes the Chief Justiceship of the Queen's Bench, and becomes Chief Justice of Ontario. Mr. Justice Adam Wilson is appointed to the Chief Justiceship of the Common Pleas, and the Hon. M. C. Cameron, who has held the position of leader of the opposition in the Local House, is appointed to the Queen's Bench in the stead of

Mr. Justice Wilson. These are appointments which commend themselves at once to the legal profession and the public. The reputation of Chief Justice Hagarty is thoroughly established; Chief Justice Wilson is also known as an able judge; and the Hon. Mr. Cameron has been long distinguished at the bar for keen intellect and sound judgment.

REPORTS AND NOTES OF CASES.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Montreal, Nov. 4, 1878.

TORRANCE, J.

SYMES *et vir*, v. VOLIGNY.

Dilatory Exception—Costs.

Held, that the costs on dilatory exceptions calling for power of attorney from the plaintiff, and for security for costs, must abide the final judgment in the cause.

TORRANCE, J., remarked that the settled practice of the Court in such cases is that the costs shall abide the final judgment.

Bethune & Bethune for plaintiffs.

A. Desjardins for defendant.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

(CROWN SIDE.)

Montreal, October 31, 1878.

Present: RAMSAY, J.

THE QUEEN v. FORGET *et al.*

Elections Act—Prosecution for offence—Irregularity.

1. Sect. 114 applies to an accusation for an offence under sect. 68 of the Elections Act, Canada.
 2. The failure of the returning officer to take the oath prescribed in such cases will not defeat a prosecution under the Act, the failure of the officer to be sworn not having the effect of annulling the election.
 3. A return signed by the election clerk as returning officer is good, where it appeared that the Returning officer had declared himself unable to act, and had been represented throughout the election by the clerk.
- The prosecution was against Forget and five others, for an offence under the Dominion Elections Act, commonly called "ballot stuffing."