

information which the latter could not obtain except through the former, and which the former had to acquire at the cost of much labor and research.

Even our non professional readers are, for the most part, aware that the only safe interpretation of the law is to be found in the decisions of the Courts, and this being the case, the value of an accumulation of these decisions, extending over a series of years, on the clauses of a particular enactment, will be readily understood and appreciated—especially with reference to the law which governs the working of our Municipal Institutions—a law second in importance to none on our statute book, and affecting bodies which are in themselves minor parliaments possessing extensive but limited powers which it is of great importance to the community should be easily ascertained and correctly defined.

We feel that in making any allusion to Mr. Harrison's special fitness and ability to again undertake the task of annotating the Municipal and Assessment Laws, we are treading on rather delicate ground, inasmuch as that gentleman is one of the conductors of this journal, although his editorial duties do not come within this department of our labors, but the writer of this notice can, at least, say that his remarks on the same subject, written nearly eight years since for this journal have, he has reason to believe, been fully justified, namely: "that Mr. Harrison's well-known character as an annotator was, of itself, a guarantee that no labor had been spared in making the Manual a desideratum for every lawyer and member, or officer of a Municipal Council in the Province." The same remarks will certainly apply with even greater force to the present work, and as a corroboration of the writer's opinion on the subject, we may quote from the remarks of a learned County Court Judge of great experience, made on a recent occasion when addressing the grand jury of the County of Simcoe, shortly after the passing of the new Municipal Act, and published in the local papers, from which we quote. Referring to the announcement of a forthcoming new edition of Mr. Harrison's Municipal Manual, the learned judge said that "he (Mr. Harrison) had made the subject his own, and that from the Manual he had himself received most valuable aid in the discharge of his duties. He had reason to know that the work was found to be of the greatest possible assistance to Municipal officers in Upper Canada; that the able and carefully prepared notes it contained must have largely contributed to the safe working of the law; that since the issue of the first edition of the work many cases had been before his own courts upon the several provisions of the statutes, and many cases in England upon analogous enactments, all of which he had no doubt, would be referred to and turned to account in the new work." It is only necessary to glance through the book before us to be satisfied that the opinion of Judge Gowan has been justified.

We shall probably have something more to say on the subject after the other parts of the work are issued.

W. D. A.

## APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

### JUDGES.

SECKER BROUGH, of Osgoode Hall, Esquire, Q.C., to be Judge of the County Court of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, in the room of Robt. Cooper, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 17th November, 1866.)

JACOB FARRAND PRINGLE, of Osgoode Hall, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Junior Judge of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. (Gazetted November 17th, 1866.)

JOHN JUCHEREAU KINGSMILL, of Osgoode Hall, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Bruce. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

### SHERIFF.

WILLIAM SUTTON, Esquire, to be Sheriff in and for the County of Bruce. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

### COUNTY ATTORNEYS.

JAS. BETHUNE, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be Clerk of the Peace and County Crown Attorney for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, in the room of Jacob F. Pringle. (Gazetted 17th November, 1866.)

DONALD WILSON ROSS, of Osgoode Hall, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Clerk of the Peace and County Crown Attorney, in and for the County of Bruce. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

### COUNTY COURT CLERK.

WILLIAM GUNN, Esquire, to be Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Bruce. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

### REGISTRARS.

The Honorable SIDNEY SMITH, of Peterborough, to be Inspector of Registry Offices in Upper Canada, under the Act 29 Vic. cap. 24. (Gazetted 17th November, 1866.)

JAMES DICKSON, Esquire, to be Registrar of the County of Huron, in the room of John Galt, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 17th November, 1866.)

THOMAS W. JOHNSON, Esquire, to be Registrar of the County of Lambton, in the room of Henry Glass, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 17th November, 1866.)

### NOTARIES PUBLIC.

TIMOTHY BLAIR PARDEE, of Sarnia, Esquire, Attorney-at-Law, to be a Notary Public for Upper Canada. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

JAMES S. HALLOWELL, of St. Thomas, Esquire, Attorney-at-Law, to be a Notary Public for Upper Canada. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

### CORONERS.

HORATIO CHARLES BURRITT, of Morrisburg, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

DAVID L. WALMSLEY, of Elmira, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner for the County of Waterloo. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

THOMAS R. MCINNIS, of Dresden, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner for the County of Kent. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

ADDISON WORTHINGTON, ALEXANDER THOMPSON, WILLIAM S. FRANCIS, DEWITT MARTYN, CHARLES HILL, WALTER THORPE and SOLOMON D. RECORD, Esquires, to be Coroners in and for the County of Bruce. (Gazetted 24th November, 1866.)

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"OBSERVER" — "CHARLES DURAND" — "SCARBORO" — "HENRY CARDWELL" — "A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE" — "STUDENT-AT-LAW" — "M." — Under "Correspondence."