

## ACTS OF THE LAST ONTARIO LEGISLATURE—LAW REPORTING.

the Sovereign to make grants of lands escheated, "either for the purpose of restoring the same to the family of the person whose estate the same had been, or of rewarding any persons making discovery of any such escheat." This statute is not in force in Canada; and it is probable that the Crown is, in this country, unable to dispose of the fee in escheated lands, except by a special Act of Parliament in that behalf. This is also a matter requiring legislative intervention.

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#### *An Act to amend the Registry Acts.*

Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. Section 19 of the Act passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria and chaptered twenty, intituled "An Act respecting Registrars, Registry Offices and the Registration of instruments, relating to lands in Ontario," is hereby repealed, and the following section shall be substituted in its stead:—

"19. The Registrar or his Deputy shall, for the discharge of all duties belonging to the said office, attend at his office from the hour of ten in the forenoon until four in the afternoon, every day in the year except Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, the Queen's Birthday, Christmas Day, and every day by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor appointed to be held as a general fast day or holiday in Ontario; and no instrument shall be registered by him on any such days, nor shall any instrument be received for registration by him on any day except within the hours above named."

2. Section 35 of said Act is hereby amended by inserting therein, after the words "with the will annexed," the words "or an exemplification thereof."

3. Sub-section one of section 41 of

said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, "or before any Justice of the Peace for the county in which such affidavit may be sworn."

4. Section 71 of said Act is hereby amended by inserting in the seventh line thereof, after the words "the same," the words "or his assigns."

5. Form F in the Appendix to said Act, and referred to in sec. 45 thereof, is hereby amended by striking out the words therein, "Signed in the presence of A.B., clerk of the county court of the county of——," "Seal of Office," and it shall not be necessary that the said certificate shall be witnessed by the clerk of the county court or any other person, or that the seal of the said court shall be attached thereto.

6. Where it is desired to register an instrument other than a will in more than one registry office, the same may be registered in like manner as is provided as to powers of attorney by sections forty-seven and forty-eight of the said Act

### SELECTIONS.

#### LAW REPORTING.

It is a strange, but nevertheless unquestionable fact, as all law reporters can testify, that judges and counsel of great legal experience have very frequently very little idea of what constitutes 'reportability' in a case. A remark made by the Lord Chief Justice in the Exchequer Chamber lately, as reported in the *Times*, illustrates this very forcibly. His lordship is stated to have complained of the fact that out of seven cases set down as errors from the Exchequer, only one had as yet been reported, and to have said that it was of great importance in dealing with cases in courts of error that the court should have a report of the arguments and judgments in the court below. We venture to think that an experienced and competent law reporter would say that a more complete misconception of the true function of law reporting could hardly exist. We suspect that it is not a case of delay in publication, as suggested, and that in truth the cases referred to never will appear in the *Law Reports*, because they are not cases