

pupil in the chambers of Thomas Chitty. His first five years at the Bar were spent in the unremunerative but profitable task of reporting. At the end of that period, having established a reputation at the Kent Quarter Sessions, he became well known in the temple as "devil" to Mr. Winkler, and gradually his sound knowledge of law and excellent oratorical gifts attracted a large circle of new clients, who were sorry enough to lose his services as a "junior" when he obtained the honour of "silk" in the early part of the present year. Mr. Dickens' clients enjoy an unique advantage. When they hold a consultation with him, they are able to see one of the most precious tables in the land. It is that on which the author of "David Copperfield" wrote nearly all his great works, and that which appears in the well-known picture of the silent room at Gadshill the morning after the famous writer's death. On this desk Mr. Dickens, Q.C., has prepared the pleadings of nearly all the cases in which he has been engaged. An amusing incident occurred before Mr. Justice Hawkins some few years ago in connection with Mr. Dickens' parentage. It was the learned gentleman's duty to call a witness of the name of Pickwick. On the day on which the action was on the list the junior was unable to attend, and anxious not to lose the pleasure of seeing Dickens examine Pickwick, a well-known Q.C., who dearly loves a laugh, sent up a note to the judge asking him to adjourn the case merely on the ground of Mr. Dickens' absence, and Mr. Justice Hawkins, who readily entered into the spirit of the request, immediately granted it. At last Mr. Dickens was able to appear in court, the case was opened, and he called Mr. Pickwick. Everybody present was delighted with the coincidence. "I do not know, gentlemen," said Mr. Dickens, addressing the jury, "whether Mr. Pickwick will appear in his gaiters." When the eagerly looked-for witness stepped into the box it was generally declared that he was about the thinnest man ever seen in the courts.—*Law Gazette*.

Reviews and Notices of Books.

Ontario Game and Fishing Laws. A Digest, alphabetically arranged, with references to the various Statutes and Orders in Council in force on November 1st, 1892. By A. H. O'Brien, Barrister-at-law. The Toronto News Company, Toronto.

The difficulty of ascertaining the law relating to game animals and birds, as well as fish, is, the compiler states, the reason for the issue of this Digest. It is undoubtedly a fact that very few can know with any certainty what the law upon any point really is, by reason of the multitude of enactments. This pamphlet appears to be a synopsis of the law, and is intended for the use not alone of sportsmen, but also of those who have to try offences under the statutes. Coming, as the book does, very warmly recommended by the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners, it should meet with a ready sale.