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Railroad Law, to which may be added, perhaps, Internal Revenue and Banking.

"We hope the time may come when every applicant for admission to the bar will consider himself called upon to select some special line of practice, and to make its investigation alone the object of his professional life. It may not be practicable to pursue such a course in the rural districts; but in the cities it is not only practicable, but desirable in every respect."

In a new country this division of labour must be of slow growth; but that it will come by degrees, cannot be doubted, and is just as sure in the legal as in any other profession or business: in fact it has already commenced, and with favourable results.

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The following Bills have been introduced, and will probably be ready for the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor before they meet the eyes of our readers:—

An Act to declare the true construction of the Act passed in the thirteenth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and chaptered five, and intituled "An Act against fraudulent deeds, alienations, &c."

WHEREAS by the first and second clauses of of the Act passed in the thirteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, it is enacted as follows:—

"For the avoiding and abolishing of feigned, covinous and fraudulent feoffments, gifts, grants, alienations, conveyances, bonds, suits, judgments and executions more commonly used and practised in these days than hath been seen or heard of heretofore, which feoffments, gifts, grants, alienations, conveyances, bonds, suits, judgments and executions have been and are devised or contrived of malice, fraud, covin, collusion or guile, to the end, purpose and intent, to delay, hinder and defraud creditors and others of their just and lawful actions, suits, debts, accounts, damages penalties, forfeitures, heriots, mortuaries, and reliefs not only to the let or hindrance of the due course and execution of law and justice, but also to the overthrow of all true and plain dealing, bargain and chevisance between man and man, without the which no commonwealth or civil society can be maintained or continued: All and every feoffment, gift grant, alienation, bargain and conveyance of lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, or of any of them, or of any lease, rent, common or other profit or charge out of the same lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, or any of them by writing or otherwise, and all and every bond, writ, judgment and execution at any time had or made since the beginning of the Queen's Majesty's reign,

that now is, or at any time hereafter to be had, or made to or for any intent or purpose before declared or expressed, shall be from thenceforth deemed and taken only as against that person or persons, his or their heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns, and every of them whose actions, suits, debts, accounts, damages, penalties, forfeitures, heriots, mortuaries, and reliefs by such guileful, covinous or fraudulent devices and practices as is aforesaid, are or shall or might be in any ways disturbed, hindered, delayed or defrauded to be clearly and utterly void, frustrate and of none effect; any pretence, colour, feigned consideration, expressing of use or any other matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding."

And whereas it is also by the sixth clause of the said Act provided and enacted as follows:

"This Act or any thing herein contained shall not extend to any estate or interest in lands, tenements, hereditaments, leases, rents, commons, profits, goods or chattels had, made, conveyed, or assured, or hereafter to be had, made, conveyed, or assured, which estate or interest is, or shall be upon good consideration and *bona fide* lawfully conveyed or assured to any person or persons, or bodies politic or corporate not having at the time of such conveyance or assurance to them made any manner of notice or knowledge of such covin, fraud or collusion as is aforesaid, anything before mentioned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding."

And whereas there are doubts as to the true construction of the said Act, and it is expedient to declare the true construction of the same; Therefore Her Majesty, by &c., enacts as follows:

1. The first and second clauses of the said Act apply to all instruments executed to the end, purpose and intent in the said clauses set forth, notwithstanding that the same may be executed upon a valuable consideration and with the intention as between the parties to the same, of actually transferring to and for the benefit of the transferee the interest expressed to be thereby transferred, unless the same be protected under the sixth clause of the said Act by reason of *bona fides* and want of notice or knowledge on the part of the purchaser.

2. This Act shall not apply to any instrument executed before the date of the passing of this Act.

An Act to make Debts and choses in action assignable at Law.

HER Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. Every debt and chose in action arising out of contract, shall be assignable at law by any form of writing, but subject to such conditions or restrictions with respect to the right of transfer as may be contained in the original