

*DEVOLUTION OF ESTATES.*

It will be useful for practitioners to note that the R.S.O. 1914 do not include all the provisions now in force relating to the devolution of estates. When the R.S.O. 1897, c. 127, was revised by 10 Edw. 7 c. 56, that Act did not deal with the whole of c. 127, but left unrepealed ss. 22-58: see s. 35. These sections deal with descents before July 1, 1834, and subsequent thereto up to July 1, 1886. They also include some general provisions, viz., that co-heirs shall take as tenants in common: s. 56; that posthumous children shall inherit: s. 57; and that illegitimate children shall not inherit: s. 58. These provisions, which were left in force by 10 Edw. 7 c. 56, have not apparently been repealed by any other statute, and are not included in the Schedule of Acts repealed by 3 & 4 Geo. 5 c. 2: R.S.O. 1914, p. xv.; and Sched. A, *Ib.* p. lvii.

It seems an ill-advised proceeding to have left these important provisions of R.S.O. 1897, s. 127, in this position and without any reference thereto in the present Devolution of Estates Act, R.S.O. c. 119.

*LAWYERS FOR LEGAL OFFICES.*

It should not be necessary for the profession to remind any Government that lawyers should be appointed to legal offices, yet such action seems to be necessary. A petition has been largely signed by members of the profession in Toronto requesting the authorities to appoint some one from the profession as Clerk of the County Court of the County of York. It is most objectionable that legal offices, which require a person of legal training to properly do the necessary work, should be given to worn-out politicians and others, who are absolutely ignorant of the duties they will have to perform. For example, in the metropolitan city of Ontario a good baler was lost to his trade by being made Clerk of the Surrogate Court; the same Government were so impressed with the commanding presence and stentorian voice of a genial and popular auctioneer that they appointed him a County Registrar. Another Government of a different