

That the evil is a real one and a growing one with our neighbours may be inferred from the fact that in the Legislature of New York during the first two months of its recent session more than 900 bills were introduced. No one needs to be informed that the great majority of these bills were either bad, useless or positively vicious in their character. We believe, however, there is a growing feeling in the public mind that the great expense and constant tinkering with the laws consequent upon the annual sessions of our Local Legislature is becoming a burden and a nuisance. What has been the experience in the United States on this subject? It is not well that we should follow the lead of the United States or any other people upon the subject, because our condition and circumstances may not be identical ; but it is just as well to know what is going on around us, and to learn what other people at least somewhat similarly situated are doing. It is worthy of note that in 39 States of the Union there are biennial sessions, and 25 Secretaries of the States have declared that not only has the biennial system proved so satisfactory that there is no disposition to change it, but that the gratifying results of the restriction have stimulated a movement for further restriction. In several states there is a desire to make the interval between sessions even greater than it is now. The Colorado Secretary of State,

speaking for public opinion, says that one session in four years would be enough ; the secretaries of three other states make similar statements, while the Secretary of Arkansas says that the people of his state would be satisfied with one session in five years. In Oregon, Washington and other states the length of the session is limited. Biennial or limited sessions appears to be the true solution of the problem of how to prevent superfluous and ill-advised legislation. With us the question is also one of great expense. We believe a period has been reached in Ontario when an annual session of the Legislature is no longer necessary ; but it will be a hard matter to get the politicians in power for the time being to admit it.

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#### Law School Examinations.

It is one of the signs of the improvement and progress of the times and of increasing efficiency in all departments, that the final year students at the Law School now submit to eleven days' examination, while only a few years since the ordeal was over in three days. The change certainly must mean that the test of qualification is now much more thorough, and it cannot longer be thought that there is anything superficial in these examinations. Apart from this, while it is likely to produce a better class of men, it is, we think, calculated to give a student a fairer chance. Under the old system the custom was, we