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It is semi-officially announced that the revision of the Dominion Statutes is about to be proceeded with, and that the following commissioners have been appointed, viz.:—Sir Henry Strong, who retires from the Supreme Court to become chairman of the Commission; Mr. E. L. Newcombe, the Deputy Minister of Justice; Mr. Augustus Power, the chief clerk of the Department of Justice; and Mr. E. R. Cameron, the Registrar of the Supreme Court. We understand that others are to be added. The matter is so important that we trust the very best men will be selected. In this connection the names of the Law Clerks of the two Houses, Mr. Creighton and Mr. McCord, naturally suggest themselves as eminently suitable inasmuch as their duties necessarily give them special knowledge of statute law and the drafting of statutes. It is now sixteen years since the Statutes of Canada were revised and consolidated, and it will be two more years before the present revision can be completed. Since 1886 an immense amount of statutory law has accumulated making it very difficult for a lawyer, to say nothing of a layman, to ascertain what the existing law is.

## BASE-BALL AND THE BENCH.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the backwardness of the season, was able to supply us with long vacation literature in advance. On the 21st of April, in the case of the *Philadelphia Ball Club v. Lajoie*, it not only enlarged the application of the rule as to injunctions to restrain breaches of contracts for personal services by holding that those of a base-ball player may be "of such a unique character, and display such a special knowledge, skill and ability as render them of peculiar value to employer, and difficult of substitution," thus justifying the intervention of equity; but it also indulges in a panegyric upon the excellent professional status of the player defendant in the case. After commenting upon the kudos accorded to the defendant in the judgment of the court of first instance, it proceeds: "We think that, in thus stating it, he [the trial judge] puts it very