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WE have received an answer to the article of F. C. W. on "The Legal Aspect of Disallowance in Old Manitoba," which, however, must stand over till next number.

A RECENT number of the *Law Reports* contains a complete list of the Judges and Law Officers of the Crown who have held office in England for the last twenty-two years. These memoranda of the English judiciary are hereafter to be continued annually in the *Law Reports*.

THE second annual meeting of the County of York Law Association was held at Osgoode Hall on Monday, the 6th day of February. We have received a full report of the meeting, but it was unavoidably too late for this number. We shall have the pleasure of laying it before our readers in the next issue. We may say, however, that the affairs of the Association are in a flourishing condition, and that it is doing valuable work in the interests of the profession and public.

THERE is one commendable thing, says *The American Law Register*, about the deluge of reports which the profession is now suffering from. It will open the eyes of many to the evil of citing every case on a given subject, either in a brief, an opinion, or a legal essay. It may also prevent this kind of citation by furnishing such a mass of possible citations that no man could possibly gather them together. And so we will all come round again to the good old practice of citing our law, *pondere non numero*, which may be freely translated by "leading cases, not the contents of the latest digest."

BY chapter 16 of 50-51 Vict., as our readers are aware, some important changes were made in the *personnel* and jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court. The Supreme Court Judges and Registrar were relieved from all Exchequer work, and provision was made for the appointment of a special judge and special registrar and other officers. George Wheelock Burbidge, Q.C., the Deputy Minister of Justice, was appointed Judge of the Exchequer Court on 1st October, 1887, and was gazetted the same day, and Mr. Louis Arthur Audette, of the City of Quebec, advocate, was appointed Registrar of the Court on the 8th November, 1887. No other appointments in connection with the court have yet been made. Mr. Augustus Power, Q.C., of the Department of Justice, has been acting Deputy-Minister since Mr. Burbidge's appointment as Judge.