

opportunity should be afforded of amending any error of language and any confusion of meaning."

That something should be done to remedy the evil is manifest, and there does not seem to be any way to do it other than in some such way as above suggested. In the Dominion Houses bills should be referred to the Law Clerks after they have passed through the special committee to which they were referred. It is exceedingly strange that at this the most important stage of a bill the officer who is supposed to see that it is in proper shape has no power to correct even an obvious error or prevent an absurdity. After the bill has passed the committee of the whole House it should then be again referred to the law clerk for a final revision before its third reading.

Time should certainly be taken to have bills revised *before* they are finally disposed of by the House, instead of rushing them through their last stages as is usually done. Where there are two Houses there is fortunately an opportunity for the Law Clerks (to whom each bill is sent for its passage for the purpose of being put in shape for the transmission to the other House) to call attention to errors which may be corrected in such other House. But even then, when the rush takes place, little can be done in the way of revision. The difficulty is, of course, much greater when there is only one House. With so many lawyers in our legislatures surely some one could be found who would draw attention to the evil and urge a remedy.

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#### VENUE.

So many points in the practice respecting venue have been decided of late, that a review of the cases may be useful.

Several decisions shed considerable light on the following opening clauses of the Consolidated Rule of the High Court of Justice of Ontario regulating this subject:

"529. (1) Subject to any special statutory provisions the place of trial of an action shall be regulated as follows:

(a) The plaintiff shall, in his statement of claim, name the county town at which he proposes that the action shall be tried.

(b) Where the cause of action arose, and the parties reside in the same county, the place so to be named shall be the county town of that county."