

As yet no step seems to have been taken to secure from the Local Legislature, now in session, an enactment similar to those contained in c. 48 & 49, R.S.O., adopting generally the criminal Acts of the Dominion, should such an adoption be necessary.

The criminal laws and the interpretation thereof, involving the life and the liberty of the subject, are no less important than the civil laws which govern the recovery of land and of dollars and cents. Why should there not be, therefore, an Exchequer Court as in England, whose jurisdiction shall be wholly to deal with criminal matters, and to the Bench of which shall be appointed those who have made criminal law their special study, and the lives and liberties of the subjects not to be entrusted to the interpretation of judges who have earned their well-merited position on the Bench by their proficiency as expounders of commercial, real estate, and equity law?

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SOME NECESSARY AMENDMENTS.

Notwithstanding the watchful eye of the Attorney-General for needed improvements in the statutory law, there are many changes yet to be made before a state of comparative perfection be reached. We are not advocates for the continual alterations and amendments to the Provincial statutes which are made session after session by the assembled wisdom of the Legislative Assembly, more particularly in the municipal and other kindred enactments; but a change in any statute should not be looked upon with hesitancy when it is apparent that such change would produce beneficial results.

It may be that the attention of the members of the House, other than the Ministers, is directed more to municipal law than to any other branch, owing, doubtless, to a more thorough knowledge of the subject by reason of the fact that most of the members have passed through all the grades in township, town, and county councils. Whatever may be the cause, it is to be regretted that so much time is taken up, and so much confusion is occasioned, by tinkering with the municipal and assessment laws every year, when there are many other questions deserving the serious consideration of our lawmakers. We propose to call