

change were two courts, the Court of Appeal and the High Court of Justice. One of the objects of the new procedure Act is to carry out more effectively the intention of the original Judicature Act, and to constitute of the two existing courts one court to be styled "the Supreme Court" with two Divisions, viz., the "Appellate Division" and "the High Court Division."

This, however, is merely perpetuating in another way the mistake, if we may so call it, of the Judicature Act. If the court is to be one, and only one, there seems no good reason for perpetuating Divisions—and we should think the best thing the Legislature can do at its next session would be to strike out all provisions which contemplate the existence of separate Divisions which so far from simplifying matters only serves to darken what ought to be quite plain and transparent to everybody, viz., that there is only one court, and that, the Supreme Court of Ontario.

In carrying on the business of the court there will, of course, have to be courts constituted for different kinds of business, *e.g.*, judges sitting singly in court or in chambers, and courts for hearing motions, and courts for trial of actions, and courts of several judges for the hearing of appeals; but there is really no reason why the judges who hear appeals should be judges of a different Division, any more than that the present Divisional courts of the High Court should constitute a distinct Division of the High Court. The Court of Appeal under the new system is virtually to take the place of, and be a substitute for, the present Divisional Courts, as well as the present Court of Appeal, and all appeals now heard before Divisional courts, and the Court of Appeal, are hereafter to be heard before the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court; but, as we have said, there is really no particular reason that we see for describing it as a separate Division—and it would, simplify matters to abolish Divisions.

But whether Divisions are to be continued or not, we think the subsidiary name should not include the word "court." It puzzles the ordinary man to understand how there can be