

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

McGLOIN'S REPORTS:—Courts of Appeal of the State of Louisiana.

We have received part 2 of Vol. I of the above reports, edited by one of the judges of the court of appeals for the parish of Orleans, the object of the work being to preserve opinions of interest which may be rendered from time to time by the various courts of appeal of the State of Louisiana. Many of the cases reported in the present issue are of special interest in the Province of Quebec, and the reporter's work is very well done.

LOVELL'S GAZETTEER OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA: containing the latest and most authentic descriptions of over 7,500 cities, towns, villages and places, in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, British Columbia, the North West Territories, and Newfoundland; and general information drawn from official sources, as to the names, locality, extent, etc., of over 2,300 lakes and rivers; with a table of routes, showing the proximity of the railroad stations, and sea, lake and river ports, to the cities, towns, villages, etc., in the several provinces. Montreal, John Lovell & Son, Publishers.

The above is a new and revised edition of a work which appeared in 1871. The growth of the country is attested by the fact that the present edition contains over fifteen hundred places not to be found in the former edition. The book is neatly got up, in convenient form for reference, and evinces the care and accuracy which mark the publications of the Lovell publishing house. A good map of the Dominion is contained in it. The Gazetteer, we are glad to learn, has been very favorably received by the public, and the examination which we have made of the work shows that its success is due to its unquestionable merit.

STATUTES OF CANADA, 1880-1. Queen's Printer, Ottawa.

The complete edition of the Statutes of the Dominion passed in the last session has been issued by the Queen's Printer. The profession will be pleased to have the work so promptly to hand.

## NOTES OF CASES.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

MONTREAL, July 8, 1881.

Before TORRANCE, J.

BELCOURT v. MACDONALD.

*Contract—Breach—Failure to make connection.*

This was an action of damages against the late lessee of the Q. O. & O. R. R. for breach of contract. The defendant agreed to run the railroad trains between Hochelaga and Calumet in connection with a steamer run by Belcourt between Ottawa and Calumet. The chief complaints of Belcourt were that Macdonald had failed to provide a proper wharf and shed at Calumet, or to deepen the channel so as to allow his steamer to approach the landing place, that on or about the 18th June he had suddenly changed the hours of departure and arrival of his trains so as to break the connection with Belcourt to his great damage, and he had also broken his agreement as to an excursion train on the Queen's Birthday in 1877.

Macdonald answered the action by complaining that Belcourt omitted to render him accounts of his receipts of money: that he had a judgment against Belcourt for \$125 on a draft of date 13 June 1877, accepted by Belcourt as an acknowledgment of such money, and that the steamer provided by Belcourt had been seized by the owner thereof, and taken away from Belcourt. Macdonald denied any breach of contract or liability on his part.

PER CURIAM. The Court finds that Macdonald did change the hours of his trains on or about the 18th of June, without the consent of Belcourt in a manner which was not justified by the contract. As to the alleged want of access to and accommodation at the wharf at Calumet, the Court does not find the evidence sufficiently clear or free from contradiction. On the other hand, looking at the defence of Macdonald, it is true that he has a judgment against Belcourt for \$125 for moneys due in connection with this contract, but the judgment went by default, and I do not see that it is any answer to the complaint of Belcourt of a breach of contract in changing the hours of the trains at a subsequent date. For this change Belcourt is entitled to some damages, and the