
CORRESPONDENCE.

INVADERS OF THE PROFESSION.

To the Editor of the Canada Law Journal.

DEAR SIR,—I notice in a recent issue of your journal a letter under the caption "Invaders of the Profession." Your correspondent has not overdrawn the picture. He complains of "these invaders" carrying on numerous businesses at once. I think we have up here the champion all-round mechanic of the Province, who among other side lines acts in the following:—(1) Division Court clerk; (2) Crown Lands agent, with salary of \$500; (3) Notary public (or solicitor) to the Ontario Bank; (4) Counsellor-at-law and general conveyancer, also making periodical trips to adjoining settlements in company with bailiff, looking up trade, etc.; (5) Commissioner in H.C.J.; (6) Issuer of marriage licenses; (7) Fire, life, and accident insurance agent; (8) Real estate broker; (9) Appraiser for Canada Permanent Loan Company; (10) Money broker and financial agent—and last but not least, as if to carry out the "tout ensemble," his wife is a practising doctor. It cannot be said that this party is not a "useful member of society." I think your correspondent puts the whole matter in a nutshell when he suggests the cancellation of the commissioner's and the notary public certificates—herein lies the whole root of the evil—for what can otherwise be consistently done, with the Government constantly issuing commissions "to have, use and exercise the power of drawing, passing, keeping and issuing all deeds, etc., etc." (vide notarial commission) to every one who chooses to apply therefor on recommendation of party friends? Were these commissions cancelled, except to lawyers, the whole evil I feel satisfied would soon of itself die out, as the profession would have the whip-hand of the situation.

I always understood that it was not the province of Division Court clerks and bailiffs to practice as solicitors, etc., but such is the case here.