

## SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Common Law and the different Laws of  
exception in the various Provinces and  
Territories of the Dominion of  
Canada.

The office of that officer of justice whose mission is, with the assistance of a jury, to inquire into the causes of every case of violent death, seems to be of Anglo-Saxon creation.

It has been said that the office of coroner is traced as far back as the times of the Roman Consuls ; but this is very doubtful, for it is impossible to find, in those times, an officer whose duties corresponded with those of a coroner.

And this name of Coroner, "Coronarius," as he was styled in the reign of Richard the First, or "Coronator" in the reign of John, is probably derived from the fact that he represented the Crown to bring an offender to justice in every case