

nomical in its administration, could be formed from a judicious selection of the best of the laws of each of the Provinces by men who were severally acquainted with each."

The advantages to be derived from one uniform system of judicature in all the Provinces of the Dominion would be immense, and great is the pity that in the Province of Quebec the possibility of any assimilation was considered too remote even to be alluded to in the British North America Act. The Law Reform Commission recently appointed in this Province will do well to keep in view the final end contemplated by that Act in making their report.

The industrious pen of Mr. Girouard contributes a lengthy essay upon the Treaty of Washington, looked at, as he says, in a purely legal point of view, but at the same time he appears to find it difficult to keep clear of its political bearing. Whether we agree with his conclusions or not, it is without doubt a valuable addition to our reading on this important and interesting subject.

The other articles are *Le Droit Constitutionnel du Canada*—An introductory lecture to the study of the law—Writs of Prohibition, and some others of no special interest in this Province. In an article on the Riel-Scott affair, the question is discussed as to whether the Dominion Government had or has now the power to take any legal steps to secure the punishment of the murderer Riel. The conclusion arrived at is as follows:—

"For these reasons, it does not appear to me that the Dominion Government could have taken, or could now take any legal steps to secure Riel's punishment as long as he is abroad, but as there is no Statute of Limitations with reference to murder, assuredly should he ever come within the Dominion, justice will be found to reach him and hands to take him."

This may be comforting to the writer, but not to the public, for scoundrels like Riel too often go unhung now-a-days to expect such a proper ending for him, and the last news from Manitoba seems to show how fallacious were the hopes of the writer.

AN INDEX OF REPEALED AND REPEALING STATUTES AFFECTING PRINCIPALLY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. By I. N. Winstanley, Barrister-at-law. Toronto: Henry Rowsell, 1871.

We acknowledge receipt of this Index, which can scarcely fail to be of great use to those for

whom it is intended, and will doubtless command a ready sale.

We have for some time past been hoping to see something of this kind; the changes in the statute law are so rapid and confusing that any aid in keeping track of them will be received with satisfaction.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO.

THE HON. STEPHEN RICHARDS, to be Secretary and Registrar of the Province of Ontario, in the room and stead of the Hon. M. C. Cameron, resigned. (Gazetted 29th July, 1871.)

THE HON. MATTHEW CROOKS CAMERON, to be Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario, in the room and stead of the Hon. Stephen Richards, resigned. (Gazetted 29th July, 1871.)

LAW REFORM COMMISSIONERS.

THE HON. ADAM WILSON, one of the Judges of H.M. Court of Queen's Bench for Ontario.

THE HON. JOHN WELLINGTON GWYNNE, one of the Judges of H.M. Court of Common Pleas for Ontario.

THE HON. SAMUEL HENRY STRONG, one of the Vice-Chancellors of the Court of Chancery for Ontario.

HIS HONOR JAMES ROBERT GOWAN, Judge of the County Court of the County of Simcoe, and

CHRISTOPHER SALMON PATTERSON, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-law, Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the present jurisdiction of the several Law and Equity Courts of Ontario, and upon the modes of procedure now adopted in each, and upon such other matters and things there as connected as are in the commission more fully set forth:—under the name and title of "Law Reform Commissioners." (Gazetted Sept. 23, 1871.)

COMMISSIONER IN EXTRADITION CASES.

FRANCOIS CARON, of the Town of Windsor, in the Province of Ontario, Esq., to be a Commissioner for the purposes contemplated in the Act of the Parliament of Canada, 31st Vic. Cap. 94. (Gazetted 7th October, 1871.)

COUNTY COURT JUDGE.

RICHARD JOHN FITZGERALD, of Osgoode Hall, and of the Town of Picton, in the Province of Ontario, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Judge of the County Court of the County of Prince Edward, in the said Province, in the room and stead of David L. Fairfield, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 9th Sept., 1871.)

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE AND REGISTRAR.

DELEVAN D. VAN NORMAN of the Town of Simcoe, Esq., to be Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar for the Territorial District of Thunder Bay, having his office at Prince Arthur's Landing, in the said district. (Gazetted 3rd June, 1871.)

PATRICK McCURRY, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Stipendiary Magistrate and Registrar for the District of Parry Sound, in the room and stead of Jesse Wright Rose, Esq., deceased. (Gazetted 9th Sept. 1871.)

POLICE MAGISTRATE.

RICHARD H. HOLLAND, of Osgoode Hall, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Police Magistrate and Registrar in and for the Town of Port Hope. (Gazetted 9th Sept. 1871.)

MAXWELL W. STRANGE, of the City of Kingston, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Police Magistrate in and for the City of Kingston, in the room and stead of John Creighton, Esq., resigned. (Gazetted 8th July, 1871.)

REGISTRARS.

STEPHEN BLACKBURN, of the City of London, Esq., to be Registrar in and for the West Riding of the County of Middlesex, having his office in the Village of Glencoe, in the said County. (Gazetted 22nd July, 1871.)

THOMAS LAUDER, of the Village of Durham, Esq., to be Registrar for the South Riding of the County of Grey, having his office at the Village of Durham, in the said County. (Gazetted 29th July, 1871.)

WILLIAM TORRANCE HAYS, of the Town of Goderich, Esq., Barrister-at-law, to be Registrar in and for the North Riding of the County of Huron. (Gazetted 30th Sept. 1871.)