
RULES OF COURT.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR ONTARIO.

(Passed June 7th, 1902.)

The Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the Criminal Code, 1892, and the amendments thereto, doth make and ordain the following rule of Court :

Rule 1238. The costs of and incidental to proceedings in the Court of Appeal for Ontario and in the High Court of Justice for Ontario, and in any Divisional Court thereof for or in relation to the quashing of convictions or orders, shall be in the discretion of the Court, and the Court shall have power to determine and direct by whom and to what extent the same shall be paid, whether the conviction or order is affirmed or quashed in whole or in part.

The Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario doth hereby make and ordain the following additional Rules of Court :

Rule 1239. Consolidated Rule 117 is amended by adding to the proceedings and matters which it is thereby provided shall be heard and determined before the Divisional Courts, the following :

Proceedings for or in relation to the quashing of convictions or orders.

Rule 1240. Consolidated Rules 355 and 356 shall not extend or apply to proceedings for or in relation to the quashing of convictions or orders.

Rule 1241. Consolidated Rule 1130 shall apply to the costs of and incidental to proceedings for or in relation to the quashing of convictions or orders whether the conviction or order is affirmed or quashed in whole or in part.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

MEDICAL MURDERS.—A plea for some legal authority for physicians to shorten the lives of patients in certain cases is made occasionally, and sometimes by persons from whom it would not be expected. The newspapers have just been discussing a proposition of this kind which they report to have been advanced by a man who is widely known as professor of law and as a judge. With all due respect to the eminent person to whom such opinions are attributed, it must be said that any proposition of this sort tends toward degeneration and barbarism. No other element more surely indicates the grade which any people has reached in the rise of men from savagery to Christian civilization than does their recognition of the sacredness of human life. Any proposition whatever, no matter from whom it comes, which aims at legalizing, by painless methods or otherwise, the murder of the helpless by those in whose care they are, deserves swift, severe, and unsparing reprobation. The humanitarian purpose of the advocate of such a proposal may be conceded ; but the just characterization of the infamous proposition should be none the less merciless.—*U.S. Exchange.*