

with additional force this year. Most of the Acts which obtained the royal assent on the 6th inst. were not obtainable until the 14th following, and the Acts assented to on the 14th were not to be had till the 17th. There is no excuse, &c."

English practitioners have our most hearty sympathy. It is really dreadful to be kept out of the statutes for three days. When it lasts for four months one becomes hardened and can practice with as much confidence as if one had not only seen but read and studied the last volume of legislation. But in the three-day stage the suffering must be intense. They should come out west where things are done properly.

REVIEWS.

HAWKINS ON WILLS.—We have received from T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., Philadelphia, a copy of the 2nd American edition of this important work. The original design of the book, a design admirably executed by the author, appears from his preface:—"The present work is intended to embrace all the questions of testamentary law on which rules of construction exist. It seems to have been thought by some that a rule ought to exist upon every possible point of construction; but the tendency of the courts now is to avoid creating (except in minor matters) any fresh rules, and not to extend the older rules beyond their present limits. If this principle be acted on, the law *necessary to be known* for purposes of construction may be reduced within moderate dimensions, and the present treatise is designed to show (however imperfectly) the form in which it might be permanently retained."

The present edition contains references, not only to the American editions, but also, we are glad to notice, to the more important of the Canadian cases. The Law Society has already procured a copy of the edition, and we can safely recommend it to the profession.