

the Registry Act and sub-s. 4 then amends s. 80 of the same Act, and so it goes all through the Act, jumping from one volume to another, and from one section back to a preceding section in the usual promiscuous way.

A very little trouble would be required to introduce a little order into the annual batch of statute amendments, and the amendments could be so arranged as to begin with the Revised Statutes and proceed in regular order with the various other amendments made to statutes according to the chronological order in which such statutes were passed. This would make the work of keeping track of statute amendments (a by no means easy task), somewhat easier. We again take this opportunity of offering this practical suggestion to those responsible for the arrangement of the provincial statutes, but there seems to be some sort of fascination about the "higgledy piggedy" plan of arrangement, and it really takes so much less trouble, that we despair that a saner method will ever find favour. What sec. 28 of this Act (c. 17) means, is a thing which will puzzle most people to understand; both the section and the marginal notes all appear to be wrong.

Among the other amendments effected by the Statute Law Amendment Act is one respecting the Registry Act, relating to discharges of mortgages. Under the former Act it was held that one of several executors could validly discharge a mortgage: *Re Johnson*, 6 P.R. 225, but under section 62 as now amended, it would seem probable that if there are several executors or administrators, all must join in the discharge.

The amendment to the Execution Act, s. 24 (6), making lands assets for the payment of debts due to the Crown or to subjects, is merely an affirmation of what was already the law of this province, under the Imperial Statute 5 Geo. II. c. 7, which, though repealed (50-51 Vict. c. 59) as regards England, was expressly continued in force as regards Ontario. This Act ought to have been included in the schedule Part IV. of volume 3 of the R.S.O. 1897, but possibly escaped the notice of the compilers of that volume owing to the statute having been repealed in