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Biennial Sessions of Legislatures.

The labours of our local legislators for the present year have just been completed; in our next issue we will shortly review the recent legislation. It is considered by many that we have altogether too much legislation and too many legislators; legislation means litigation, and litigation means business for lawyers. Our legislative machinery seems specially designed to breed briefs for counsel. It has been truly said that "It is a natural result of the laws not being understood by those who make them that persons of legislative capacity should be employed in their interpretation and improvement." It is, however, a question for those who have to pay the piper whether this state of affairs has not continued long enough. At the present time all our provincial institutions have settled themselves upon solid and workable foundations; few new questions of importance arise in provincial mat-

ters from year to year; the civilization and advancement of the age we live in have brought all matters relating to property and civil rights to a reasonably perfect condition; our country has been settled, opened up, and reduced to a system of municipal government which is highly satisfactory; railways and highways have been built everywhere, and our whole system of mercantile and educational life has been reduced to a stage that permits of few improvements. Such being the case, it is just a question whether we should not substitute biennial sessions of our Local Legislature for the present annual assemblies. Another very pertinent subject that is receiving much attention in the States of the neighbouring Republic is the question of restricting the introduction of bills in the legislatures of the various states. With this movement we, however, have no sympathy. We do not believe that this matter has yet reached the grievance stage in Ontario.