

instance, the passage commencing at the words "As to the grounds taken by defendant's counsel" to the end of the judgment, except the last paragraph, seems, on a first reading, lacking in coherency and point, but a further examination would seem to show that proper punctuation would make the meaning clear: that is to say, a colon or dash after the word "pretence," instead of a period. Again, does the court mean to say that *Regina v. Rymal*, 17 O.R. 227, was wrongly decided? and, if not, what does it mean when it says: "Upon the point now being considered, the Queen's Bench Division in *Regina v. Rymal*, 17 O.R. 227, following *Rex v. Danger*, which is not law"? This slipshod paragraph has evidently escaped the notice of our usually careful editor and his reporter. We presume the word should be "followed" instead of "following." Accidents will, however, happen in the best regulated families.

NOTES ON SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

PRACTICE IN ELECTION CASES.

The *Vaudrevil Election Case*, reported in the first number of Vol. 22 of the Supreme Court Reports, dealing with a question of practice under the Dominion Controverted Elections Act (R.S.C., c. 9), and incidentally with another question relating to the appellate jurisdiction of the court, can scarcely be passed over without criticism.

The decision depends on the construction placed on section 30 of the Act, which reads as follows:

"When, under this Act, more petitions than one are presented relating to the same election or return, all such petitions shall, in the election list, be bracketed together, and shall be dealt with, as far as may be, as one petition; but such petitions shall stand in the election list in the place where the last presented of them would have stood if it had been the only one presented as to such election or return, unless the court otherwise orders."

Two petitions were filed against the return of the appellant, and a judge's order was obtained fixing a date for the trial of one. The appellant moved in chambers for a postponement of the trial in order to have the two bracketed together, which motion was referred to the trial judges, who dismissed it, and ordered the