

effect of a dissenting judgment would be to make the losing party still more dissatisfied with the result of the litigation. In the case of an inferior tribunal *non constat* but that the judgment of the judge who dissents is really the true exposition of the law, though overborne *pro tem.* by the adverse opinion of the majority of the court, but in the case of the Judicial Committee that is not possible. And, speaking from the colonial point of view, we should say by no means abolish or alter the present system which prevails in the Privy Council of giving its judgment, or, to be technically accurate, of tendering its humble advice to the Crown.

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The recent session of the Provincial Legislature, although unusually short, was more than usually prolific, no less than 126 Acts receiving the royal assent at prorogation. The annual volume of statutes promises to run over 700 pages in length, and nearly one-half of this space is devoted to the amendments of the public general laws of the Province.

Many of these enactments are of an important, not to say radical, nature, and of considerable interest to the general public as well as to the legal profession. It has been common to criticize, perhaps unfairly, the work of our local legislators, especially where enactments affecting the laws of property and legal procedure are concerned; but it must be borne in mind that our Legislature is not composed of lawyers, and that many bills introduced are of so technical a character that it is impossible that more than a very few of the members of an Assembly which represents, and, for the most part, very fairly represents, all classes of the community should be familiar with the subjects dealt with, or be able to understand the evils sought to be remedied, or the value of the remedies to be applied. It must be remarked, in reference to the annual outcome of the legislative mill, that few people understand the difficulties or appreciate the labours of the draughtsman, and it may be that, as to the comments of Bench and Bar upon the wording of Ontario Statutes, a certain ancient and useful proverb concerning persons who live in glass houses is applicable, and it is claimed by some of those who ought to know that no Provincial Legislature, and not