
Flotsam and Local Items.

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To the Editor of THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL.

DEAR SIRS: Although you have often called attention to, and others have remarked, times without number, upon the niggardly telephone accommodation at Osgoode Hall, the Benchers have not thought proper to do anything about it. The want of a reasonable and proper service is a great nuisance to those whose duties call them thither. Long and tedious journeys have to be made from one end of the building to the other to the great inconvenience of busy and weary men. Valuable time is lost and business retarded. Are the Benchers not aware that we are now living in the twentieth century?

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[We presume the Benchers must know that much dissatisfaction has existed for a long time as to the matter referred to. Surprise has often been expressed that nothing has been done.]—ED. C. I. J.

The following legislative gem from 34 & 35 Henry VIII., c. 9, is worth noting. It provides that "although the most part of the persons of the said craft of surgeons have small cunning, yet they will take great sums of money and do little therefor, and by reason thereof they do often impair and hurt their patients rather than do them good, in consideration whereof, and for the ease, comfort, succour, help, relief and health of the King's poor subjects, inhabitants of this realm now pained or diseased, or that hereafter shall be pained or diseased." In order to meet this difficulty the Act goes on to provide (in *hæc verba*):—"That at all times from henceforth it shall be lefull to every psone being the King's subject, having knowledge and experience of the nature of herbes, rotes, and waters, or of the operacon of the same by speculacun or practyse within any part of the realm of England, or within any other of the King's dominions to practise, use and mynistré in and to any outward sore, uncoom wounde, appostem acons, outward swelling or disease, any herbe or herbes oyntement, bathes, pultes and emplasters, according to theyre cooning experience and knowledge in any of the diseases, sores and maladies aforesaid, and all other like to the same, or drinks for stone ste au gurye or agrees without sute vesacon trouble penaltie or losse of theyre goods.