

penned by a privy councillor, but who would refer to a principle "which *lays* at the bottom of the rule of construction," (152), and experiment on the plural of subject-matter, trying first *subjects-matter*(6), then *subjects-matters*(10). (An ordinary mortal would have tried the third alternative, if it were only to see how it would look.)

Italics and capitals, spacing and display headings are distinguishing characteristics of "a legal analyst." We had been accustomed to think that too free a use of such adventitious props to language were a sign of poverty of expression; but when the point is worked out it becomes quite clear that when one undertakes to make "THE TRUTH" apparent, the best way is to use capitals and large type—the dimmest eye will thus be accommodated. An example or two will show the beauty and benefit of the system: "the fate of the Scott Act now before them on appeal, is, TO SAY THE LEAST OF IT, *rendered somewhat doubtful*" (116); "but I think an Act, which in effect *authorizes the inhabitants of each town or parish to regulate the sale of liquor and to direct for whom, for what purposes, and under what conditions spirituous liquors may be sold therein*, DEALS WITH MATTERS OF A MERELY LOCAL NATURE, *which*, by the terms of the 16th sub-section of sec. 92 of the *British North America Act*, ARE WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE" (171).

Another peculiarity of "a legal analyst" is, that under certain circumstances he will translate an easy English word into Italian, but when he uses Latin words in a novel manner he leaves the reader to do the best he can. For example, he tells us that traffic is "from the *Italian* "*tratta*," to trade," (151), but he frequently speaks of Parliament legislating "*bona fide*" (129, 137, 179, &c.), and yet leaves us to grope around for a new meaning to the words.

"A legal analyst," in his religious aspect, has some of the characteristics of a christian. He is no respecter of persons. He will not speak evil of dignitaries; he will treat of arguments and not of their authors (98). But,