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We believe, therefore, that the protests of Serjeant Ballantine and Mr. Giffard have the cordial approval of the entire profession."

And so they should. To hold the contrary would bring deserved discredit upon the English Bar, and would open a very wide door to professional abuses of the gravest character. We trust this most unpleasant episode may, after all, be productive of good results, in establishing the rule that no counsel, however high his position, or how strong his conviction of the justice of his cause, may arrogate the right to impugn the motives or question the integrity of even the humblest of his professional brethren.

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We hasten to publish for the benefit of our subscribers the following Acts of last Session, in advance of their appearance in the usual course. From looking at the list, it will be seen that they are those most likely to be required for immediate reference. It seems extraordinary that the Legislature has never hit upon the idea of providing that all new laws (with an occasional exception when necessary) shall not come into force until a month or so after they are assented to.

An Act respecting the Law Society of Ontario.

Whereas, &c.: Her Majesty, &c, enacts:

1. The Benchers of the Law Society in convocation are authorized to appoint from time to time such persons, being members of the Law Society, of the degree of barrister-at-law, as they may think proper, to be editors and reporters of the decisions of the Superior Courts; who shall hold office at the pleasure of the said Benchers, and shall be amenable to them in convocation for the correct and faithful discharge of their respective duties, according to such regulations as the said Benchers shall from time to time make in respect thereof.

2. The said Benchers in convocation shall make regulations for the printing and publishing the said reports of the said decisions, and the distribution of the said reports and the price and mode of issuing thereof, and all such other regulations in respect thereto, as they may at any time consider necessary; and any profits arising from the said reports shall form part of the general funds of the Law Society.

3. The Benchers in convocation shall from time to time determine the salaries to be allowed to the said editors and reporters, and shall pay the same out of the general funds of the society.

4. The Benchers in convocation may make rules for the improvement of legal education, and may appoint readers and lecturers with salaries; and may impose fees and prescribe rules for the attendance of students and articulated clerks at such readings or lectures, and for examinations thereon, as conditional to call to the bar, or admission as attorney; and may establish scholarships in connection therewith; and may for proficiency at examination, by rules to be established specially in that respect, diminish the number of years of studentship on the books of the society, or under articles of clerkship, but so as not to reduce the number of years for call to the bar or admission as attorney to less than three.

5. The Benchers in convocation may by regulation require that clerks hereafter articulated shall pass a preliminary examination; and the term of service under articles to entitle each articulated clerk to be admitted an attorney shall date only from the passing of such examination.

6. The fees payable by barristers, as term fees, and on call to the bar, and by attorneys on admission as attorneys, and by students and articulated clerks on admission as such, and on examinations and attendance on lectures and readings shall be paid into the general funds of the Law Society, and shall be such as the Law Society shall by rule from time to time prescribe.

7. The Benchers of the Law Society shall, during Hilary term in each year, furnish to each member of the Law Society entitled to vote at the election of Benchers, a statement in detail of the revenue and expenditure of such Law Society, for the year ending the thirty-first day of December preceding each statement, the same to be first duly audited by auditors appointed by said Benchers to audit and report upon the finances of the said Law Society.

8. [Repeal of Con. Stat. U. C. Cap. 36, and Con. Stat. U. cap. 35, sec. 26; sub-secs 2, 3, and of inconsistent enactments.]

9. The Benchers of the Law Society in convocation are authorized to make such compensation as they may in their discretion think fit to any reporter, unless such reporter is appointed a reporter under this Act.

10. This Act shall come into force on the first day of Easter term next.

An Act to amend the "Law Reform Act of 1868."

Her Majesty, &c., enacts at follows:

1. Immediately after the word "jury" in the last line but one of sub-section 1 of section 18 of the Law Reform Act of 1868, there shall be inserted the following words, that is to say: "And in any action of ejectment the claimant or defendant may require the issue to be tried, and the damages, if any, to be assessed by a jury; and in that event the defendant shall file with his appearance, and the claimant