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in, is entitled to the protection of the Court as against the violence and abusive language of another solicitor. An order for the production of documents had been made, and it was directed that the documents should be inspected at the office of the defendant's solicitor. However, an order for security for costs was taken out, and before security was given, the plaintiff's solicitor wished to proceed with the inspection. This was objected to, and then a draft bond for security was prepared by the plaintiff's solicitor, and left for approval with the defendant's solicitor. Afterwards, the plaintiff's solicitor called at the office of the other solicitor for this draft of bond, when he was assaulted and called a scoundrel. The Vice-Chancellor held, that this was a contempt of Court, and required the offending solicitor to make an ample apology, and pay the costs of the application. But, upon appeal, this decision was reversed.

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The Revised Statutes of Ontario, which will be issued as soon as the incorporation of the Acts of the last session is completed, will doubtless be followed by an increase in the legal literature of the Province, and will certainly demand new editions of some of our standard works.

Mr. Leith, we understand, is likely to issue a new work on the law of Real Property, or a new edition of his Blackstone's Commentaries. At the request of the Chief Justice of Ontario, Mr. Frank Joseph, who is now assisting Mr. Christopher Robinson in the new Digest of Ontario Reports, has undertaken to edit new editions of Mr. Harrison's invaluable works, the Common Law Procedure Act, and the Municipal Manual. It is proposed to include in the former the Law Reform Act, the Administration of Justice Act and the Rules of Court, so as to include in one volume the

practical procedure of the Common Law Courts. The Municipal Manual will be similar in character to the last edition, but will require to be thoroughly recast. It will be issued almost immediately after the issue of the Revised Statutes, the work being now in course of preparation from advance sheets of that compilation.

Mr. O'Brien is already at work on a new edition of his Division Court Manual, the first having been for some years out of print. This book will supply a want felt, not only by the officers of the Division Courts and those not of the long robe who are permitted to practice therein, but also by professional men whose services are now rendered more imperatively necessary by reason of the extended jurisdiction of these Courts. The growing importance of these inferior tribunals imperatively demands a work which will guide to a uniformity in procedure as well as decisions, and so increase the usefulness of these courts, to which a large portion of all classes of the community must continually resort.

We are also glad to be able to announce the issue of the tenth number of Messrs. Robinson & Joseph's Digest. It includes the titles of "Justice of the Peace" and "Landlord and Tenant," and brings the work down to the end of "Legacy."

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The Irish Lord Justice Christian has been lately overhauling a judgment of the Vice-Chancellor in a most *unchristian* style. The whole attack is a very brilliant piece of rhetoric, but entirely indefensible as a judicial deliverance. Some of his observations, however, are of general application, and not without meaning in many cases that have been decided in other Courts than those of Ireland. He said that there were two schools of