

11. Orillia proved too hot for the president and his henchmen, after Harris issued his writ against the company, and North Bay now is the head office."

Saunders, Stephen, Bullen, Leake, and Metcalfe, and all that race would turn in their graves were they to behold the heights, or shall we say, the depths, to which modern pleadings have come.

Such pleading as the above runs a close race with the rhetorical efforts of a former Irish member of the Ontario Bar, who was accustomed to startle and amuse the profession some years ago with similar feats of graphic pleading. The rapid way in which individuals are said to be eliminated and meet "the official axe" and "the hot time in the old town," so succinctly described betoken an exceptional genius for forensic pleading which is not too often met with—Why, because Maclellan was decapitated, "the company moved to Orillia" is not explained, and from an artistic point of view is very properly left to the imagination.

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As we go to press word comes of the decease of Mr. John Westlake, K.C. Professor Westlake—for he will always be "Professor" in the minds of his old Cambridge pupils—was not only a distinguished lawyer: he had a spirit open to the appeal of every humane and liberal cause. His vast stores of learning were available to the inquiries of the veriest tyros in juridical science. His saturation in the legal atmosphere of Continental thinkers was (especially in a practising barrister) amazing. His sanity and balance were no less remarkable than were his enthusiasms. He protested equally against the Russian coercion of Finland and the Italian coercion of Turkey. As an original founder of the Institute of International Law, he was the doyen of international lawyers. It is nearly sixty years since, as a young wrangler, he wrote "A Treatise on Private International Law." For condensed hard thinking, scientific consistency, and cogent sense, the treatise has never been surpassed; probably never equalled. In the domain of public international law he was less successful. His extremely subtle intellect was less suited to grappling with broad questions of statecraft. But in that most difficult and delicate tissue of problems which is presented by the conflict of laws, he was unapproachable.—*Law Magazine and Review.*