

He was a man of very considerable natural ability, and a universal favorite with all who knew him, from his generous and manly disposition. He was favorably known to the profession as the compiler of "Draper's Rules," and a useful handy book on the Law of Dower.

At a meeting of the Bar of Kingston, held on Friday, the 18th ult., Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick, Q. C., in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Mr. James O'Reilly, Q. C., seconded by Mr. Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,

Resolved,—That it is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have heard of the death of William George Draper, Esq., Judge of the County Court of Frontenac, and for many years a leading member of its Bar.

Mr. Draper, in the discharge of the onerous duties of Judge, won the respect and esteem of the community; and by his ability and courteous demeanour towards the Profession, gained their highest regard and confidence. The Bar of Kingston, therefore, with unfeigned sorrow mourn his loss, and sympathise with his widow in her affliction.

Moved by Mr. James Agnew, seconded by Mr. Daniel Macarow,

Resolved,—That the Bar, as a mark of respect, do attend the funeral of the late Judge Draper in costume, and do wear mourning for thirty days.

Moved by Mr. J. A. Henderson, D.C.L., seconded by Mr. Thomas Parke,

Resolved,—That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to Mrs. Draper.

DIVISION COURTS' ACT.

Most of our readers are probably aware that an act was passed last session to give increased powers to Division Courts with reference to the attachment of debts, &c., and making some alterations in the law. Mr. O'Brien is preparing an annotated edition of the late act, which will shortly be published, in form similar to his previous book on Division Courts.

ACTS OF LAST SESSION.

The following are some of the Acts passed last session:—

AN ACT

To amend the Law as to Wills.

[Assented to 19th December, 1868.]

Whereas it is expedient to amend the law as to Wills, Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. Every Will shall be construed with reference to the real and personal estate com-

prised in it, to speak and take effect as if it had been executed immediately before the death of the testator, unless a contrary intention appears by the Will.

2. No conveyance or other act made or done subsequently to the execution of a will, of or relating to any real or personal estate therein comprised (except an act by which the Will is revoked) shall prevent the operation of the Will with respect to such estate or interest in such real or personal estate as the testator shall have power to dispose of at the time of his death.

3. Every will shall be revoked by the marriage of the testator, except a Will made in exercise of a power of appointment when the real or personal estate thereby appointed would in default of such appointment, pass to the testator's heir, executor or administrator, or the person entitled as the testator's next of kin under the statute of distributions.

4. No will shall be revoked by any presumption of an intention on the ground of an alteration in circumstances.

5. No Will or codicil, or any part thereof, shall be revoked otherwise than as aforesaid, or by another Will or codicil executed according to law, or by some writing declaring an intention to revoke the same, and executed in the manner in which a Will is by law required to be executed, or by the burning, tearing or otherwise destroying the same by the testator, or by some one in his presence and by his direction, with the intention of revoking the same.

6. This Act shall not apply to the Will of any person who is dead before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

AN ACT

To amend the Registry Act, and to further provide as to the Certificates of Married Women, touching their consent as to the execution of Deeds of Conveyance.

[Assented to 19th December, 1868.]

Whereas it is desirable to amend the Registry Law of Ontario, so far as to give certainty to the right of married women jointly with their husbands to execute certificates of discharge of mortgage: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. From and after the passing of this Act, when any registered mortgage of lands wherein a married woman may happen to be a mortgagee therein, or whereof the assignee is a married woman, shall have been satisfied, the Registrar, on receiving a certificate, executed jointly by such married woman and her husband, in the form prescribed by the Registry Act of Ontario, shall register such certificate in the same manner provided by said Act for registering certificates of discharge of mortgage, and such certificate shall be deemed a discharge of such mortgage to the same effect as any other certificates registered under the said Act; and it shall not be necessary to produce any certificate of such married woman