

opportunity, as promised, of making public for the guidance of intending authors.

[No. 1.]

Hamilton, 20th November, 1858.

My Dear Harrison,—I am sorry to observe by the newspapers that the subscribers to your Common Law Procedure Act have not been uniform in paying their subscriptions, and that you have been inconvenienced thereby.

I trust that you will accept the enclosed sum of Ten Dollars, from me, as I consider my copy quite worth that amount in addition to the regular price.

Believe me to remain,

Yours very truly,

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R. A. HARRISON, Esq.

[No. 2.]

Messrs. MACLEAR & Co.:

Gentlemen,—I paid for two copies of Mr. Harrison's book, \$11, and I do not intend to pay any more.

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Whitby.

LEGAL PRETENDERS.

In other columns will be found a letter from a correspondent who sends us the advertisement of "a mock lawyer." We think the time is come when attention should be directed to such persons, and we are convinced if properly directed that the reign of the Pretenders will be short.

On the present occasion we insert the advertisement of "Mr. ———, Notary Public, Commissioner for taking Affidavits, Conveyancer, &c.," gratuitously. We do so without being informed what other occupations are embraced under the enigmatical "&c." It may be that the gentleman in question is a duly admitted barrister or attorney, and if so he should state it.

We can, however, without much stretch of imagination, fancy the "&c." to cover a multitude of indescribable employments. We can fancy, in the present age of loose conveyancing, a man under "&c." being at the same time an innkeeper, a blacksmith, and a parish clerk. We do not slight these or any other modes of gaining a livelihood, but we very much question whether the man who follows them is of all the world the man best fitted to draw "a will" or "other conveyancing." Without doubt it would be "done" upon "liberal terms," but when "done," might be worth less than nothing.

If the people of Upper Canada are mad enough to employ such persons to dispose of real estate, while pitying their insanity we most certainly think they deserve to suffer whatever losses may be the consequence. "A knowledge of general conveyancing" is not to be acquired without

"a knowledge of law," and the man who without the latter professes to do the former is an impostor. "Neatness" we question not. "Despatch" we question not. But more than either "neatness" or "despatch" is requisite to make a reliable conveyancer.

Mr. ——— is not singular. Our remarks are not directed to him alone, but to a class of whom so far as we can judge he is one. We know him not; and, for all that we do know, he is a very estimable man. While admitting his claim to our respect as a man, we must take the liberty of saying that he shows no claim to the title of "Conveyancer, &c." It is sincerely to be hoped that the Conveyancing bill which has more than once been before the Legislature will at an early day become law, and so cut short the career of a class of well-meaning but misguided men, whose existence is an evidence of legislative apathy, and whose non-existence would be a gain to society—we mean "sham conveyancers."

THE CANADA DIRECTORY.

Mr. Lovell, than whom there is no more enterprising man in Canada, announces a new edition of the Canada Directory, provided he obtain by 1st January next such a number of subscribers as will justify him in proceeding with the undertaking.

The value of the Directory to every man of business—and who in Canada is not a man of business?—is known everywhere; but it is a work which to be reliable, owing to the rapid changes of men and things, particularly in a colony, must be put through frequent editions. It is not to be expected that Mr. Lovell is to do this at a great pecuniary loss to himself. The first edition of the work has been to him a heavy loss. This was owing in part to the low price of publication, but chiefly to the monetary pressure consequent on the late crisis.

The price of the book of course the publisher can himself regulate; but the scarcity of money is an evil which he no more than any other individual of the community can remedy. For this reason the price fixed for the new edition is \$8 per copy, and Mr. Lovell issues his prospectus in the hope that times are so far improved that he will receive a moderate support.

No one, except a person experienced in such undertakings, can form any idea of the immense cost of producing a work of the nature and of the size of the Canada Directory. The cost of printing and publication must of itself be heavy; but to this must be added the great and almost unlimited expense of the collection of information at once reliable and ample.

It is to be hoped that the public spirited publisher will be seconded by the people for whose good he is willing to