

ACTS OF LAST SESSION.

6.—The fifth section of the said Consolidated Statute is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted in lieu thereof:

"5.—In case the contract of service, assignment (if any), affidavit and certificate of due service or any of them cannot be produced, then on application to be made to the Law Society by a petition verified by affidavit to be left with the secretary of the society at least fourteen days next before the first day of the term on which the applicant seeks admission, the society on being satisfied of such fact may, in their discretion, dispense with the production of such contract, assignment, affidavits and certificate of due service or any of them, and may, notwithstanding such non production, grant the certificates provided for in the tenth section of this Act."

7.—The Law Society may—upon being satisfied that the applicant for admission has really and *bona fide* served and been actually employed in the manner in the said amended Act and in this Act specified, under articles for the term of five years, or shorter term required by this or the said amended Act, as the case may be, in their discretion and in accordance with rules to be established by them, with the approbation of the visitors—grant the certificates provided for by the tenth section of the said amended Act, although the terms or conditions by this or the said amended Act required, have not been strictly complied with.

8.—The eleventh section of the said statute is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted in lieu thereof:

"11. Whenever any person has been bound by contract in writing to serve as a clerk to an attorney or solicitor, such contract with the affidavit of execution thereof annexed thereto, shall, within three months next after the execution of the contract, be filed with one of the Clerks of the Crown and Pleas at Toronto, who shall endorse and sign upon such contract and affidavit a memorandum of the day of filing thereof, and every assignment of such contract, together with an affidavit of the execution thereof annexed thereto shall be filed in like manner within the like period of three months next after the execution thereof"

9.—The twelfth section of the said Statute is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted in lieu thereof:

"12. In case such contract of assignment (as the case may be) with the affidavit of execution annexed thereto be not filed within three months after the date of the contract or assignment, the same may nevertheless be filed with either of the officers before mentioned, but the service of the clerk shall be reckoned only from the date of such filing, unless the Law Society in its discretion shall for special reasons in any particular case otherwise order."

An Act to amend the Consolidated Statute respecting the Court of Chancery.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1.—The Court of Chancery in Upper Canada shall have the same jurisdiction as the Court of Chancery in England has, in regard to leases and sales of settled estates, and in regard to enabling minors, with the approbation of the Court, to make binding settlements of their real and personal estate on marriage; and in regard to questions submitted for the opinion of the Court in the form of special cases on the part of such persons, as may by themselves, their committees or guardians, or otherwise concur therein.

2.—The Court shall have the same equitable jurisdiction in matters of revenue as the Court of Exchequer in England possesses.

3.—In all cases in which the Court has jurisdiction to entertain an application for an injunction against a breach of any covenant, contract or agreement or against the commission or continuance of any wrongful act, or for the specific performance of any covenant, contract or agreement, the Court, if it thinks fit, may award damages to the party injured either in addition to or in substitution for such injunction or specific performance, and such damages may be ascertained in such manner as the court may direct, or the Court may grant such other relief as it may deem just.

4. An Order or Decree for Alimony may be registered in any Registry Office in Upper Canada, and such Registration shall, so long as the Order or Decree registered remains in force, bind the estate and interest of every description which the defendant has in any lands in the County or Counties where such Registration is made, and operate thereon for the amount or amounts by such Order or Decree ordered to be paid in the same manner and with the same effect as the Registration of a charge of a life annuity, created by the defendant on his lands would; and such Registration may be effected through a certificate by the Registrar of the Court of such Order or Decree.

5.—Where a commission of lunacy would have been heretofore necessary or proper, the Court in lieu thereof may, with or without the aid of a Jury (which the Court or a Judge thereof may cause to be empanelled as in other cases) hear evidence and enquire into and determine upon the alleged lunacy, provided that the alleged lunatic shall have a right in such cases to demand that the inquiry be submitted to a jury, or the Court may order that the inquiry be had before any Court of Record, and every such inquiry, whether under a commission of lunacy, or before any such Court of Record, shall be confined to the question, whether or not the person who is