
Correspondence.

UNLICENSED CONVEYANCERS.

To the Editor of THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL:

SIR,—Herewith I send you three advertisements, clipped from the issue of the *Ridgetown Plaindealer* of the 5th inst., which will speak for themselves, and I ask you to give them publicity in your valuable paper. As a lover of my chosen profession, I deem it a duty I owe to my professional brethren in particular, and to the public generally, to show them, as far as I can, the encroachments that are being made upon legal practice, and the audacity that is being acquired by the horde of unlicensed conveyancers with which this province has become infested, who pay no fees and are wholly irresponsible.

We, the younger practitioners in the smaller towns and villages, are prejudicially affected by the business done by the class of men in question to a far greater extent than are our professional brethren elsewhere; but every member of the profession, wherever he carries on his practice, has just cause for complaint. It is a fact that in this western peninsula those branches of the profession on which the young practitioner, without means or influence, is dependent to give him a start in his professional career (I refer to conveyancing, collection of debts, non-contentions, Surrogate Court work, Division Court practice, etc.), are almost wholly monopolized by the unlicensed conveyancer. I think it high time that the legal profession in this province be accorded at least that degree of protection that the members of every other profession at present enjoy.

I might add that as solicitors and members of the Law Society we cannot, and I am happy to say have no desire to, advertise in such a way as to compete with the class of men in question, but if we sever our connection with the Law Society it seems we can do as we like.

I am, yours, etc., FAIR PLAY.

[See comments on p. 163.—ED. L.J.]

EXTRA-JUDICIAL OATHS.

To the Editor of THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL:

DEAR SIR,—It does not seem to have been generally noticed by the profession that at the last session of the Dominion Parliament an Act was passed amending the "Act respecting Extra-judicial Oaths." Theretofore, the right of commissioners to take statutory declarations had been disputed, but this sets the matter finally at rest. An Act passed by the Ontario Legislature at its last session