

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The *Albany Law Journal* advertises a treatise on the Law of Nuisances, soon to be published, written by H. S. Wood, a member of the Albany Bar, which, we are told, is a “*comprehensible and exhaustive* treatise upon this branch of the law.” We shall welcome such an addition to legal literature, and in the present age of fast reading and rapid book-making the fact that this volume will be comprehensible is no small merit.

Eight Election cases have, up to this time, been tried, and the candidates have one and all succumbed to the legal test. Not much in the way of interest to the legal profession has to be noted, but a large amount of bribery and corruption has been laid bare, and much doubtless, never came to light at all. So far, the only cases that seem worth reporting are the London case, the South Renfrew case, the Cornwall case, and the West Northumberland case. The first brings up the question as to whether a candidate is disqualified by acts of his agents under Sec. 18 of the Election Act of 1873 and some other points of interest, and the last two as to costs. We can only make space for the first two in this issue.

The Autumn Assize list and the new Rules of the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, which appear at the end of this journal, mark an epoch in the administration of justice in Ontario. They tell us of the revival of Trinity Term—the transaction of Court business by a single Judge, instead of by a Bench of Judges as before—the hearing of causes, which heretofore could only be heard in Term, twice a week during the year—the formation of two new circuits, and the presence at these two circuits of the two new Justices of Appeal. What with these changes, and the new practice introduced by the

Administration of Justice Act, and the innumerable other Acts of the Dominion and the Ontario Legislature, in addition to the Reports to be read, marked, learned, &c., it behoves a lawyer in this Province to “look alive.” But from the nightmare of case law, at least, they will be relieved by Mr. Robinson's coming digest, whilst there is good hope that the wheels of litigation will move smoothly, oiled by the provisions of the Acts for the administration of justice.

A legal journal of good repute on the other side of the “herring pond,” in copying an article which appeared in our columns some months ago, describing a Court scene in Ohio, speaks of it as “A *Canada Law Court*.” It may be desirable to instruct our generally well-informed friend that Ohio is one of the United States of America, and that the Dominion of Canada has not as yet annexed it. We are thinking of doing so, however, and when we do, shall be glad to assist a few of the junior editors of journals in England and Ireland to vacancies in some of the classes in geography for small boys. We may mention as an item of interest in the meantime, that as far as extent of country is concerned, the British Isles and Ohio together are somewhat in the same proportion to Canada as Switzerland is to Russia. The ignorance of some of the “tight little Islanders” about matters situated a trifle beyond the length of their own noses is truly wonderful, though by no means a novel subject of merriment.

An occasional correspondent in Nova Scotia speaks of the crowded dockets there and the accumulation of arrears, owing partly to the fact that there has been a vacancy on the Bench since the beginning of the year, which had not, at the time he wrote, been filled up. The names of Hon. W. A. Henry, Q.C., and Messrs.