

*ONTARIO STATUTES FOR 1917.*

The volume of Statutes of the Legislature for Ontario have been issued with commendable promptitude. The Government is to be congratulated, not only on that fact, but also on the improvement in the general "get up" of the last two volumes.

There does not appear to have been any legislation of very striking importance during the last session. The Ontario Temperance Act has received considerable amendments chiefly in matters of detail. As also the Workmen's Compensation Act. We see that an Act has been passed to regulate the purchase, sale and transfer of goods in bulk (chapter 33). The principal object of the Act appears to be to protect the creditors of the vendor, and to prevent the apparent owner of a stock in trade from selling it in bulk, and pocketing the proceeds, to the prejudice of those to whom he may be indebted. The purchaser in any such transaction is now required before concluding his bargain to obtain from the vendor a statutory declaration as to the names and amounts due to his various creditors, otherwise the transaction will be void as against such creditors. On obtaining such declaration the vendor is to lodge the purchase-money in the hands of a trustee for distribution among creditors unless the latter choose to waive that course.

We have noticed a few slight defects which it may be well to note: c. 4, s. 4 amends sub-section 9, the sub-section intended to be amended would appear to be sub-section 10.

C. 20, s. 15, purports to amend s-s. 5 of s. 10. The section intended to be amended is s-s. 5, of s. 37, as enacted by s. 10.

C. 23, s. 8, repeals sections "2 to 7." Does this include 7? It substitutes ss. "2 to 7" of c. 23. Does this include s. 7? The addition of the word "inclusive" would have prevented any question.

C. 27 amends the Succession Duty Act. This chapter might well have also amended the clerical errors in 5 Geo. V. c. 7, s. 4 (3), where the section purported to be amended is s. 8, whereas s. 7 appears to have been the section really intended.

We notice that 6 Geo. V. c. 24, appears in the Statute book