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THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL AND LOCAL COURTS' GAZETTE, is the name of an excellent monthly publication, from the establishment of Maclear & Co., Toronto.—It is conducted by W. D. Ardagh, and R. A. Harrison, B. C. L., Barrister at Law.—Price \$4 per annum.—*Oshawa Visitor*, October 13th., 1858.

LAW JOURNAL, for November has arrived, and we have with pleasure its invaluable contents. In our humble opinion, the publication of this Journal is an inestimable boon to the legal profession. We are not aware of the extent of its circulation in Bradford; it should be taken, however by every member of the Bar, in town, as well every Magistrate and Municipal Officer. Nor would politicians find it unprofitable, to pursue its highly instructive pages. This Journal is admitted by Trans-Atlantic writers to be the most ably conducted Journal of the profession in America. The Publishers have our sincere thanks for the present number.—*Brant Herald*, Nov. 16th., 1858.

U. C. Law Journal, August, 1858: Toronto Maclear & Co. This valuable law serial still maintains its high position. We hope its circulation is increasing. Every Magistrate should patronize it. We are happy to learn from the number before us that Mr. Harrison's "Common Law Procedure Acts" is highly spoken of by the English *Jurist*, a legal authority of considerable weight. He says it is "almost as useful to the English as to the Canadian Lawyer, and is not only the most recent, but by far the most complete edition which we (*Jurist*) have seen of these important acts of parliament."—*Oshawa Star*, August 11th, 1858.

UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL.—The August number of the *Upper Canada Law Journal and Local Courts Gazette*, has just come to hand. Like its predecessors, it maintains its high standing as a periodical which should be studied by every Upper Canadian Law Student; and carefully read, and referred to, by every intelligent Canadian who would become acquainted with the laws of his adopted country, and see how these laws are administered in her courts of Justice.—*Stratford Examiner*, August 12th, 1858.

THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL, and Local Courts Gazette.

The August number of this sterling publication has been at hand several days. It opens with a well written original paper on "Law, Equity and Justice" which considers the questions so frequently asked by those who have been, as they think, victimized in a legal controversy:—"Is Law not Equity? Is Equity not Law?" Liability of Corporations, and Liability of Steamboat Proprietors, are next in order, and will be found worth a careful perusal. "A Historical Sketch of the Constitution, Laws and Legal Tribunals of Canada," is continued from the July number; it is compiled with care, and should be read by every young Canadian.

The correspondence department is very full this month. There are letters from several Division Court Clerks, asking the opinions of the Editors on points of law with which it is important every clerk should be familiar. There are communications too from Justices of the Peace, asking information upon a great variety of subjects. All questions are answered by the Editors; and a glance at this department must be sufficient to satisfy every Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Bailiff or Constable that in no way can they invest \$4 with so much advantage to themselves, as in paying that amount as a year's subscription to the *Law Journal*. The report of the case, "*Hickson v. Cummings*," by ROBERT A. HARRISON, ESQ., written in the Court of Error and Appeal, is very full, and of course will receive the careful attention of the profession. The Reports of Law Courts add greatly to the value of the publication.

The *Law Journal* of Canada will compare favorably with any similar work either in Great Britain or the United States, and it is to be hoped that it will receive a patronage commensurate with its deserts. ROBERT A. HARRISON, one of the Editors, is a gentleman who has earned an enviable position in the profession, and who has reflected credit upon the Province by his numerous valuable additions to the Legal Literature of the British Empire. In the *Jurist*, London, England, of July 3rd, we notice an extended and highly commendatory notice of Mr. Harrison's last work, which is pronounced as useful to the English as the Canadian Lawyer. It would be surprising indeed, if in the hands of such a gentleman, and his able assistant A. D. S. Ardagh, Esq., the *Law Journal* did not merit a large share of public favor and support.—*Port Hope Guide* August.

THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL, &c.

We are indebted to the publishers of this interesting law periodical for the numbers till this sale of the present volume, (Vol. 4.) commencing with January last. Its pages have been looked over by us with much interest. It is the only legal periodical published in Upper Canada, and is conducted with great ability. Each number contains elaborate original articles on professional subjects, mainly of importance to the bar of Canada, but also entertaining to that of the United States—communications on mooted points and replies thereto, serial instructions to magistrates and other officers—and numerous decisions of the Division and other Courts of Canada. We welcome it as an excellent exchange.—*The Pillsbury Legal Journal*, Sept. 4th, 1858.

The *Upper Canada Law Journal*. Maclear & Co., Toronto. This well conducted publication, we are glad to learn, has proved eminently successful. Its contents must prove of great value to the Profession in Canada, and will prove interesting in the United States.—*Legal Intelligence*, Philadelphia, August 6, 1858.

THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL for July. Maclear & Co., Toronto. \$4 a year.—To this useful publication the public are indebted for the only reliable law intelligence. For instance, after all the Toronto newspapers have given a garbled account of the legal proceedings in the case of Moses R. Cumming, out comes the *Law Journal* and speaks the truth, viz: that the Court of Appeal has ordered a new Trial, the prisoner remaining in custody.—*British Whig*, July 6, 1858.

THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL Toronto: Maclear & Co.—The July number of this valuable journal has reached us. As it is the only publication of the kind in the Province, it ought to have an extensive circulation, and should be in the hands of all business as well as professional men. The price of subscription is four dollars a year in advance.—*Spectator*, July 7, 1858.

*Upper Canada Law Journal*.—This highly interesting and useful Journal for June has been received. It contains a vast amount of information. The articles on "The work of Legislation," "Law Reforms of the Session," "Historical Sketch of the Constitution Laws and Legal Tribunals of Canada," are well worthy of a careful perusal. This work should be found in the office of every merchant and trader in the Province, being, in our opinion, of quite as much use to the merchant as the lawyer.—*Hamilton Spectator*.—June 8, 1858.

The *Upper Canada Law Journal and Local Courts Gazette*, for June. Toronto.—Maclear & Co., Publishers; Messrs. ARDAGH and HARRISON, Editors.

This is a most excellent publication. The present number contains very able original articles on the following topics:—"The work of Legislation," "Consolidation of the Laws of Upper Canada," and "Law Reforms of the Session—General Review (continued)." Two reports of important cases tried in the Local Courts, are full and very interesting. Altogether this magazine is conducted with much ability, and it richly deserves to be widely patronized.—*Thorold Gazette*.—June 9, 1858.

THE UPPER CANADA LAW JOURNAL for May is full of interesting articles—instructive alike to the profession and the general public. The editorials, as usual, evince the sound knowledge and legal experience of the writers under whose management the Journal is now published,—and the opening one, on the "Power of a Colonial Parliament to Imprison for Contempt," embraces an amount of interesting record from opinions of high authorities, upon which the author is led to conclude that the power to commit for contempt cannot justly be exercised by the Provincial Parliament. The other principal articles are—"Remuneration to Witnesses in Criminal Cases;" "Law Reforms of the Session—General Review;" "University of Toronto—Law Faculty;" "Historical Sketch of the Constitution, Laws, and Legal Tribunals of Canada," &c. An original essay on the latter subject is to be commenced in the next issue, and continued monthly till completed, and it is promised that the aim of the writer will be to narrate—not to discuss. His materials are, we are informed, the best that can be had, consisting of several French and English Manuscripts now out of print. To this may be added all the information that can be from *Edicts, Arrêts, and Ordonnances* of the French Government and of the Province of Quebec together with the *Ordonnances* and Acts of Parliament of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. No pains are to be spared, either in research or compilation, that can be made tributary to the object of the writer. The period embraced will be nearly three centuries—that is, from the settlement of Canada by the French to the present day. This is a subject so fruitful in details of a most interesting character, that if the promises referred to are carried out,—(as we have every reason to expect they will, from the deservedly high reputation of the editors)—the *Law Journal* will considerably increase its popularity as a reliable record.—*Colonist* May, 14th, 1858.

Somewhere it has been said that to know a people thoroughly, it is necessary to study their laws—to ascertain how life and property are protected. This ably conducted Journal tells us how the laws enacted by government are administered in Upper Canada. It tells us—what everybody knows—that law is expensive, and it adds that cheap justice is a curse, the expense of the law being the price of liberty. Both assertions are certainly truisms, yet a litigious and quarrelsome spirit is not invariably the result of that combativeness which belongs to such men as those who, under any circumstances, and at whatever cost, will assert their rights. It is not our purpose to review the *Journal*, but to praise it; seeing that praise is deserved. The articles are well written, the reports of cases are interesting, and the general information is such, that the *Journal* ought not only to be read, but studied by the members of this bar, the magistracy, the learned professions generally, and by the merchant.

The *Law Journal* is beautifully printed on excellent paper, and, in deed, equals in its typographical appearance, the legal record published in the metropolis of the United Kingdom. \$4 a year is a very inconsiderable sum for so much valuable information as the *Law Journal* contains.—*Port Hope Atlas*.

In its first number of the fourth volume this interesting and valuable publication comes to us highly improved in appearance, with a much wider range of editorial matter than formerly. The *Journal* has entered upon a broader career of utility, grappling with the higher branches of law, and lending the strength of a full, fresh intelligence, to the consideration of some very grave wants in our civil code. The necessity of an equitable and efficient "Bankruptcy Law" is discussed in an able article, instinct with astute and profound thought, coupled with much clear, subtle, legal discrimination.

It is the intention of the Proprietors to institute in the pages of the *Journal* a "Magistrate's Manual"—provided that that body meet the project in the proper spirit, and contribute an adequate subscription list to warrant the undertaking. To prosecute this contemplation, could not fail to be productive of incalculable advantage, as well to the community as to the Magistracy. We sincerely hope that this latter body will bestow a generous patronage, where'er so laudable an effort is made for their advantage.

The *Law Journal* is presided over by W. D. Ardagh, and R. A. Harrison, B. C. L., Barristers-at-Law. It is a periodical that can proudly compare with any legal publication on this Continent. We wish it every success.—*Catholic Critic*.