

NOTE.

I am induced to reprint the following articles (which, some years since, I contributed to the editorial columns of the Toronto "Leader") in consequence of the resolutions which Mr. Edward Blake, Q. C., recently moved in the Ontario Legislature, on the subject to which they refer. They were written before the first report of the Commissioners appointed by the Queen to inquire into the operation and effect of the present constitution of the High Court of Chancery in England, and the other Superior courts, was promulgated on 25th March, 1869. These articles and that report strictly accord with Mr. Blake's resolutions. Mr. Sandfield Macdonald was urged in 1868 to appoint a commission to enquire into the question of the fusion of the Courts, and he then, as I understood, promised to do so. I am glad that Mr. Blake has so far succeeded in his efforts, as to induce the *quasi* Reform Government of Ontario to take up this great and important matter of reform; and a wise law, in accordance with Mr. Blake's resolutions, I regard as one of the deepest responsibilities of the Legislature of Ontario.

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