

tunity to fully present the views and suggestions of the profession.

"His Lordship applied himself to the task of preparing or revising the new rules with his usual industry and ability, and completed his work with his usual despatch. The result of his labours takes the form of 772 rules, which as you know came into force on the first day of September, 1913. In the framing or revising of the new rules it is evident that the framer at the outset mapped out a plan to overcome the many difficulties and objections to the rules, which had developed, and with which no one was more familiar than his Lordship, who we all know knew all the practice as well as a little law.

"Time will not permit any attempt to point out at any length in how many respects the new rules are a distinct improvement on any rules of practice heretofore in force. I shall refer to only a very few. Petitions are abolished. All actions as formerly are commenced by writ. All other proceedings are commenced by originating notice. All interlocutory proceedings are commenced by notice of motion. The old rules with regard to the period of time which must elapse between the service and the hearing of a notice have all been repealed, and a new rule now provides (R. 215) that at least two days' notice of a motion in an action, and at least seven days' notice in the case of an originating notice, must be given except special leave is obtained. All the rules respecting appeals have been simplified and grouped in chapter XVII. The cases where a matter is appealable, and the practice to be followed in such appeals, is now so plainly laid down, that anyone who can read plain English will have no difficulty in easily determining any question as to a right of appeal or as to what must be done to bring the appeal to a hearing.

"Since the decision of *Jacobs v. Booth Distillery Co.* (1901), 85 L.T. 263 old rule 603 has practically been a dead letter. New rule 57, which takes its place, has so far been found to work very satisfactorily. The filing of the affidavit by the defendant, required by rule 56, shewing a defence with the appear-