

CORRESPONDENCE.

witness. Hoping that I have not caused you too much trouble already I ask you to destroy the petition sent you.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant ———.

**POACHERS ON PROFESSIONAL
PRESERVES.**

To the Editor of the LAW JOURNAL :

Please give the following the prominence it deserves, and don't drop the name, etc :

CASH FOR OATS.

The undersigned is paying the highest price in cash for Good Oats delivered in Whitby.

He represents first-class English and Canadian insurance companies, and writes deeds, mortgages, bonds, wills, leases and other legal documents carefully, neatly, and cheaper than is done elsewhere. Money to loan.

W. B. PRINGLE
Notary Public, Whitby.

"Cash for Oats" will catch the farmer's eye every time. Our county is overrun by these "Poachers" upon our preserves.

Yours, etc., A. B. C.

To the Editor of the LAW JOURNAL :

DEAR SIR,—I believe that about every class of labour in Canada, except that of solicitors, is protected either by statute law or unions. Skilled mechanical labour can protect itself by unions, but the practice of law, or medicine, or the sale of drugs, etc., cannot be thus confined to its professors.

Physicians and surgeons have obtained exceedingly stringent protective Acts, and the veterinary surgeon is also secured in his profession by law. A barrister as such need not fear competition as the Court protects him, and the solicitor is also cared for as to suits in the Courts. But the greatest portion of a solicitor's business is advising in and effecting transfers of property by deeds, mortgages and wills, protesting bills and notes, and proving wills, etc., in the Surrogate Courts.

If it is of sufficient importance to protect the physician, dentist, druggist and veterinary surgeon in their several callings, it is certainly of equal importance to the public to keep its great commercial interest in the hands of qualified persons.

I believe no other professional man serves so long or pays as much fees as the barrister and solicitor; yet what requires at least eight or ten years of study to qualify himself for, he finds is being done at prices below his ability to compete with, by brokers, conveyancers, J.P.s, insurance agents,

bookkeepers and every one else who learns to copy a deed, and I think that to make things even such persons should either obtain certificates of qualification or cease from conveyancing. Our Law Society and legislators should see to this evil under which country solicitors, especially, labour.

COUNTRY SOLICITOR.

Leamington, Feb. 26, 1886.

To the Editor of the LAW JOURNAL :

SIR,—Perhaps some of your readers would be under obligation to you if you would supply them with a form of petition to be used in making requests of municipal corporations, as one was handed to me a few days ago, one that was evidently prepared by the master hand of a "conveyancer." I will supply it to you that you may in time supply it to your readers for their edification. I copy it exactly as it appears in the original, apart from the spaces. It is as follows:

To the Reeve and Council
of the Township of ———.

GENTLEMEN,—

Your petitioners (rate payers) of the Township of ——— desire to form a new school section some where on the twelfth concession of the said township.

1st. We complain that the section now, as it exists, is too large.

2nd. The School House is not Central.

3rd. There are too great a number of scholars for one Teacher.

And as in duty bound your petitioners do ever pray.

Dated at ———,

This 5 day Jan., A.D. 1886.

To the credit of the parties for whom it was prepared I may add that they concluded they might better be without a petition than to use the one of which the foregoing is a copy.

Yours, A SUBSCRIBER.