

Chan. Div.]

NOTES OF CANADIAN CASES—REVIEWS.

Michigan according to the marriage laws of the State.

Held, that this evidence was admissible in proof of the validity of the second marriage, and was sufficient proof of the same, even assuming that such ought not to have been presumed.

Per BOYD, C.—In the case of a second marriage, it is not essential to prove the foreign law in the case of British subjects, such as were in question in this case.

W. R. Meredith, Q.C., for the prisoner.

J. R. Cartwright, for the Attorney-General of Ontario.

[The Attorney-General of the Dominion was notified, but did not appear.—Ed. L. J.]

Div. Ct.]

AMBROSE V. FRASER ET AL.

Husband and wife—Covenant running with the land—Assignment of the reversion by the lessor to his wife—Set-off.

Judgment of FERGUSON, J., reported 12 O. R. 459, affirmed with costs.

Per BOYD, C.—Privity of estate is not tantamount to privity of contract in order, without more, to affect the separate estate of a married woman as if she had expressly contracted with reference thereto. There is no right therefore to fix liability for the amount claimed herein upon the separate estate of the defendant Amelia Fraser.

Moss, Q.C., for the plaintiff.

Osler, Q.C., for the defendants.

REVIEWS.

STATUTES OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. Passed in the session held in the fiftieth year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

We have received from the Queen's Printer for Ontario, a copy of the Statutes of the last session. We have already in a former issue referred at length to most of the statutes of public importance comprised in this volume. Chapter 16, which was not published in the *Gazette*, we see provides for the introduction of the Torrens system of registration of titles into the Districts of Algoma, Thunder Bay (including Rainy River), Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nipissing, and practically makes the system compulsory as regards all newly patented lands. The operation of the Act is, however, suspended until the revision of the statutes now in progress is complete.

A NATIONAL ANTHEM.

We have been favoured by our veteran friend and oft contributor, Mr. G. W. Wicksteed, Q.C. of Ottawa, with a copy of a National Anthem composed by him for Canada. It is an animated effusion, in a broad and generous tone, and when set to suitable music deserves to become popular. Mr. Wicksteed has also sent us a copy of an ode to Her Majesty on the occasion of her jubilee; both compositions are marked by good taste and elegance of expression.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF LEGAL OFFICES FOR THE YEAR 1886.

The annual report of Mr. John Winchester, the Inspector of Legal Offices, for the year 1886, contains a good deal of statistical information which is deserving of consideration. On the whole we think it indicates, in spite of the croakers, that during the year 1886 the country was in a fairly prosperous condition. One of the tests by which this may be estimated is the amount of work the sheriffs do in the way of realizing claims on executions. It appears from the report that 4219 writs, indorsed to levy \$2,856,155.12, were received by the sheriffs, and of these only 315 resulted in a sale of goods producing \$76,555.91, and only 90 in a sale of lands producing \$18,251.76, while \$125,687.06 was realized by the sheriffs without actual sale. Thus of the \$2,856,155.12 indorsed