

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

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 present 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 found *Edits. Arrêts, and Ordonnances of the French Government and of the Province of Quebec together with the Ordinances 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.*

The May Number of this very ably conducted Journal has been on our table several days. It is one of the most welcome visitors to our office. The original articles on "Law Reforms of the present Session," and "Remuneration to witnesses in Criminal Cases," are written with spirit and ability.—Turning to the general correspondence departments in which the questions of correspondents, together with the answers to the same appear, we found a very important point as to the time for re-filing a chancel mortgage to perpetuate its validity, settled. Such practical questions are discussed in every number of the Journal, and we can scarcely see how a business man can very well dispense with it. Every magistrate should take the *Law Journal* and study it. Every Coroner ought to be familiar with the *Law Journal*; in the number before us there is something that would, if acted upon, perhaps, put pounds in their pockets. Every Division Court Clerk, every sheriff and Deputy Sheriff and Bailiff ought to read the *Law Journal*, for every new and important decision is immediately chronicled in it. Of course the Lawyers have it on their tables. It is a work of general usefulness and conducted with an ability that reflects credit upon the legal profession.—*Port Hope Gazette, May 22nd, 1858.*

The Upper Canada Law Journal for January, has been received. As usual, its contents are exceedingly valuable.—*Kingston Whig.*

This is a very useful monthly, containing reports of important law cases, and general information connected with the administration of justice in Upper Canada. Although more particularly intended for the profession, yet every man of business may learn much from it that may be of real advantage to him. It has hitherto been published in Barrie, but will henceforth be in Toronto. We rejoice to see that Robert A. Harrison, Esq. B. C. L., is to be connected with the journal. He is a young gentleman that has already highly distinguished himself in his profession, and with literary talents of no ordinary kind, he will prove to be of great advantage to the *Law Journal*.—*Brampton Times.*

We are pleased to notice that this able monthly is, for the future, to be edited and published in Toronto, and that Robert A. Harrison, Esq. B. C. L. is become a joint Editor. His accession to the editorial staff must prove to the profession to whom he is now so well known as the author of so many works in general use, no small gain. With Mr. Harrison is associated W. D. Ardagh, Esq., who has for some time been favorably known as an Editor of the *Journal*. Notwithstanding the public caution of the *Journal* in Barrie, it has under the management of the Hon. James Patton acquired a very wide and extended circulation. Now that it is to be published in Toronto, it is reasonable to expect that its circulation will be increased. It is a paper which should be in the hands of every Judge, Lawyer, Coroner, Magistrate, Clerk, and Bailiff in Upper Canada. We hope, however, that the conductors will see fit to widen the list of their exchanges and so increase the circle of their usefulness.

It is a great mistake to suppose that Judges, Lawyers, Division Court Clerks, or Bailiffs are the sole persons interested in the administration of justice. The public at large have a deep interest in, and feel a lively sympathy with the sentiments of a writer who propounds measures of law reform calculated to advance the public good. No discussion however well attended upon subjects of legal interest, can be satisfactorily carried on by the lay press.

The public require to be informed not only as to the existence of an abuse which needs a remedy, but as to the nature of the remedy required. For such information the more proper and more prudent course is to turn to the columns of a newspaper conducted by men whose whole lives and training peculiarly befit them for the expression of sound views. The number of the *Journal* before us which is that for August is replete with legal lore. The Editorial Department bears marked evidence of knowledge and ability.—*Toronto Times.*

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 the bar, the magistracy, the learned professions generally, and by the merchant.

The *Law Journal* is beautifully printed on excellent paper, and, indeed, 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.*

We have to return our thanks to the conductors (or publishers, we do not know which,) of this valuable publication for the present January number, together with an ample index for, and list of cases reported and cited in the second volume of these reports for the year 1856.

The ability with which this highly important and useful periodical is conducted by W. D. Ardagh and Robert A. Harrison, B. C. L., Esquires, Barristers at Law, reflects the greatest credit upon these gentlemen, and shows that the esteem in which they are held by their professional colleagues and the public, is deservedly merited and nothing more than they are entitled to. We have much pleasure in earnestly recommending the members of the bar for this section of the Province to support the Upper Canada Law Journal, by their subscriptions—taking leave to assure them that it is well worthy of it, and that they will find it a valuable acquisition to their libraries as a legal work of reference and high authority. It is printed and published by Messrs. Maclear, Thomas & Co., of 15 King Street East, Toronto, and the typographical portion is very creditable to that firm.—*Quebec Mercury.*

The Upper Canada Law Journal, and Local Courts Gazette, is a publication of which the legal profession of the Province need not be ashamed. The *Journal* has greatly improved since the removal of the office of publication to Toronto. It is edited with ability by W. D. Ardagh, and R. A. Harrison, B. C. L., Barristers at Law. The January number, which is the first of the fourth volume, appears in a considerably enlarged form. The fourth volume will contain at least one-third more reading matter than its predecessor. A very important question, "Shall we have a Bankruptcy Law?" is discussed at length in a well written editorial in the January issue, to which we shall refer on a future occasion. "License of Counsel," is an original article which probes barristers in many tender spots. The *Law Journal's* circulation should not be confined entirely to the legal profession.—the Merchant, and general business man would find it a very useful work. The price is \$4 a year in advance, or \$5 otherwise. Now is the time to send in orders.—*Port Hope Guide.*

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 leading 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 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 Citizen.*

This Journal which is published monthly, appears this week much improved in size, appearance and matter. It was formerly published in Barrie, but has for some numbers back been published in Toronto, and has acquired aid in the editorial staff by the addition of Mr. Harrison, who is well known in the profession from his numerous publications on legal subjects. Under the management of Mr. Ardagh and Mr. Harrison, this Journal promises fair to become an important publication, not merely to the legal profession, but to other important classes of the community, as particular attention is given to Municipal affairs, County Courts and Division Courts; Magistrates' duties also receive a considerable share of consideration. It will contain original treatises and essays on law subjects, written expressly for the *Journal*, besides reports from the Superior Courts of Common Law and the Court of Chancery. Proper selections will also be made from English periodicals. To the profession the reports from Chambers of decisions under the Common Law Procedure Acts and the general practice, are of particular interest. These the *Journal* supplies, being formerly reported by Mr. F. Moore Benson, and lately by Mr. C. E. English, J. A. We would advise all municipal officers, Division Courts officers, Magistrates, and particularly the profession, to patronize this publication as it cannot be sustained without their aid. The subscription is only \$4 a year in advance.—*Leader.*

The January number of this valuable Journal has come to hand, and is as usual replete with legal decisions, articles on commercial law, &c. &c. We reprint from this number, an able article on the subject of a Bankrupt Law for Canada.—*Canadian Merchants' Magazine.*