

Queen's Bench (1824-1841), Senior Wrangler in 1787; Lord Chief Baron Pollock (1844-1866), Senior Wrangler 1806; Mr. Bickersteth, afterwards Lord Langdale, Master of the Rolls (1835-1851), Senior Wrangler, 1808; Baron Alderson (1830-1857), Senior Wrangler, 1809; Mr. Justice Maule (1839-1855), Senior Wrangler, 1810.

THE LAW OF EVIDENCE.

The following is the text of Chapter 50, "An Act further to amend the law of evidence in certain cases," assented to June 2, 1886:—

"Whereas it is expedient to amend the law of evidence so as to render easier the proof of Provincial Statutes in certain cases: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

"1. In any criminal proceeding or any civil proceeding in respect of which the Parliament of Canada has jurisdiction in this behalf, where it becomes necessary or expedient to prove or give in evidence any statute of any province of the Dominion of Canada or of the late Province of Canada, passed either before or after the passing of "*The British North America Act, 1867*," the court or judge before whom such proceeding is pending, or being heard or tried, shall take judicial notice of any such provincial statute, in like manner and way, as if such statute was a statute of the Province where such proceeding is being heard or tried; and any copy of any such statute purporting to be printed and published by the printer authorized to print and publish the same, shall be receivable and received in evidence to prove the contents thereof in every court having cognizance of any such proceeding."

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.

Chapter 51, "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting Offences against the Person,'" is as follows:—

"Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

"1. Section 25 of the Act passed in the Ses-

sion held in the 32nd and 33rd years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act respecting Offences against the Person*," is hereby amended by adding thereto the words following: "and in any prosecution of any person under this section, for refusing or neglecting to provide necessary food, clothing or lodging for his wife or child, his wife shall be competent to give evidence as a witness, either for or against her husband.

"(2) The person charged shall be a competent witness in his own behalf."

THE SEDUCTION ACT.

Chapter 52, "An Act to Punish Seduction, and like Offences, and to make further provision for the Protection of Women and Girls," reads as follows:—

"Whereas it is expedient to make further provision for the punishment of offences against chastity: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

"1. Any person who—

"(1) Seduces and has illicit connection with any girl of previously chaste character, or who attempts to have illicit connection with any girl of previously chaste character, being in either case of or above the age of twelve years and under the age of sixteen years, or—

"(2) Unlawfully and carnally knows, or attempts to have unlawful carnal knowledge of any female idiot or imbecile woman or girl, under circumstances which do not amount to rape, but which prove that the offender knew at the time of the offence that the woman or girl was an idiot or imbecile, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

"2. Any person above the age of twenty-one years who, under promise of marriage, seduces and has illicit connection with any unmarried female of previously chaste character and under eighteen years of age, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

"3. Any person who procures a feigned or