

section. (See 9 Vict., 1846, c. 20, ss. II, III., XIII; and c. 27, s. L.)

The statutes . 1854 (18 Vict.) furnish, I think, the first instance of numbering the sub-sections according to the method now generally adopted. Section I. of chapter II. has one sub-section, and that is numbered 2, the main section having the Roman numeral. Section X. of chapter 3 has several sub-sections, beginning with number 2. Sections XI. and XII. are similarly composed. From this time onward the fortunes of the sub-section have been marked by vicissitudes.

Section 1 of 19 Vict., c.XI. (1856) has one sub-section not numbered. Section XIX. of c. 14 has several sub-sections not numbered. Section IV. of c. 17 has several sub-sections beginning with number 1. (Perhaps, however, these may have been reckoned as mere clauses.) Section IX. of c. 101 has several sub-sections beginning with number 2. So have sections XI, XVI., XXIV., and XXV. Section III. of 20 Vict. (1857), c. 22, is followed by three sub-sections or clauses, in the form of provisos: "Provided first," "Provided secondly," "Provided thirdly," and then follows: "Provided always," numbered as section IV!

Chapter 40 of the statutes of that year (1857) furnish many examples of the numbering of sub-sections beginning with 2; or taking what would be the main section as the first sub-section. Passing now a decade, we notice in the Statutes of Ontario (31 Vict., 1868) a return to the former method of numbering. Chapters 19, 20, 29, 51, exhibit numerous examples of what would seem to be the proper method of numbering. That is, where the principle sections are properly numbered as consecutive divisions of the statute, and where sub-sections occur, their numbering in every case begins with number 1. See especially sections 8, 14, 18, 24, 39, 45, 46, 47, 48 of chapter 29.

The next volume of the Ontario Statutes (32 Vict., 1868-9) presents us with as many specimens of the modern, and what seems to me the incorrect mode of numbering, that is, where the first sub-section added is numbered 2. See especially