

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST IN CONTEMPORARY JOURNALS.

- Covenants on sale of land against beerhouses and places for sale of liquor  
*Justice of the Peace*, Feb. 25th.
- Conspiracy to defraud. *Ib.*
- The "Parol Evidence" Rule. *Harvard Law Review*, Feb.-March.
- Land transfer—The Torrens systems discussed. *Ib.*, March.
- Implied warranty in a manufacturer's executory contract of sale. *Central Law Journal*, March 10.
- Injuries from polluted water—Landlord and tenant. *Ib.*, March 17.
- The amendment of the records of certain classes of public bodies, such as municipal councils, school boards. *Ib.*, March 24.
- The ability of the state to copyright judicial opinions. *Ib.*, March 31.
- Solicitor and client *versus* party and party costs. *Irish Law Times*, March 4.
- Who is a *bonâ fide* traveller? *Justice of the Peace*, March 4.
- Barbed wire fences. *Ib.*
- Right of access to highway. *Ib.*
- Using a highway as a highway. *Ib.*, March 11.
- Altering level of highway. *Ib.*
- Level crossings. *Ib.*, March 18.
- Enforcing contracts of service. *Ib.*
- Infant's religious education. *Ib.*, March 25.

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

## THE DEVOLUTION OF ESTATES ACT.

(To the Editor of *Leith's Blackstone*.)

There was a man of great renown, a learned man was he,  
 Who many pages did indite about the simple fee.  
 And when he'd written all he knew, and put it in a book,  
 He went away across the sea, on other lands to look.  
 And while he wandered far away this Act the light first saw,  
 And quite upset the simple fee and killed the heir-at-law.  
 And when that learned man came back he thought he'd try again  
 About the law of simple fee to argue and explain ;  
 But when he came to ponder o'er the clauses of this Act,  
 He straightway to his lodgings went and his portmanteau packed,  
 And never more has he been seen from that day until this,  
 And searching for the heir-at-law 'tis my belief he is.

[The poet takes no notice of 54 Vict., c. 18. We are aware, of course, that land no longer descends direct to the heir-at-law—the distinguishing mark of a fee simple. It may be, however, that the learned "man of great renown" was successful in his search, and found in some deserted land the mortal remains of the lost heir-at-law, and we now find him galvanized into life by the statute referred to.—ED. C. L. J.]