Prefatory Note.

Unlike Mr. Mews, who has been able during the last two years to somewhat reduce the size of his Annual Digest of the English Reports, the editors of the Canadian Annual Digest have been obliged to increase the quantity of matter with each issue of their work. This is attributable to greater despatch on the part of some of the reporters of late in publishing their cases, and is not to be taken as a manifestation of any appreciable increase of litigation throughout the country. We now, however, indulge the hope that our Digest has attained its maximum size.

Our subscribers will observe that we have added to this issue matter selected from the new series of reports known as the "Canadian Criminal Cases."