

CORRESPONDENCE.

LEGAL JOURNALISM IN CANADA.

To the Editor of the Canada Law Journal.

SIR,—Just now the legal profession are deluged with a series of so-called legal journals, to which they are asked to subscribe. A number of these seem to be chiefly advertising mediums, and contain but little information really valuable to a practising lawyer, and a great deal of what they do contain is copied—often incorrectly—from other legal journals. The question then is how many of these journals are of any value to lawyers. A few pages are put together and called a legal journal—be its name what it may—the profession are sent copies without orders express or implied, and a few days afterwards, if the copies are not returned, they receive drafts, and every one who takes a copy out of the post office and inadvertently opens it is expected to pay, although he never subscribed. It seems to me that the legal profession in Canada are being imposed on by law publishers.

There are only three thousand lawyers in Canada all told, many of whom are not practising and take no interest in current legal topics. Surely, then, there is no room for the eight legal journals now published in Canada, of which half emanate from Toronto, to say nothing of the many useful American and English journals. If the profession would support one or two good journals these would be able to furnish the very best matter obtainable, and this is without reflection on the CANADA LAW JOURNAL, which, to my mind, remains at the head of the list; and if I had not thought so I would not have written.

I cannot expect you to comment too freely on this subject, but I wish to invite the attention of the profession throughout Canada to the methods by which we lawyers are imposed on by law publishers, who, without authority, persist in sending us papers, often followed by drafts. Yours, etc.,

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[Our only comment is that if a person does *not* desire to subscribe he should return the paper to the post office, and refuse the draft when presented.—ED. C.L.J.]