

With regard to the sittings of the court for the transaction of the weekly business, provision is made for holding one weekly court for all the Divisions, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday—Monday and Thursday being devoted to judges' chambers, and Saturday being an off-day. But it seems to be doubtful whether these particular *Rules* will go into operation in September. In the event of their going into force, all motions, except those that are *ex parte*, are to be set down with the Clerk of Records and Writs (*Rule 541*), and also all chamber appeals (*Rule 545*).

Summonses to show cause, and rules *nisi*, we are glad to see, are abolished, and the procedure by notice of motion substituted in all cases (*Rule 526*). It has also been made clear that *ex parte* orders may be rescinded without appeal.

In *Rule 616*, we think a slip has been made by omitting to provide within what time affidavits in answer to a motion are to be filed, as did the Chancery Order 261, from which *Rule 616* is adapted.

We believe we have now touched upon the principal changes effected by the Consolidated *Rules*, and from what has been said, it will be seen that they are neither very numerous nor important; at the same time the consolidation is anything but perfect, and will, we think, need revision before the *Rules* can be considered satisfactory as a code of practice.

Reviews and Notices of Books.

The Statute Criminal Law of the Dominion of Canada, relating to Indictable Offences, with full text as revised in 1886, and put into force by Royal Proclamation on the 1st day of March, 1887, and Cases, Notes, Commentaries, Forms, etc., etc. By HENRI ELZEAR TASCHIEREAU, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada. Second Edition, re-arranged and enlarged. Toronto: Carswell & Co., Law Publishers. 1888.

As stated by the learned author in his preface to this second edition, the passing into law by Royal Proclamation on March 1st last, of the Revised Statutes of Canada rendered necessary the publication of a new edition adapting the references, notes, commentaries and forms contained in the previous edition to the sections of the criminal statutes to which they respectively apply, as they now appear in the Revised Statutes. The English Crown cases are brought down to the latest date, and to these have been added a large number of cases from all the Provinces of the Dominion, principally selected from those determined since the Criminal Statute Law was made uniform throughout the Dominion in 1869. Over 800 new cases are referred to in this edition. An important addition to the work, and one which greatly enhances its value, are the manuscript notes of Mr. Greaves on various subjects which that eminent writer gave to Judge Taschereau to be used in connection with this edition of his work. This volume also contains a number of statutes with full notes, not comprised in the first edition.