

Q. B. HOLDEN ET AL V BALLASTYNE ET AL. April 18
Præter—Joinder of defendants—Discretion of the judge as to amending the record—Common Law Procedure Act.

By the C. L. P. Act it shall and may be lawful for the Court or a judge in case of the joinder of too many defendants in any action on contract at any time before the trial of such cause to order that the name or names of one or more of such defendants be struck out if it shall appear to such Court or judge that injustice will not be done by such amendment.

Held, that the court *in banc* will not review the discretion of the judge where he has refused to amend, *contra*, where he may have amended improperly.

REVIEWS.

THE NORTH-BRITISH REVIEW for November is before us, and is an excellent number.

The discussion which is now taking place upon Theological subjects, occupies the first pages with a genial yet conservative article under the heading of "Modern Thought, its progress and consummation" which is well worth a perusal.

The events which have lately transpired in Syria, render interesting, an account of the Druises, the tribe which during the past year has so fiercely revived the animosity of the Mohammedan to the Christian.

Critical and generous notices of the writings and literary position of Leigh Hunt, Lord Macaulay and the American Humanists give a graceful attraction, while a carefully prepared paper upon the "Province of Logic and recent British Logicians" enters fully into an abstruse subject, with a lucidity of style necessary for the general reader, and an ability to be admired by the student whatever his metaphysical views.

There is also an article upon the South American Republics, whose progress seem to have been impeded throughout their entire history, by internal contests not unlike the one now threatening the more powerful republic of North America.

Other papers upon Revivals, &c., conclude the quarterly.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE for January is received.

This magazine it will be recollected is made up of selections from the best current foreign literature, together with embellishments.

The embellishments of the present number relate to historic events of France and England in the divorce of the Empress Josephine and King Henry the VIII., and Anne Bolcyn.

Several selections from Italy, Sicily, and Syria, are at present opportune considering the great interest now felt in these places.

The Reviews contribute other entertaining articles among which is a noticeable paper from the *British Quarterly* with the heading of "Hours with the Mystics." It reviews the different phases presented by Sabbatism, Gnosticism and Mysticism from the earliest times.

We take this opportunity of thanking the enterprising publishers for two premium plates beautiful in design and well executed called respectively "Sunday Morning and "Returned from Market."

PATENTS OF CANADA, FROM 1824 TO 1849. Toronto: Printed by Lovell & Gibson, Yonge Street, 1860.

The business of the Patent Office in Canada having (according to the Preface) within the last few years greatly increased, the government have deemed it advisable to follow the example of other countries and to publish from time to time the specifications and drawings of all Patents issued in the Province.

The volume before us (700 pages) contains the specifications

of Patents issued in both Provinces before and after the union, from the year 1824 to January 1844, and of the specifications and drawings from the latter period till 1849.

It has not been thought advisable to incur the expense of engraving drawings of those inventions the patent right of which expired in January, 1858: for (as well remarked in the Preface) the publication of the names and specifications of such is sufficient notice of their having existed, and that they have by the expiration of fourteen years, now become public property.

We understand that a second volume of the publication will be issued on or before 1st May next.

We cannot too highly recommend this well directed effort of the Canadian Government. The patent interest is now becoming in Canada, as in older countries, one of great importance. Few there are who understand or pretend to understand the intricacies of the law regulating the granting of Patents for inventions; but to solicitors concerned in the issuing of patents, and to all inventors intending to apply for patents, a knowledge of patents previously granted is most essential.

We regret to say that applications for Letters Patent are too often prepared by men who know nothing of the law relating to such applications. The result is incomprehensible specifications—and will be endless and vexatious law suits.

It is the fashion with every man who feels himself able to spell the Queen's English, and to reduce it to passable syntax to prepare agreements, deeds, mortgages, and other such writings. That fashion is now being extended to the preparation of the more difficult writings necessary to the obtaining and validity of Letters Patent for invention. The consequences will fall upon those who are sufficiently "penny wise and pound foolish" to employ mere scribes.

Lawyers however have no good grounds to complain of "these fashions." The most tedious chancery suits, and the most protracted law suits are those that arise upon the the construction of bungled conveyancing. We know one instance where a man to save \$3 employed a schoolmaster to prepare a mortgage, and afterwards had the pleasure of paying \$200 to have it reformed in Chancery so as to express what was really intended by the parties, and what a lawyer of any experience could not have failed to express.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE is received.

It contains the conclusion of an argument upon the benefits of Iron-clad ships of War, a paper upon Social Science, and some entertaining matter of a light character.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE, &c.

NOTARIES PUBLIC.

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