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The result of the labours of the Ontario Legislature at its recent session is embodied in a bulky volume of 1200 pages, the greater part of which is made up of the Consolidated Municipal Act, and Acts of a private nature. The volume has been issued with commendable promptitude, and though not altogether free from defects, nevertheless reflects credit on the Provincial officials charged with its production. It would be a waste of time to refer here to all the statutes comprised in this volume but a glance at some of its contents will probably be useful.

Chap. 7. The Statute Law Amendment Act is one of the usual omnibus Acts which we have learned of late years to look for every session as a matter of course.

Sec. 16 effects a needed amendment in the Arbitration Act (R.S.O.c. 62 s. 8) by extending its provisions as to the supplying vacancies in the office of arbitrator to cases not hitherto within its scope, which only applied to the case of references to two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party. The section as amended now includes not only that case, but also the case of a reference to three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party and the third by such two arbitrators, or by any other person, or in any other manner, or where a third arbitrator has been appointed under the Act. Where the arbitrator appointed by either party dies or becomes incapable, or where the opposite party refuses to appoint an arbitrator the court or judge is empowered to make the appointment. The section seems however still defective in not providing for the case of a default in appointing a third arbitrator. The section as amended might be held to cover the case of an arbitrator appointed by one of the parties refusing to appoint a third, but it certainly does not cover the case where the third arbitrator is to be nominated otherwise than by the parties to the arbitration, or by the arbitrators appointed by them. If a third arbitrator refuses to act or is incapable or dies, the court or judge may appoint, but this obviously does not cover the case of neglect to appoint a third arbitrator.

Sec. 17 amends the Execution Act by making "all rights under Letters Patent, or any equitable or other right property interest or equity of redemption therein" personal property and liable to be seized and sold under execution. What is meant by