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a schedule of property. The sheets of the will were tied together with tape. *Held*, that the presumption that the sheets bound together were so bound together at the time of the execution and attestation of the will was not rebutted by the facts of the case.—*Rees v. Rees*, L. R. 3 P. & D. 80.

3. A testator signed his will in the presence of two witnesses by making a mark thereon. One witness made a mark below the testator's mark, and the second witness then wrote the name of the testator opposite the testator's mark, and the word "witness," and the name of the first witness opposite his mark, but did not add his own name. *Held*, that the will was not properly attested.—*In the Goods of Eryon*, L. R. 3 P. & D. 92.

4. After execution of her will, a testatrix erased the name of a legatee and wrote the name of another over the erasure. The court being satisfied that the testatrix intended to revoke the first bequest only in case she had substituted another valid bequest, admitted evidence to show what the erased name was.—*In the Goods of McCabe*, L. R. 3 P. & D. 594.

5. A testatrix re-wrote the first part of her will on a separate piece of paper, and then tore off the first part of her old will and burnt it. She then rolled up the re-written portion with the remainder of her old will, which contained her own and the witnesses' signatures. *Held*, that as it appeared that the testatrix had intended to destroy a portion of her old will only in case a new portion was substituted therefor, probate must be granted of the portion of the old will which remained, together with the draft of the part destroyed.—*Dancer v. Crabb*, L. R. 3 P. & D. 98.

INSANITY; NEW TRIAL; VESTED INTEREST.

WITNESS.—*See* ANNUITY; WILL, 3.

WORDS.

"Leaving."—*See* LEGACY, 3.

"Payable."—*See* VESTED INTEREST.

"Upon."—*See* MOTION.

"Vested."—*See* VESTED INTEREST.

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EWART'S INDEX OF THE STATUTES—Second Edition. Toronto: R. Carswell, Law Publisher, &c., 1874.

The first edition of this useful little book had already become a "household word" in lawyers' offices in Toronto, when the second was announced. We welcome this especially, as it seems to prophesy that the time has come when we may expect every few years, as necessity demands, a new edition of an index, which it would now be most inconvenient to be without. The first edition included the

statutes, subsequent to consolidation, down to the year 1871. The one before us brings us down to, and inclusive of, the year 1873. The arrangement is a very practical one, which is just what is required for office use. It is simply impossible for any living man to make an index which would be entirely satisfactory to all; but Mr. Ewart has succeeded in so selecting and arranging his headings as to take rank in the highest grade of those who perform the ungrateful task of index-making, whose praise, after all, can only be the relative one of giving very general satisfaction to the large majority of their readers.

TABLE AND INDEX OF THE STATUTES OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND AN INDEX TO THE IMPERIAL STATUTES AFFECTING CANADA. By R. J. Wicksteed, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., Barrister and Advocate, Law Department, House of Commons, Canada. Ottawa: McLean, Roger & Co., 1874.

Though of the same class as the book above noticed, it is essentially different in its scope and arrangement and in the nature of the information given. We cannot do better than quote the preface, or rather explanatory notice, which introduces the table and index.

"The subject of each Act is given briefly, after the year of the Reign and chapter, with the name of the Member who introduced the Bill, and the official number or letter under which it was brought in. The date of the Royal Assent is given after the first Act assented to on any day, but is not repeated unless the date changes, so that the assent to Acts as to which no date is mentioned, is to be understood to have been given on the day then last before mentioned. Then follow brief references to the Acts amended by that in question, or amending or affecting it, showing the sections, &c., repealed or amended, and, as far as the necessary degree of brevity admitted, the nature of the amendments. More than this has not been attempted, nor would space permit; further information must be sought in the chapters and sections indicated.

"The index to these Statutes has been made, under each letter of the alphabet, for the Acts of each Session or Volume separately but consecutively, and refers to the Acts as printed in such volume, without noticing the repeals or amendments; so that having found by this index the Act or section dealing with any subject, it will always be advisable to refer to such Act or section in the preceding table, to see whether it has been repealed or amended by any subsequent enactment.