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The practice indulged in by some judges of cross-examining witnesses too much is alluded to in the English *Law Times*. The writer says: "The judges, especially the very young and the very old, sin in this way because it is their nature so to do." We would remark that human nature appears to be much the same in Ontario as it is in England.

In the same publication appears a letter from an Irish solicitor calling attention to the legal business, and the loss sustained by successful suitors incidental to the practice of judges taking upon themselves to measure the costs of motions, instead of permitting these costs to be taxed in the ordinary way, and very properly remarks that it is not only a grievance, but a very powerful deterrent to the enforcement of rights by the remedies prescribed by law; adding, that a fresh point is given to Dean Swift's celebrated sarcasm, that a man was hopelessly ruined in whose favour, as a litigant, judgment had been pronounced "with costs."

The Canadian Annual Digest for 1897 is now ready for delivery to its subscribers; and from such an examination as we have been able to give it before going to press with the present number, we are of opinion that the standard of excellence that marked the issue for 1896 has been maintained throughout the present work. We observe that the editors, Messrs. Masters and Morse, have extended the scope of their labours in this issue for 1897 by digesting a large number of cases that are published in the CANADA LAW JOURNAL, the Canadian Law Times, and La Revue de Jurisprudence