

the Act should receive consideration in the interests of the very person whom he is desirous of helping, because awards founded upon such reasons must necessarily lead to some extent and in some cases to the applicants being unable to support an award which has been given in their favour." It rather looks that in the interval between November 3, 1915 (when *Burvill v. Vickers* was decided), and December 15, 1916, the learned Judge had not had time to reconsider his opinion.

RECENT WAR LEGISLATION.

Nearly all the statutes now appearing if they do not relate directly to the war have been placed upon the book because of the war. On April 5, the Army Annual Act, 1917, received the Royal assent. This measure which has been used for generations to secure the annual assembly of Parliament has now assumed a form which would have startled us not a little three years ago. The preamble says: "And whereas it is adjudged necessary by His Majesty and this present Parliament that a body of forces should be continued for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence of the possessions of His Majesty's Crown and that the whole number of such forces should consist of 5,000,000 including those employed at the depots in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the training of recruits for service at home and abroad but exclusive of the numbers actually serving within His Majesty's Indian possessions," and so forth. How long would the then Prime Minister have remained in office had he introduced this measure as a Bill, in April 1914?

GRAND JURIES SUSPENDED.

The Grand Juries (Suspension) Act which received the Royal assent on March 28 is another remarkable Act. It makes an irresistible appeal to an English lawyer, affecting, as it does, one of the pillars of our legal institutions. Although it is expressed to remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for a period of six months thereafter, the general opinion is that the Grand Jury, as such, is a thing of the past. As was natural, the measure has been the subject of much criticism