

Correspondence.

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The Editor, CANADA LAW JOURNAL.

Dear Sir,—The writer of the editorial headed "The Tinkers' Act" in your issue of September, 1913, has overlooked the fact that the sections of the Statute Law Amendment Act are arranged in the order preserved in the Revised Statutes. He is quite in error in supposing that there is no method observed in the arrangement of the sections. As to whether the method adopted is the most convenient, there may be some question, but it has been found so by a number of professional men who note their statutes quite as carefully as the writer of the editorial.

As to the amendments to the Coroners' Act to which the writer refers, these will be found in another place in the statutes in their proper order, with other corrections and amendments of the Act. The reason for the duplication of the sections is that it was not thought well that amendments to the same Act should appear partly in one place and partly in another. The amendments to the Coroners' Act having been passed before the Statute Law Amendment Act, the subsequent amendments made by the latter Act were directed to be incorporated in the Act amending the Coroners' Act in the annual volume.

I venture to say that no professional man who has the slightest knowledge of the facts, or who considers the short time allowed for the winding up of the work of the Session, would hesitate to pronounce the criticism uncalled for and unfair.

Yours faithfully,

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[We gladly publish Mr. Dymond's letter, though we do not accept his concluding remarks. We are still of the opinion that it would be more convenient to the profession if the Statute Law Amendment Acts were, in future, arranged on some such plan as we have suggested. So far as we can see, none of these Acts have ever had any method apparent to the ordinary reader.

Of course, in making the remarks we did, we had no intention of imputing any blame to the Law Clerk. Our sole aim in drawing attention to the matter was, if possible, to secure in future more attention to the arrangement of the sections of this annual Act, so as to facilitate the keeping track of the amendments and render less troublesome to practitioners the labour of annotating the statutes. Mr. Dymond is too good and painstaking an officer not to see the desirability of doing all that can be done in that direction.—ED. C.L.J.]