

refused to advise that the agreement be carried out, on the ground that there was no evidence that its execution had been authorised by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, or that it was sealed with the seal of the Department of Works. It was held that as the constitution of British Columbia follows the type of responsible government in the British Empire, it requires that the Sovereign or his representatives should act on the advice of Ministers responsible to Parliament, that is to say, they should not act individually but constitutionally. A contract which involves the provision of funds by Parliament requires that Parliament should have authorised it, either directly or under the provisions of a statute. In this case no contract could have been made unless sec. 3 authorised it. No order-in-council having been passed, the case was ended, without it being necessary to enter upon the point made as to the seal.

Lawyers' Lyrics.

THE STUDENT'S DREAM.

By the late E. DOUGLAS ARMOUR, K.C.

I sat alone, with Benjamin on Sales upon my knee;
The letters danced before me and the words I couldn't see;
I'd attended many a lecture, and had taken many a note,
But I couldn't see a grain of sense in anything I wrote.

I was reading for my Call exam., immersed in deepest gloom,
Oppressed with nervous doubt and dread of what might be my
doom;

I was overcharged with Equity, and Common Law and Torts,
And altogether I was feeling greatly out of sorts.

The books were piled around me in a litter on the floor;
There were Marsh's "Court of Chancery," and perhaps a dozen
more,

A wretched book on Titles, and another one on Wills,
De Colyar, Pollock, Leake and Best, and poor old Byles on Bills.

And now a mist seemed gathering about me in the room,
And through it all the books in curious forms began to loom;
They perched in turn upon my knee, and flapped their leaves
and fluttered,
And whirled in circles round my head, and aminously muttered.