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THE many friends of Chancellor Boyd (and by his many friends we mean the whole legal profession and everyone else who knows him), regret his severe illness. If there is one member of the Ontario Judiciary more than any other whose absence from official duty is a public loss, the learned President of the High Court is the one. We are glad to learn that he is somewhat better, and sincerely hope for his speedy restoration to complete health.

A MATTER which we think is ripe for reform is that of printed appeal books in the Court of Appeal. The practice of requiring these is quite unjustifiable, in our opinion, and the County of York Law Association might well take the subject up. The Court of Appeal in England requires no printed appeal books, and the consequence is not only a great saving of expense, but greatly increased expedition in hearing cases. We could point to a Canadian solicitor who, being interested in a case in the Courts in England, was surprised to find that, two days after judgment before the Judge of first instance, the case was up for argument before the Court of Appeal. To come nearer home, our own Divisional Courts, which are practically Courts of Appeal, require no printed appeal cases, and what is enough for three Judges should be enough for four. The profession have, as it is, to bear a very heavy burden in being made tax collectors for the Province, and it is time that the further burden of printed appeal books was taken off their shoulders.

THE LAW OF DIVORCE.

THE receipt of an early copy of Mr. Gemmill's book on the Law of Divorce in Canada again draws our attention to this important subject.*

We are among those who think the encouragement of divorce a great evil and would rather have it wholly denied in Canada, than to see Divorce Courts

*The Practice of the Parliament of Canada upon Bills of Divorce, including an historical sketch of Parliament Divorce and summaries of all the Bills of Divorce presented to Parliament from 1867 to 1888; also notes on the Provincial Divorce Courts, etc., by John Alexander Gemmill, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, Toronto: Carswell & Co., Publishers, 1889.