
Correspondence.

AMENDMENTS IN PROCEDURE.

To the Editor of THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL :

SIR,—I have read, with a good deal of interest, the communication of Mr. McClive, in your journal of June 15, as to recent changes in practice in the direction of lessening law costs, and suggesting other changes having the same object in view.

Whilst I do not quite agree with all of Mr. McClive's suggestions, yet there are some well worthy of consideration, especially those referring to production of documents and the proceedings now necessary to obtain production, and the filing and service of affidavits on production, etc. The present practice of taking out an order, and service of same, and of notice of filing, should be abolished; and so also of notice of filing affidavits in all matters and proceedings in practice where motions are heard and disposed of upon affidavits. A very large reduction in costs could be effected by a change in these particulars.

I do not agree with Mr. McClive's suggestion to a return to the former practice of revision of bills of costs at Toronto in defended actions. If a party to any such action desire a revision, then it would be quite proper to allow it. There should be no unnecessary step or proceeding required in the practice, and every step taken to simplify it and reduce needless expense in the prosecution and defence of actions should be welcomed by the profession as well as by litigants.

Yours, etc.,

Sarnia, June 29.

JOSHUA ADAMS.

Reviews and Notices of Books.

Minutes of the Simcoe District Municipal Council, 1843 to 1847.
Barrie: S. Wesley. 1895.

The efforts of His Honour Judge Ardagh to collect and so preserve for future reference much interesting information connected with matters magisterial and municipal in his county will, we hope, incite others to follow his example.

The unpretending volume before us consists of over 400 pages, which contain, in addition to the "Minutes of the Simcoe