

scarcely be entirely foreseen at present. Some twenty-five sections of *The Law Courts Act* came into operation at once; these we have specially noted. The remainder of the Act and the Judicature Act, will come into effect by proclamation, after the 1st September next. The profession should now carefully examine the Acts, and if difficulties are found to exist, they should be brought forward now, to the end that the proclamation might be delayed until after a further session of the Legislature. If nothing is found serious enough to make it worth while pressing upon the notice of the Government, the Government will be right in proclaiming the Act in force immediately after the 1st September. As to this measure, therefore, the profession has an opportunity to criticize now, and objections should not be heard for the first time after the proclamation.

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*On dit* that Messrs. Holmsted and Langton, well-known as the co-authors of the exceedingly useful commentaries on the Judicature Act and the consolidated rules made thereunder, have a new edition already far advanced. The Legislature contemplated, when putting through *The Law Courts Act, 1895*, the appointment of a commission to consolidate the rules of practice. The profession would welcome a new consolidation. The practice is the crux of modern litigation. More than one-third of all the points raised for decision are on practice, and to many solicitors the practice has become truly formidable. Much of the authors' work will undoubtedly be to do over again, but it

is one of the mischances of authorship in Ontario to have the Legislature upset work laboriously prepared. We seem to live in an age of unceasing experiment in legislation. It would be a graceful as well as merited compliment to add the authors to the commission, and it would prove advantageous to the work of the commission to have the benefit of Messrs. Holmsted and Langton's experience. In this way also the editors' work could keep abreast of the work of the commission, and the profession would have the advantage of the new consolidation thoroughly annotated at the time of its coming into force.

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ANOTHER important undertaking on foot is a consolidated Ontario Digest, to be issued from the press of The Carswell Co. (Ltd). The editors' work is sufficiently forward, it is understood, for the first part to appear in September. The scope of the Digest includes the cases digested in Robinson & Joseph, and in the Ontario Digest, together with all the cases to date. The number of headings is largely increased, and special attention will be devoted to topics (*e.g.*, Company Law), of current importance. It is proper that a new Digest should be prepared instead of issuing merely a supplementary volume. The labor of examining several Digests will be avoided, and, if the editors perform their part properly, the Digest will not consist of a reprinting of head-notes. It is a waste of space in a great many instances to copy faithfully the statement of facts contained in the head-note as introductory to the particular point decided, nor does