

they thought proper to arrive. All the same, that conclusion does not prevent a solicitor being restrained from disclosing information confidentially obtained from a client; (see *Robinson v. Mullett*, 4 Price, 353; *Davies v. Clough*, 8 Sim. 262; and *Parratt v. Parratt*, 2 DeG. & Sm. 258). As we have already remarked, probably it is not very frequently that the privilege now made manifest will be taken advantage of. Most solicitors will doubtless prefer to avoid putting themselves in a situation that may possibly lead to trouble with a former client. But the removal of the imputation that they cannot be trusted to occupy that position is none the less of concern to them.—*Law Times*.

CANADIAN MARRIAGES.

A strong Board of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has now finally determined the difficult question that has arisen, with regard to marriages in Canada, as to the respective powers of the Federal and Provincial Legislatures. Under s. 91 of the British North America Act, 1867, the Dominion Parliament may make laws in relation to all matters not coming within the classes of subjects by the Act assigned exclusively to the Provincial Legislatures, and it declares that the exclusive legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament extends (*inter alia*) to marriage and divorce. By s. 92, however, Provincial Legislatures may exclusively make laws as to the solemnization of marriage in the province. It has now been held that the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, on the true construction of those sections, does not cover the whole field of validity, and that under s. 92 the power conferred on the Provincial Legislatures operates by way of exception to the powers conferred as to marriages by s. 91, and enables them to enact conditions as to solemnization which may affect the validity of the contract. The effect of this decision is to uphold the conclusions arrived at by the Supreme Court of Canada, and doubtless it will be sought to obtain an amendment of the Act of 1867 to enable the Dominion Parliament to pass a uniform marriage law through-