

IMPORTANT TO MUNICIPALITIES.

There is an impression that it is not morally wrong for a member of a Municipal Corporation to be a party interested in contracts with the Corporation. The desire to benefit by such contracts is, however, in a great measure restrained by certain legal disabilities attached thereto. It is generally known that the existence of such an interest is sufficient to disqualify the person interested from being a member. But it is undecided whether a person once elected and afterwards becoming interested in such a contract thereby forfeits his seat. The spirit of the Municipal laws and the advance of public policy would seem alike to demand this result. Without expressing an opinion either one way or the other we have much satisfaction in adverting to a case reported elsewhere (*Collins v. Swindle*, p. 42), wherein the Court of Chancery refused an account of partnership dealings between plaintiff and defendant, it being shown that the partnership was effected for the execution of public works for a Municipal Corporation, of which plaintiff was a member at the time contract was made. A decision like this will, we are sure, meet the approbation of every honest man in Canada.

SPRING CIRCUIT, 1858.

EASTERN—MR. JUSTICE BURNS.

Cornwall.....	Tuesday.....	6th April.
Bruckville.....	Wednesday.....	14th "
Perth.....	Thursday.....	22nd "
Ottawa.....	Thursday.....	29th "
L'Orignal.....	Monday.....	10th May.

MIDLAND—CHIEF JUSTICE COMMON PLEAS.

Belleville.....	Monday.....	8th March.
Kingston.....	Wednesday.....	24th "
Pictou.....	Wednesday.....	7th April.
Cobourg.....	Tuesday.....	13th "
Peterborough.....	Tuesday.....	27th "
Whitby.....	Tuesday.....	4th May.

HOME—MR. JUSTICE McLEAN.

Niagara.....	Tuesday.....	16th March.
Merrittsville.....	Tuesday.....	23rd "
Hamilton.....	Tuesday.....	30th "
Milton.....	Tuesday.....	20th April.
Barrie.....	Tuesday.....	27th "
Owen Sound.....	Tuesday.....	4th May.

OXFORD—MR. JUSTICE HAGARTY.

Brantford.....	Monday.....	8th March.
Woodstock.....	Wednesday.....	17th "
Guelph.....	Friday.....	26th "
Berlin.....	Monday.....	5th April.
Stratford.....	Monday.....	12th "
Cayuga.....	Tuesday.....	20th "
Simcoe.....	Tuesday.....	27th "

WESTERN—THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF UPPER CANADA.

London.....	Tuesday.....	16th March.
St. Thomas.....	Tuesday.....	6th April.
Chatham.....	Tuesday.....	13th "
Sandwich.....	Friday.....	23rd "
Sarnia.....	Tuesday.....	4th May.
Goderich.....	Tuesday.....	11th "

TORONTO—MR. JUSTICE RICHARDS.

Monday.....12th April.

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We think it necessary to mention that the Index issued with our last number is for Volume II. and *not* III. of this Journal. The Index for the latter Volume is now in hand, and will be issued at the earliest possible period. With this Number the title-page to Volume II. is mailed to such subscribers as were on our list when that Volume was published. It ought to have accompanied the Index; but through an oversight was forgotten. No difficulty, however, can arise; for any binder will understand where to place the title-page and Index.

A LEGAL CURIOSITY.

The following description of Mr. Bellew, the well-known preacher, who came as an insolvent debtor before the County Court judge at Canterbury on the 13th inst, is a curiosity in its way:—"John Chippindall Montesquieu Higgin (from the year 1846 having assumed his maternal name of Bellew, also sued, committed and detained as John Chippindall Montesquieu Bellew), formerly of St. Mary Hall, Oxford, Oxfordshire, undergraduate, then of King-street, St. James's Middlesex, then of Fernacres-cottage, Fulmer-common, near Slough, Bucks, gentleman, in no profession or employ, then of Southgate, Middlesex, then of Eastbourne, Sussex, then of Worcester, Worcestershire, clerk in holy orders, then of Prescott, Lancashire, clerk as aforesaid, then of Albert-terrace, Bayswater, Middlesex, then for three months living on board the *Holspur* ship, en route for the East Indies, then of St. John's Cathedral, Calcutta, East Indies, chaplain in the service of the Hon. East India Company, and for a few days while there having an exhibition descriptive of Nineveh, and lecturing thereon, then for three months living on board, first, the *Hindustan*, and afterwards the *Vectis* ship, proceeding from Calcutta to England, then of Glencoe-house, St. John's-wood, and afterwards of 2, Marlborough-terrace, St. John's-wood, then of 25, Thurlow-square, Brompton, all in Middlesex; assistant-minister of St. Philip's Church, Regent-street, Middlesex, aforesaid, also author of two volumes of sermons and text and late of the Rose Inn, Canterbury, Kent, same calling, a prisoner in the gaol of Canterbury, in the county of Kent.—*Law Times*.