

## NEW RULES OF COURT.

It is probably within the knowledge of most of our readers that, very shortly after the promulgation of the Consolidated Rules, steps were taken by the various law associations throughout the Province, acting under the leadership of a committee of the County of York Law Association, to secure divers amendments and additions to the Rules.

The labours of these various bodies finally culminated in the preparation of a pamphlet of considerable size by the aforesaid committee, embodying the various changes which were deemed desirable, which was in due time laid before the judges.

These proposed changes, we believe, have been very carefully and maturely considered by the judges, and although, in their wisdom, they have not seen fit to adopt all of the suggestions made, yet they have adopted a very considerable number of them, and have also added thereto various amendments and additions which, in their own experience, they have found necessary.

These Rules, having been tentatively resolved upon in March last, were again deliberated upon, and finally adopted on the 23rd of June last, and are to come into force on the 1st of September next.

While many of these new Rules correct merely verbal errors and slips of various kinds in the Consolidated Rules, many others will be found to effect very material changes in the practice, which it will be necessary for practitioners to master before the long vacation shall have expired. We, therefore, propose to point out shortly some of the most important changes which have been effected.

Rule 15 is amended so as to enable the Clerk of the Process to issue certificates of *lis pendens* : R. 1284.

The doubts heretofore existing as to the precise nature of the report of a Referee are set at rest, and such reports are to be filed, and to be subject to the same incidents as to confirmation, appeal, etc., as Masters' reports : R. 1288.

Rules 30, 41, and 138, defining the jurisdiction of the Master in Chambers, Local Judges, and Local Masters in Chambers, have been amended in some not very material particulars : RR. 1287, 1289, 1291. Jury notices cannot hereafter be struck out by these officers except for irregularity.