

was more desirable than a selection of cases. Without in any way disparaging or criticising the work of those who have undertaken the latter task many venture to doubt the wisdom of that course or the possibility of doing it satisfactorily. The favourable reception this reprint has received at the hands of the profession indicates that there is room for both.

The scheme of the publishers is to group each series of reports and publish them in consecutive order. The House of Lords Cases has been the first series, and is now complete in eleven volumes of over sixteen hundred pages per volume. The great importance of the House of Lords Cases as authority in Canada makes that portion of the "English Reports" now complete an especial boon to the Canadian practitioner by giving the decisions of the highest Appellate Court of the realm to the profession at so moderate a cost. It is intended to publish all of the cases from 1300 down to 1865 in one hundred and fifty volumes. The names of the consultative committee in charge of this new series is a guarantee of its editorial excellence. They consist of the Lord Chancellor of England; the Lord Chief Justice; the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Henn Collins; the Hon. Mr. Justice Wright; Sir R. B. Finlay, K.C., Attorney-General, with A. Wood Renton, Esq., Barrister-at-law, as General Editor.

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It is a pity that the many good things connected with the Bench and Bar of this Province should be lost to posterity. In no country probably could there be a more interesting collection made than from the sayings of and incidents connected with the Judges of old Upper Canada. The following will be remembered by some of the older members of our Bar:

A case was being tried before Chief Justice Draper at an Assize in a county town. Amongst those living in that neighborhood was a well-known character, who had once been a school-master, but who was at this time given to the too free indulgence in strong drink, devoting most of his time to loafing. On this occasion he found himself in Court much the worse for liquor. Being somewhat obstreperous the Chief Justice inflicted upon him a small fine. As this, however, had not the desired effect of quieting him, he was brought up a second time, whereupon the Chief, in his well known quiet but severe tone, reprimanded him, telling him