

LEGAL NOTES.

sentative of our Gracious Queen that has ever honoured our *alma mater* with his presence.

The following effusion is too good to be lost. It must have struck the recipient with profound awe, not to say terror. Whether it had the desired effect we know not, but are informed that this effort of the worthy J. P. was too much for him, for the gentleman who sent us the document quaintly remarks, "You will not be surprised to learn that he has since died." The paper reads as follows, except that we disguise the names:—

"Province of Canada, } Thomas W.
"Counties of Huron and Bruce, } Smith, of the
"TO WIT: } Township of
McKillop maketh oath before the undersigned one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Counties for that Mr. Brown also of McKillep unlawfully holds two ewes the property of said Complant I advise you on receipt of this note to return said sheep to Thomas W. Smith save costs & verry much oblige

"Respectfully yours,

"PETER SMITH J.P. (Seal.)"

We would suggest that Mr. Anderson should be instructed by the Benchers to ask students at next interim examination to define the nature of, and give the technical name to the above document.

The judges of the American Republic are manifestly girding up their loins against municipal and magisterial corruption. Finletter, J. in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia, upon a prosecution for taking extortionate fees by a Justice of the Peace, commences his judgment after this fashion: "Complaints of the rapacity of the local magistracy have come down to us continuously from the earliest periods. Its history is written in the statutes which were vainly intended to punish and suppress it. Its portraiture is found in the current literature of the times. 'Shallow' and 'Dogberry' and the justices of Fielding, himself a magistrate, are photographs of living actors of the past and present. The common law abhorred it; and its condemnation is dotted all along the highway of judicial decision in indignant language."

One of the most astounding pieces of judicial statistics which we have recently come across reaches us from the State of Illinois.

It appears that the Supreme Court of that State has determined one hundred and thirty-eight appeals from inferior courts, and that the judgments in the eight have been upheld, and those in the one hundred and thirty reversed. Here, surely, is an intolerable amount of sack to a penny-worth of bread. We fancy suitors must be in a happy and contented frame of mind, when they ascertain that the court below has gone against them. Indeed, it seems to us that the judges below had better decide the cases by "skying a copper," because then, as somebody has remarked, "*Heads* might have something to do with the matter;" and, we might add, many a scandalous *tail* be saved.

LAW SOCIETY, MICHAELMAS TERM.

CALLS TO THE BAR.

Of the eighty-three Students who gave notice of call, only thirty-three presented themselves for examination. Those who passed without an oral examination are given in order of merit, the rest are not.

The following gentlemen were called to the Bar; seven having been rejected:

C. H. Ritchie, Toronto; R. M. Fleming, Toronto; A. F. McIntyre, Cornwall; J. A. Paterson, Toronto; J. Fletcher, Brampton, (without oral examination). J. B. Smith, Lindsay; H. J. Macdonald, Ottawa; T. Langton, Toronto; R. Sedgwick, Halifax; W. R. Mulock, Toronto; J. Akers, Toronto; C. Corbould, Picton; N. W. Hoyles, Toronto; W. Roaf, Hamilton; G. Dormer, Lindsay; J. A. Barron, Lindsay; J. White, Hamilton; J. A. Gemmell, Ottawa; F. W. Monro, Toronto; R. L. Roblin, Picton; G. McNab, London; M. Malone, Toronto; J. Rome, Berlin; B. W. Vidal, Sarnia; J. R. Strathy, Toronto.

R. J. Wicksteed, Esq., of the Quebec Bar, Ottawa, was also called to the bar of Ontario.

The following Attorneys were admitted. The names are given in order of merit:

G. Luton, Toronto; C. H. Ritchie, Toronto; T. Langton, Toronto; H. J. Macdonald, Ottawa; W. F. Ellis, Chatham; G. A. Watson, Goderich; J. A. Paterson, Toronto; A. F. McIntyre, Cornwall; W. R. Mulock, Toronto; J. R. Strathy, Toronto, (without oral examination). S. Wallbridge, Toronto; R. H. Bowes, Toronto; R. B. Carman, Belleville; J. F. Bell, Toronto.