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LAW REFORM.

The suggestions of Matthew Wilson, K. C., on law reform must seem to everybody along the right lines. All will agree with him, for instance, when he says the courts should be reformed not in the interests of the legal profession but in the interests of the public.

We are afraid in the past the interests of the public have been somewhat of a side issue to those of the law. The main arrangement of court procedure seems to be to provide twists and turns by which unfortunate litigants may be squeezed at will.

Mr. Wilson's proposal to have only one appeal, except in very important cases, is a most commendable one It is absurd to spend a day or two trying a case here with the probbility that it will dangle around Toronto and then, perchance, go on to Ottawa, and even to London, England. What we want are courts that will rectify grievances quickly, cheaply and finally, so that a litigant once in the toils of the law will not be kept worrying and wasting his time over some simple suit for a large section of his natural life.

It has been urged that if you cheapen law it will increase litigation. That is a poor argument. Though a man may have a grievance this is to say that the costs should be kept sufficiently high to prevent him seeking to have it rectified. This is altogether wrong. Everyone who has, or believeb he has, a wrong to be righted should have access to the courts. The costs should be lowered and the proceedings simplified no matter how much it increased litigation, because a man's right to seek justice should not be regulated by the size of his pocket-book. Our courts should not be for the rich alone but for everybody who wishes to resort to them.

HOW JUDGES BUNCO LITIGANTS ON LAW COSTS.

Mr. Wilson, in his able paper on law reform touches on the question of costs and the manner in which they are awarded. There is a grievance here which anyone who has ever had lawsuits will understand. With the class of judges we have the awarding of costs should not be optional. If a man goes into court and wins his case he should get his costs. The judge should have nothing to say in the

To illustrate how the winning party may sometimes be buncoed in the matter of costs, the Planet recalls a case it was interested in in another county some years ago. The suit turned on an agreement. This agreement could not be disputed, but the judge said it was a most foolish one for the plaintiff to make, and while he would dismiss the case, he would order that each party pay their own costs. Think of a judge in his sober senses giving such a decision. He finds in favor of one of the parties and then makes that party pay his own costs. In another case with which The Planet is familiar, a high court judge of some standing was willing to bargain over the awarding of some costs. He declared himself willing to allow the defendant certain costs if he would yield on some sentimental technicality. Now, if the plaintiff in the case was entitled to these costs, why should this judge have been willing to take them away from him and give them to the other party. If on the lother hand they properly belonged to the defendant, why should they have been offered to him with a string attached ?

This whole question of the awarding of costs is one that will stand going into, so that some check may be established over the incompetent judges who seem in a number of cases to have crept into the judiciary of this pro-

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position for the control of the steel trade of the world, but the existence of such a colossal trust cannot but be viewed with apprehension by the people of the United States. Those who have seen the influence which merely million-dollar combinations have been able to exert will speculate on the weight which a billion-dollar monster will be able to carry whenever its interests are at stake in legislative or judicial circles.

A TIMELY WARNING TO THE NEW

The Comber Herald loses no time in warning King Edward that he must not "monkey" with the privileges of the people. The editor of that journal doesn't propose that when the King picks up his Herald at breakfast he shall have any more right to ask "who put that piece in the paper" than the meanest of its subscribers, and according to the way it stirs them up occasionally about back subscriptions some of them must be pretty mean. But let that go. Here is the way the Herald goes at the King, and we trust H's Majesty will take its advice, or otherwise we may have a twentieth century William Lyon Mackenzie rising up in our midst to revindicate the liberties of the people: People Must Rule.

Sovereignty under Queen Victoria implied the democracy and the progress of liberty.

Just as soon as the sovereignty of King Edward, or any future monarch of the British Empire, implies either hostility to the high ideal of government by the people or bruckling to reaction, the monarchy must lose the public favor which is the breath of its nostrils.

British connection in Canada is all the people. The monarchy is popular institution and it will be an evil day for Imperialism if that cause becomes the badge of mere social am-

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Ferrand McGregor, a fourteen-year old Detroit boy, accidentally killed himself while handling a revolver. The papers every day contain reports of grown men accidentally shooting themselves. Now, if grown men are not, in many cases, capable of handling dangerous weapons, why will parents persist in permitting boys to have them?

A Colorado editor, who said he had to write his own prescription for grip because none of the doctors in the town advertised with him, gives out the following which, he says, cured

Four quarts of whiskey, into which Four quarts of whiskey, into which were dissolved four ounces of loaf sugar. To this we added a teaspoonful of water and another quart of whiskey and then placed over a hot fire and let boil sufficiently long to boil out all the water. We then stirred in a little more whiskey to cool, and gulped it down without batting an eye. In order to remove the taste from our mouth we took a little more whiskey. more whiskey.

The United States, says the New York Post, was the only one of the armies operating in China which did not make some provision for the supply of water for the troops. As a re sult of this neglect more than onethird of the force from the United States was constantly searching for water, which was always taken without the precaution of aerating or filtering, such as was enforced by the Japanese troops. It is perhaps not an unrelated fact that three days after the allies entered Pekin, one-third, or 800 men, of Gen. Chaffee's army was on the sick list, while of the Japanese, who had done much harder work, only five per cent. were incapacitated for active duty.

The present standing of the House appears to be:

Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island.... British Columbia

In getting these figures Mr. McNeill of North Bruce, Mr. Thornton of West Durham, and Mr. Thornton of West Elgin, are counted among the Conseratives. (Among the Liberals are inand Mr. McCarthy of North Simcoe Mr. Puttee, Mr. Richardson, and Ralph Smith, of B. C., are classed as Independents

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Exchange. Young man, don't swear, There s no occasion for it outside of a printing office, where it is useful when the paper is behind time. It also comes in handy in proofreading and is indispensible when the ink works had and the press begins to buck. It is sometimes brought into use when the foreman is mad, and it has been known to entirely remove that tired feeling of the editor when he looks over the paper after it is printed. Outside of a printing of-fice it is a very foolish habit.

FINED FOR SEEKING JUSTICE.

Woodstock Express. The case of Atkinson vs the City of Chatham, where the plaintiff sued the city for damages sustained by his daughter and got judgment in his favor, both in the first ourt and the Court of Appeal, to which the city carried the case, but which judgment was later reversed by the Supreme Court, leaving the plaintiff a poor man, straddled with nearly \$3,000 of costs, is not one which should constrain any unprediced mind to think highly of our Canadian courts and of the "justice" which they dis-

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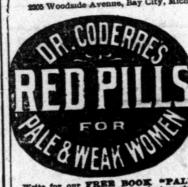
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One New Yorker Stabs Another for Thirty-five Cents.

New York, Feb. 11.-Charles Yost vas stabbed over the heart Saturday night by Fred. Hoffman, a grocery-man, in Hoffman's store. Yost man-aged to get to his home, where he died in his wife's arms. Hoffman was ar-

According to the story told by the police, Mrs. Hamil, Mrs. Yost's sister-in-law went to Hoffman's store, to make a purchase, Mrs. Hoffman, the wife of the grocer was behind the counter and deducted from the money tendered in a smant 35 cents which tendered in payment, 35 cents which she claimed was owed by Mrs. Yost. Mrs. Hamil objected to paying her sister-in-law's alleged bill. Hamil went to the store and demanded the went to the store and demanded the money. Yost soon arrived on the scene. The grocer made an effort to get Hamil and Yost to leave the place, but they refused. In a struggle Yost was stabbed just over the heart.

AWFUL DEED OF A MICHIJAN GIRL.

Fit of Jealous Rage She Destroys George C. Laird's Eyesight With Carbolic Ac'd.

Leonidas, Mich. Feb. 11—While in a fit of jealous rage Miss Denell Neddo threw carbolic acid in the face of Geo. C. Laird, completely destroying the sight of both of his eyes. Miss Neddo and Ida Shafer, accompanied by Elgin Scott, went to the hotel about 11 o'clock. They are alleged to have remarked:—"We are out to burt somebody; we have got our pops." Miss Neddo left her companions and went to Laird's room, and after talking a few minutes threw the acid in his face and drove away. It is said she intended to disfigure Miss Myrtie West, also but could not find her. Laird's face

A GLASS EYE AND NEW NOSE.

They Will Fix Rev. Keller up as Good as New.

Factions Support Both the Clergyman and the People who Assailed Him.

Arlington, N. J., Feb. 9.-John Keller, vicar of Holy Trinity mission and acting bishop of the diocese of of Newark, will live. Within ten days he will be able to face his accusers. His right eye is made sightless by the shot of Thomas Barker, who fired to avenge what he believed to be the wrongs of his wife.

his wife.

The state is trying to prove that the attack is not justifiable and is following the theory that Mrs. Barker suffers from hysteria and is not responsible for the things she says.

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Mrs. Geo. Wilson says:
"Mrs. Barker told me in August 1899, that she wanted revenge on the minister. She was not particular how she brought it about. She said: 'It is she brought it about. She said: It is not on account of anything the rector did to me, but for what, he did to my husband; that I want vengeance. He insulted him. He did not stand by me in the trouble at the Sunday school, but that was nothing to the way he reated my husband, and after all Ton has done for him.'

'I asked her what the dominie had done to her husband, but she never would tell me. She simply said she wanted vengeance, and would get it. She was hysterical at the times she "She was hysterical at the times she talked to me, and I do not believe she is responsible for what she said. I do not think she is responsible for what she told her husband."

One who has seen Keller says he will be less badly scarred than was at first thought. Skilful surgery will replace the lost eye with a glass one. A pew

the lost eye with a glass one, a new bridge to his nose will be made, and the scars in his face will be slight. The more Mrs. Barker is discussed by friends who try to describe her the more mysterious a personage she be-comes. She seems not to have had many friends, even before the unfortunate events of the last few days, and since then she has excluded everyone. The town is torn between those The town is torn between those believe in the wounded preacher and fail to find anything responsible in Mrs. Barker's accusations, and others who feel that no man would act as Barker did without knowing what he

LIBEL CASES IN OLD LONDON

was about.

Priest vs. ex-Priest-Rev. Dr. Paton London, Feb. 11.-The King's Bench

Division of the High Court of Justice Division of the High Court of Justice to-day found in favor of Victor Michael Ruthwen, described as an exprisest, in a libel suit brought against Emil de Bom, a Catholic priest, for circulating a leaflet, averring that Ruthwen's lectures were indecent. Forty shillings damages were awarded. The court found in favor of de Bom respecting the publication of Ruthwen's record, copied from the Cleveland Universe of March 15, 1895. Rev. J. G. Paton, a Presbyterian missionary of the New Hebrides, testified that Ruthwen's real name was Riordan, and that he had given evidence against him in America, where he

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