

## THE REVISED STATUTES OF ONTARIO.

space, scarcely one fifth of the volume, which is not filled up by the Act above referred to, that many very important Imperial Statutes must be conspicuous by their absence. No portion of the Statutes of Frauds, for example, has found a place in the collection, although it seems to us that some of the sections are at least as important as most of the Acts which have been selected for publication. The Statutes which regulate the distribution of the personal property of intestates are not introduced. These are, however, easily accessible through the medium of the *Canada Law Journal* Almanack, but might well appear in the volume before us. The Imperial Copyright Act of 1842 (5 and 6 Vict., cap. 45) though held in *Smiles v. Belford* to be still in force in Canada, has been omitted, while the less important amending Act of 10-11 Vict., cap. 95, is inserted at length, and even of those Imperial Acts which are incorporated by reference into our own legislation only one seems to have been printed, as will appear from the following list:—

- 3-4 Vict., c. 78, referred to in R. S. O., c. 28, s. 9, is omitted.
- 21 Hen. VIII., c. 5; 22-23 Car. II., c. 10, and 1 Jac. II., c. 17, referred to in R. S. O., c. 46, s. 60, are omitted.
- 8 Anne, c. 14, referred to in R. S. O., c. 47, s. 211, is omitted.
- 8-9 Wm. III., c. 11, referred to in R. S. O., c. 50, s. 332, and R. S. O., c. 53, s. 12, is omitted.
- 9 Anne, c. 20, referred to in R. S. O., c. 52, s. 11, is omitted.
- 21 Jac. I., c. 16, s. 8, referred to in R. S. O., c. 61, s. 4, and R. S. O., c. 117, ss. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, is omitted.
- 13 Eliz. c. 5, ss. 1, 2 and 6, referred to in R. S. O., c. 95, s. 13, is omitted.
- 11 Hen. VII., c. 20, referred to in R. S. O., c. 100, s. 4 is omitted.
- 22-23 Car. II., c. 10, and 29 Car. II.,

c. 3, referred to in R. S. O., c. 105, s. 36, is omitted.

29 Car. II., c. 3, s. 17, referred to in R. S. O., c. 117, s. 11, is omitted.

32 Hen. VIII., c. 9, ss. 2, 4, 6, referred to in R. S. O., c. 180, s. 158, is omitted.

31 Geo. III., c. 31, referred to in R. S. O., c. 215, s. 3, is printed.

Some of these Statutes, indeed, are embodied in our own legislation, as for example those, or most of those, which relate to the limitation of actions. Others, as the 11 Hen. VII., c. 20, are but incidentally referred to, and one, the 13 Eliz., c. 5, in reference to fraudulent conveyances, was reprinted by Mr. Blake as the preamble to his Act of 35 Vict., c. 11, declaring the meaning of the Statute of Elizabeth. Except in these cases the Acts above referred to, which are indeed part of the Statute Law of Ontario, should, we think, have, in some way, found a place on the Statute Book, and if the present volume was not intended to include them, we trust the Government will not give up the work of consolidation until these Imperial Statutes have been placed within the reach of all those who are subject to their enactments.

The practical use of Volumes I. and II. shows the arrangement of the Index to be defective. At the end of Volume II. is an Index of the whole revision. There should be a separate Index to each volume, or better still a duplicate Index of the whole to each Volume, after the manner of the Consolidated Statutes.

In our previous remarks on the subject of this revision, we omitted to mention the name of Mr. C. R. W. Biggar as having been one of the Commissioners who prepared the Draft Revised Statutes submitted to the House last Session.