

however, omitted the Bankrupt cases, which had only interest under the operation of the old Act. Some cases which are not reported are mentioned in the Index, and I have also added a few notes, the last of which gives the judgments in appeal, which affect the cases referred to in the Index, and which are reported in vol. 8, of the Lower Canada Jurist, and vol. 14 of the Lower Canada Reports."

It only remains for us to say a word respecting the manner in which the work has been executed. After a careful examination we are satisfied that the design has been carried out in a way that will not disappoint the expectations which Mr. Ramsay's well known ability and industry may have excited. As Macaulay says of Johnson's Dictionary, a leisure hour may always be very agreeably (and profitably) spent in turning over its pages. We lay the work down, confident that it will long serve as a worthy monument of Mr. Ramsay's zeal and assiduity.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MONTREAL CIRCUIT.

To the Editor of the L. C. Law Journal :

SIR,—Among the subjects which I hope to see taken up by the Law Journal is the system of conducting the Circuit business in this city. Every member of the profession, I presume, is aware of the pressure of business in the Circuit Court. To take a recent instance, the Roll for the 14th June was not commenced till the morning of the 16th. Had not the Court sat on the 16th, all the cases inscribed for the 14th, would have gone over to September. What vexatious delays, what enormous waste of time and annoyance to court, counsel and witnesses, result from this state of things ! I trust, Sir, some one better able to handle the subject will bring it prominently forward, and discuss the best means of remedying an evil which is continually increasing in proportion to the increase of business. Some persons have suggested the appointment of a Commissioner, to sit every morning, or three times a week, for the disposal of all cases under £10. Others would desire simply to have the term extended, say from the 9th to the 16th, both inclusive, with a term in January and July. (I may also men-

tion that the disbursements in small cases are excessive. A poor man cannot attempt to collect a dollar unjustly withheld from him, without disbursing 50 cents for the summons, 80 cents for the return, and 60 cents for the execution, besides bailiff's fees, &c.) With reference to the pressure of business, I trust some method may be speedily adopted to put an end to what is considered an intolerable nuisance by

A YOUNG ADVOCATE.

LOWER CANADA LAW REPORTS.

To the Editor of the L. C. Law Journal :

SIR,—I beg to avail myself of the columns of your welcome and much needed Journal to say a few words on the subject of our law reports. How is it, Sir, that the Government continues its support to the Lower Canada Reports, and this in the face of the steady advance made by the Jurist, supported only by the revenue derived from its subscription list ? As the subject of the amount which the Government agreed to contribute to the L. C. Reports, is explained at some length in the preface to the first volume of the Jurist, I need not trespass upon your space by entering into particulars. It would appear from that statement that the outside figure for which the Government became liable was £162.10 per annum. But in 1855 the amount drawn from Government had already swollen to £347.18.9 for the year. And turning to the public accounts for 1861, I see that the amount paid by Government "for editing and publishing the Lower Canada Reports," was \$2,151.53 ! In 1862 it was \$2,231.94, and in 1863 it had increased to \$2,510.95, or about four and a half dollars a page ! The publishers might well afford to circulate the Reports gratuitously at this rate. Pray where is this expenditure to end ? Is the Government always to pay the bill regardless of the amount ? It would seem so ; for it has allowed the sum to be doubled since the establishment of the Jurist, the continued issue of which, even in the face of what must be considered as an absurd competition by the Government, has proved that the profession is able and willing to pay for its own reports.

A. H. B.