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## CROWN BONDS.

Among the recent statutes of the Dominion is one (51 Vict. c. 36) releasing lands from the operation of Crown Bonds registered in the office of the Queen's Bench. These bonds, so far as the Province of Ontario was interested therein, were released so long ago as 1873; but for some reason or other no similar Act was passed by the Dominion Government, and, consequently, bonds given by Dominion officials and registered in the Queen's Bench, continued to form a charge on their lands. This often resulted in great and needless inconvenience, delay, and expense in making title to lands, involving, as it did, searches for such bonds, and applications for Orders-in-Council for the discharge of any which might appear to be registered against former owners. The public and the profession are indebted to Mr. Dalton McCarthy, M.P., for bringing about this useful piece of legislation.

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## OCCASIONAL RULES OF COURT.

We think objection may reasonably be taken to the mode in which the Occasional Rules of Court are published, or perhaps we should say, are not published. When any considerable number of Rules are passed, they are usually printed in pamphlet form, and official copies may be had at the booksellers by those who desire to have them. But in the case of single Rules, or one or two Rules, it is often thought unnecessary to print them at all, and the only steps taken to make them public are possibly the sending them to some of the Toronto daily papers, and they are sometimes published in this way in such a defective form that it is difficult to make out what they mean. This was notably the case with one of the Rules postponing the time for the Consolidated Rules to take effect. This method of publication is not at all satisfactory, and, to the country practitioners especially, exceedingly unfair. They, in common with the rest of the profession, are supposed to know the practice as prescribed by these Rules of Court, and yet there is no settled and established way by which they can keep themselves *au courant* with the Rules as they are promulgated. It was formerly the practice to publish the Rules in the Reports. That was certainly a better plan than not publishing them at all; at the same time it was not quite as convenient a method as might be suggested, because in due course the Rules got bound up with the Reports, and the Reports were not a suitable book of reference for such matters. A far better plan would be for the Law