

"should be transacted by and under the more immediate direction and control of the Judges of the said Court." The office of Master is, however, still retained as an essential part of the machinery for the administration of our Court of Chancery.

As to the one court of universal jurisdiction in civil cases; its effect may be briefly set forth. A suitor who may now go to a court of common law for redress, frequently finds that it is incompetent to afford him the relief to which he is entitled, or he may find that from the nature of his case he is compelled to go to the expensive and tardy court of equity for redress, because he has not by reason of the limited jurisdiction of the courts of law, relief in those courts. The change proposed will render this double and expensive litigation unnecessary. The suitor will get relief in one court by a speedy and inexpensive process. Surely this would be a step in the right direction, and it is, we conceive an obvious principle of policy and convenience that where the attainment and adjustment of civil rights and remedies is clearly within the limits of one tribunal and attainable in one suit, by simple and efficacious means, by an easy, direct, cheap, and effectual process, it must conduce to the material prosperity of the people, lessen litigation and promote peace instead of fostering strife. It will not be said of the Government of Ontario, if it should take up this question, as was once said in the same particular of "practical" England that, "it was obstinate because it was ignorant, and careless because it was not attacked with sufficient vehemence of indignation." But it may be said, and with much shew of reason, that our Government in this matter is not obstinate, because it is not ignorant of the necessities of the people, and it is not careless, since its desire is by a wise system of assimilating the jurisdiction of the courts of Law and Equity to secure to its people the most beneficial code, to regulate their relations one with another, free from whimsical extravagance on