

J. E. Guerin, without portfolio. The only mercantile representative, Hon. J. Shehyn, is without portfolio. The bar of Quebec cannot be charged with excessive diffidence in asserting their pretensions.

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After an honourable judicial career of forty-two years, Chief Justice Hagarty, of the Court of Appeal, Ontario, has retired from the bench, and has been succeeded by Mr. Justice Burton, a member of the same court. Chief Justice Hagarty has filled the office of Chief Justice for thirteen years. The vacancy in the Court has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Moss, Q.C., of Toronto.

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#### NEW PUBLICATION.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF EVIDENCE.—By the late Judge PITT TAYLOR. Ninth Edition.—By G. PITT-LEWIS, Q. C. With notes as to American law by Charles F. Chamberlayne. Two volumes. Toronto, The Carswell Co., Publishers.

It may be noted, in the first place, with respect to this new edition of a standard work, that it is the first London law book printed in Canada, and contains every page of the London edition. And the price (\$12.50) is considerably lower than that for which English law books can usually be purchased.

There are some features which distinguish the present edition from those which preceded it. American notes, containing United States and Canadian decisions, have been specially prepared for the use of lawyers on this side of the Atlantic, which are not to be found in the English edition. The matter in the previous edition has been abridged by the elimination of so much of it as related to mere details of practice. In the table of cases, references have, for the first time, been furnished to every report of each case which could be ascertained to exist; and to save repetition these references are given in a separate table, the footnotes merely giving the date of the decision. The English editor states that a further large saving of space has been made by "remorselessly pruning all exuberance of expression, even sometimes, it may be, at a sacrifice of style and rhetorical effect." As a general rule we should be sorry to see this system applied to classic writings. But in a work dealing with the law of evidence exuberance of expression and rhetorical effect may be dispensed with, though the style of the author should be altered as little as possible. The necessity for compression, however, may be realized when it is noted that the table of cases cited extends over 235 pages of