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As our Ontario readers are probably aware, the Revised Statutes came into force from and after the 31st December last. They have not, however, as is also known, been distributed, and are not obtainable, though they can be seen in some favoured localities. It is perplexing and annoying not to be able to refer to laws that are in force, and which have to be acted and advised upon. The reason of the difficulty is said to be that the index is not ready. As the index of our last volume, which is a vastly more troublesome matter to make than an index to these statutes, was in the printer's hands before the end of the year, it clearly would not have been an impossibility to have had the latter ready at least We presume it will be very within the same period. The statutes have been, speaking generally, sobadly and defectively indexed up to the present time that we should be glad to be able to commend the labours of the person, whoever he may be, who has in charge the work under consideration, when the happy moment of its completion shall have arrived.

Unprofessional agents have, we presume, come to stay, and their existence cannot be ignored, though it may be deplored. Like mosquitos they probably have some use, though it is rather difficult to find out what it is. They have methods, some known to the law, some unknown, and some contrary thereto. They are not as often caught at illegal practices as should be. It is, therefore, refreshing to have an instance to record of their falling into the clutches of the law. A case occurred recently which may be noted: A man who calls himself the general manager of a collecting agency