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THE consideration of the new tariff reminds us that the profession have, as a class, an unnecessary burden of odium to bear in the minds of the uninitiated in their position of tax collectors to pay fees to certain court officials. If we were asked to offer a suggestion for a remedy, we should propose that the Ontario Legislature should meet only once every two years, and that the money which this annual gathering costs the public should go towards paying that which is now collected from litigants by way of stamps. Nobody wants the annual dose of legislation which our provincial legislators feel bound to give as an equivalent for their pay. The country would vastly prefer the large sum of public money thus annually wasted.

THE LAND TITLES ACT.

IN our review column we call attention to some of the alterations made in this Act under the auspices of the Statute Revision Commissioners, and, as we presume, largely upon the recommendation of the Master of Titles.

The Land Titles Office, at Toronto, was established with a view of testing how far owners of land in the city of Toronto and county of York would take advantage of the system. The result of this test, so far, seems to be favourable.

Last year this office nearly paid its way, the receipts being \$4,300, and the expenses about \$5,000. This may have the effect of encouraging outer counties to bring the Act into force in their localities. Under the law, as it now stands, this is a matter entirely within the power of the locality interested, as the municipal council of a county, city, or town, may pass a by-law declaring it expedient that its provisions should be extended to the locality. Upon this being done, and proper accommodation provided, the Governor in Council has authority under the Act to extend its operation by proclamation. This statute has been in force for a year, but we believe no locality has yet provided the necessary accommodation.

The Legislature last year, by 50 Vict. c. 15, extended the Act into the outlying districts, but this statute did not go into operation until the 1st of January last. Doubtless this extension was a wise step, as, if the system is a good one, it is important that it should be introduced at the earliest possible period into the unorganized territories, where a large number of patents are yet to be issued. The delay till the 1st of January was to permit of the system going into force under the provisions of the revised statute.