

should not a man say, "I wish to start a steam laundry business with £10,000, and I give notice to all the world that I will not be liable beyond that sum." Why should the common law prohibit such a contract? Is a man obliged to risk his whole fortune in any trade he embarks in? The objection seems to be the facilities for fraud which might be provided, but to meet this objection some distinguishing mark might be devised for traders of this class, similar to that proposed by the late Lord Bramwell when he suggested the word "limited" after company titles—a happy thought which was adopted.

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The solicitors' managing clerks have an association in London, and on a recent occasion the members had the honour of entertaining at dinner four of Her Majesty's superior judges—Sir Francis Jeune and Justices Kekewich, Romer and Lawrance—as well as several prominent Queen's Counsel. A good many compliments were exchanged between the guests and their hosts, and Mr. Justice Kekewich remarked, in replying to the toast of "Her Majesty's Judges," that he looked back upon the time he spent in a solicitor's office as one of the most pleasant and instructive in his life.

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"Duties on Successions" is the title of a useful little handbook compiled by Mr. W. B. Lambe, collector of provincial revenue, Montreal (Wm. Foster Brown & Co., publishers). It contains tables of the duties payable to the treasury department on transmission of property after death, whether by will or intestacy, with the text of the statutes, in English and French, and forms of declarations. The public generally will appreciate this handbook.

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Someone has calculated that in order to read the law reports which appear in the United States, a lawyer would have to spend seven or eight hours a day, and keep at it every day of the year. How valuable, then, an