

ment of the debt might still be brought within twenty years, under R.S.O., c. 60.

The object of the recent Act was, apparently, to prescribe ten years as the period of limitation for actions on the covenant. But this design appears to us to have been badly carried out.

The statute amends R.S.O., c. 60, by amending s. 1, s-s. *b*, and adding a sub-section (*h*). This section, as amended, now reads as follows, the amendments being indicated by [] :

" 1. (1) The actions hereinafter mentioned shall be commenced within, and not after, the times respectively hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

(*b*) Actions upon a bond or other specialty [except upon the covenants contained in an indenture of mortgage] within twenty years after the cause of such actions arose.

[(*h*) Actions upon any covenant contained in an indenture of mortgage *made after the first day of July, 1894*, within ten years after the cause of such actions arise]."

These amendments are not to take effect until the 1st July, 1894. When that day arrives, therefore, it will be seen that, as regards the covenants contained in all mortgages made prior to the 1st July, 1894, all limitations of time for bringing actions thereon will have been removed, because s-s. (*b*), as amended, excludes covenants on mortgages from its operation, and the twenty years' limit therefore ceases to apply to them ; and the new sub-section (*h*), which prescribes a limitation of ten years, applies only to mortgages made after the 1st July, 1894.

It is therefore obvious that the amending Act will have itself to be amended at the next session.

While on this subject, we would respectfully suggest that, instead of pursuing the policy of tinkering and patching R.S.O., c. 60, it would be better far to consolidate the law on this subject. Why should the citizens of Ontario have to go to the statute of James I. to find out within what time they are required to bring personal actions ? Why, in the name of common sense, should not the whole law on this subject be found in our own statute book ? In framing a consolidated Act, attention should also be had to the provisos of English statutes which have not yet been re-enacted here ; *e.g.*, 9 Geo. IV., c. 14, and 19 & 20 Vict., c. 97. Of course, the plan we propose would involve a little more trouble than contriving a plaster to cure the defect in 56 Vict.,