

Armour seems to have hit upon the happy medium, seizing upon the salient points and illustrating and proving them by appropriate authorities and arguments clearly and concisely stated. Some minor matters are, perhaps, open to criticism. The table of contents, full and complete as it is, and giving a bird's eye view of the contents of the book, would have been clearer if arranged by way of sub-heads. We should also have been glad if the index had been fuller, for it really gives no adequate idea of the amount of information to be found in the work. There is frequently, even in the most valuable books, too little attention paid to the making of the index. It is not every one who has the gift, and those who have do not perhaps realize how important an adjunct it is. The mechanical execution in paper, type and printing leaves nothing to be desired, and is quite up to the standard of the work by the publishers, the Canada Law Book Company.

We close the book with the reflection that a very valuable contribution has been made to every Canadian lawyer's library, and venture to prophecy that the volume will take a good place in the legal literature of the Empire.

SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN ONTARIO.

The following is the letter of the Attorney-General asking the opinion of the profession as to the matters therein referred to, and the answer received from the Law Association of the County of Simcoe.

The letter is as follows :

TORONTO, December 1st, 1900.

"MY DEAR SIR, - For some considerable time there has been a demand more or less general for an increase in the jurisdiction of the Division Courts, and it seems probable that some extension of this jurisdiction will have to be provided at no distant period. If any substantial increase is made, the cases falling under the jurisdiction of County Courts would be so reduced as to leave a comparatively trifling amount of business for those courts, and the question arises whether it would be expedient to make a corresponding increase in the jurisdiction of the County Courts, or whether those courts should be abolished or merged in the High Court, the County Judges acting as "Local Judges of the High Court" and having exclusive jurisdiction in their respective counties over causes of action considerably above the present limits as well as jurisdiction in actions of higher amount where the parties consent. Were the change above suggested carried out, it is thought that one sittings in the spring and one in the autumn for the trial of cases with a jury, (except perhaps in some of the larger centres of population and business) would suffice for the work now done at both the Assizes and the County Courts, including the criminal business of both the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and of the General Sessions. Such an arrangement would effect a considerable saving of expense both in the summoning and mileage of jurors, as well as in the per diem allowance, all business civil or criminal at each sittings to be disposed of by a High Court Judge could be taken first, the Local Judge disposing of the remaining business and trying all criminal cases within the jurisdiction of the General