

multiplicity of amendments which are thus made from time to time in the statute law, one would imagine that a benevolent government would so arrange the Act in question that the task of keeping track of amendments would be made as easy as possible. One very simple method of arranging the Tinkers' Act would be to place the various sections in the chronological order of the statutes amended. For example, all amendments to the R.S.O. should come first and in the order of the statutes amended; and all amendments of statutes subsequent to the Revised Statutes should be arranged in the chronological order of such statutes. This arrangement would facilitate the noting of the amendments. Unfortunately the precedent was set of making no such arrangement, and the Tinkers' Act has always been without order or arrangement, and might also be called "the Higgledy Piggledy Act." The latest edition deals with the statutes in the following fashion. It begins, s. 1, with 7 Edw.; ss. 2, 3, 4, with 10 Edw.; s. 5, back to 7 Edw.; ss. 6 and 7, back to 10 Edw.; ss. 8 and 9, 9 Edw.; s. 10, 8 Edw.; ss. 13-15, back to 10 Edw.; ss. 16-17, back to 9 Edw.; s. 18-19, back to 10 Edw.; s. 20, 1 Geo. V.; s. 10, back to 10 Edw.; ss. 22 and 23, 1 Geo. V.; s. 10, back to 10 Edw.; s. 25, back to 1 Geo. V.; s. 26, back to 10 Edw.; s. 27, back to 1 Geo. V.; s. 28, back to 10 Edw.; ss. 29-32, back to 1 Geo. V.; ss. 33-37, 2 Geo. V.; s. 38, back to 9 Edw.; s. 39, back to 2 Geo. V.; s. 40, back to 1 Geo. V.; ss. 41-43, back to 2 Geo. V.; then s. 44, back to 1 Geo. V.; s. 45, 63 Viet.; s. 49, R.S.O.; s. 50, back to 1 Geo. V. and 2 Geo. V. Could any arrangement of this statute be more ridiculous? It has absolutely no method either as to subject matter or dates. We note by s. 20, another sub-section 3 is added to s. 25 of the former Act, there being already one sub-section 3 to that section. This section also furnishes a good illustration of the legislative method. It amends the Act by adding s. 11a and adding a sub-section to s. 25. Any ordinary person would place the addition of s. 11a first, but the framers of the statute, with a perverse regard for the order of things, places the addition to s. 25 first. It is much to be wished that a person with an orderly mind had the arrangement of the statutes.