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We see it stated in one of our A rerican exchanges that in a large number of the States biennial sessions have been adopted with advantage and entire satisfaction to the public. and a bill has recently been approved by the Assembly of the State of New York to the same effect, and will probably become law. The leading papers in that country approve of the change. We are told that the chief opposition comes from hotel managers, boarding-house keepers, professional lobbyists, etc. One paper remarks, "It is a long standing and grievous complaint that there is altogether too much lawmaking, unmaking and tinkering, and the evil has been steadily growing instead of diminishing. So frequent the changes in existing statutes, and so numerous the new ones enacted that it is difficult for judges and lawyers, to say nothing of the general public, to keep the run of the law. An adjournment of the Legislature is always hailed with a sense of relief by the people, and especially by the business community." This is largely true in Canada. It may not at present be within the sphere of practical politics to make any change here, but the profession at least would be glad to see it, and much money would be saved to the country.

A daily journal in commenting on the decline of litigation in this province falls into some of the usual errors of laymen when discussing legal matters. The profession do not, as is alleged, object to or fight against simplicity in procedure. On the contrary, all reforms in this direction have come from and have been helped forward by lawyers and by the press that represents them. Further we would say that the decrease in legal business does not arise from any want of confidence in our judicial system, but from the dulness of the