

The unusual spectacle of barristers appearing in Court without regulation dress has been seen in some of the English Courts. Those of the Bar who are engaged in active military duties being allowed to appear in khaki instead of wig and gown.

The Judges of the Ontario Supreme Court have passed a rule to the same effect.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

WOMEN AS LAWYERS—MODERN VIEW.

In accord with modern opinion and enlightened practice in other branches of intellectual endeavour, women are now enabled to become registered as members of the medical and its kindred professions, members of royal commissions, visitors of lunatic asylums, inspectors of nuisances, registrars of births, deaths, marriages, members of dispensary boards, road surveyors, overseers of the poor, churchwardens, sextons, parish clerks, local government board inspectors, factory and workshop inspectors, post mistresses, census clerks, poll clerks, Parliamentary registration agents, members of school boards, insurance commissioners, and members of insurance committees. There are also women carrying on business as accountants and stockbrokers, patent agents and engineers. As we all know, women are enabled to obtain at certain Universities bachelor and master degrees, which include legal degrees. Further, I need hardly enumerate the various civilized countries which have admitted women to practice the profession of the law; amongst other countries they include France, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Italy, Egypt, Russia, Japan, partly in India, and the United States of America.

If women who have qualified themselves for the unromantic, serious, and responsible profession of a solicitor calmly and decorously request to be allowed to become solicitors, why should that request be refused? So far as the profession is concerned, there is nothing improper or inexpedient in allowing competent women to become solicitors. Why should woman be prevented from developing her life along the lines for which her particular capabilities may fit her and in which she is most interested, thus depriving the state of her services in any profession in which she may be fitted by nature or education to excel?

I can hardly bring myself to believe that there is an underlying and unexpressed opinion—a selfish and timid attitude of