

examination by the Examiner, or by a shorthand writer approved by the Examiner and duly sworn by him, except where the Court or Judge sees fit to order otherwise."

**1336.** RULE 503 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor :

"503. Where an examination in a cause or proceeding in any court is taken by the Examiner, shorthand writer as aforesaid, or any other duly authorized person, in shorthand, the examination may be taken down by question and answer ; and in such case it shall not be necessary for the depositions to be read over to, or signed by, the person examined, unless the Judge so directs where the examination is taken before a Judge, or in other cases unless any of the parties so desires."

(a) A copy of the deposition so taken, certified by the person taking the same as correct, and if such person be not the Examiner, also signed by the Examiner, shall for all purposes have the same effect as the original depositions in ordinary cases. 41 V., c. 8, s. 8.

**1337.** RULE 512 is rescinded.

**1338.** RULE 537 is amended by striking out the word "demurrers."

**1339.** RULE 538 is amended by striking out the word "demurrers," and also the words "when a married woman, infant, or person of unsound mind is a party to the action, a copy of the order giving leave to enter a special case for argument shall also be produced."

**1340.** RULE 539 is rescinded.

**1341.** RULE 540 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor :

"540. A special case shall be set down to be heard, and notice thereof given to the opposite party six clear days before the day on which it is to be heard ; and a copy of the special case shall be left at the office of the Clerk of Records and Writs for the use of the Judge before whom the special case is to be heard, two days before the day appointed for the hearing."

(a) Where an order has been made under *Rule 557* giving leave to set down for argument a special case in an action to which a married woman, infant, or person of unsound mind is a party, such order, or an office copy thereof, shall be produced when the special case is set down.

**1342.** RULE 544 is amended by adding after the word "same," the words "provided that the Judge pronouncing such order may himself sign the same."

**1343.** RULE 553 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor :

"553. An order of reference made under the Judicature Act or *Rule 551* shall be read as if it contained the provisions in *Rule 552*, but may contain any variation therefrom or addition thereto."

**1344.** RULE 566 is amended by adding thereto the following words :

"(a) Such examination in the absence of any order to the contrary shall be conducted in accordance with the practice hereinbefore prescribed upon examinations for discovery in so far as the same shall be applicable."

**1345.** RULE 577 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor :

"577. Every person who makes an affidavit to be used in any action or proceeding other than on production of documents shall be liable to cross-examination thereon, and may be required to attend in the same manner, and subject to the same rules as a party to be examined in the cause, but the Court