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The Act to provide for the consolidation of the statutes of Ontario having passed, and the work being well under way, we may hope that at the close of the year we shall have this most helpful revision on our book shelves. We are glad to notice that Mr. J. T. Garrow, Q.C., of Goderich, was, on March 30, ult., added as a Commissioner. No better appointment could have been made. He is an able lawyer with wide experience and of sound judgment, and will add strength to the Commission.

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Alimony is defined to be "that allowance which is made to a woman for her support out of her husband's estate, when she is under the necessity of living apart from him." It seems logical that women, who desire the rights of, and who take the place which has heretofore been accorded to those of the sterner sex, should also feel some of their responsibilities, and a case in point has been referred to in a Chicago legal journal which suggests that legislation should give alimony to the husband for his support out of the wife's estate, when he finds it necessary to leave her roof. It is a poor rule that does not work both ways.

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Something novel in the way of new trials in criminal cases has recently taken place in Chicago. A prisoner who had been found guilty by a jury was granted a new trial on account of the inefficiency of the counsel who had defended him. A general application of this rule would, perhaps, be very popular with a large number of criminals, but we fail to