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THE changes in civil procedure effected by *The Judicature Act* have had the effect of practically abrogating many of the General Orders and Rules of the former Courts of Law and Equity; at the same time, a great many of those Rules and Orders are still in operation under the new system of practice inaugurated by that Act.

It thus becomes of importance to the practitioner, to ascertain which of the Rules and Orders of the former Courts are still in force; and the object of this work, is to assist him in arriving at a conclusion on that important question.

The first volume contains the Chancery Orders, which appear to be still operative, and in the notes to these Orders will be found references to a great number of Canadian and English cases bearing on their construction, and illustrating the practice under them, together with appropriate references to the changes made in the practice, since the original promulgation of the Orders.

The second volume will contain the Rules of the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Court of Appeal, together with the additional Rules of the Supreme Court of Ontario, passed since *The Judicature Act* took effect.

Mr. Walter Barwick, a gentleman in extensive practice, has obligingly read the proof sheets of this volume as it passed through the press, and has made some valuable suggestions, which I have gladly availed myself of, and through his vigilance I have also been enabled to correct some few errors which might otherwise have passed unobserved.