

13. Unless agreed to by the debtor and a majority of the creditors of the debtor, every debtor whose time for payment shall under the authority of this Act have been extended, shall make quarterly payments of not less than ten per cent. each, until the whole of the liabilities of the said debtor are fully *liquidated*; and the first of such quarterly payments shall be made at the end of three months after the date at which the extension of time was granted.

14. A debtor making false statement or evading the law, shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

16. No mortgage or other security given by any debtor to secure a debt contracted more than five days before the giving of the said mortgage or other security, while other debts contracted prior to the giving of such mortgage or other security are remaining unpaid, shall be valid as against the claims of the other creditors of the debtor by whom the said mortgage or other security was given.

CANADA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

The bill for the appointment of a resident representative agent for Canada in the United Kingdom provides that it shall be the duty of the High Commissioner:—

1. To act as representative and resident agent of the Dominion in the United Kingdom, and in that capacity to execute such powers and to perform such duties as may from time to time be conferred upon and assigned to him by the Governor in Council.

2. To take the charge, supervision and control of the Immigration offices and agencies in the United Kingdom under the Minister of Agriculture.

3. To carry out such instructions as he may from time to time receive from the Governor in Council respecting the commercial, financial and general interests of the Dominion in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

GENERAL NOTES.

LONGEVITY OF LAWYERS.—The Hon. John A. Cuthbert, of Mobile, Ala., is probably the oldest practising lawyer in the world. The *Mobile Register* says he is 91 years old, and is still engaged in the active discharge of his professional duties. He is a native of Georgia, was a member of Congress from that State in 1813, and was an officer in the war of 1812. The *Albany*

Law Journal knows of but one case in legal biography that exceeds this in longevity, while engaged in active professional practice. Macaulay, in his "History of England," relates, that when William III invaded England and re-established the laws which James II had subverted, he marched in triumph into London, and was met by the different classes of citizens with addresses of welcome. The members of the legal fraternity of London marched in procession to welcome the King, Sergeant Maynard at their head, then 93 years of age, and the acknowledged leader of the London bar. After he had presented the address of welcome in the name of his brethren, King William said to him: "Sergeant, you must have outlived all the lawyers of your time." "Yes, sire," replied Maynard, "and but for your Majesty would have outlived the laws." [Morgan's Legal Directory, 1878, gives the name of a practising barrister in Nova Scotia, admitted in 1810. If admitted at the age of 21, this gentleman would be now 91.—Ed. L. N.]

BREVITY IN PLEADING.—The *New York Daily Register* says: "The conciseness and clearness of the short complaint of the Erie against McHenry is a model for prolix pleaders. In forty-five words, besides figures or numbers, plaintiff makes all the allegations necessary to recover nearly a million and a half of dollars; and though a bill of particulars might be asked, there is no indefiniteness or uncertainty in the short allegation."

FORENSIC RHETORIC.—The following anecdote is told by the Rev. Dr. Hawthorne, as his first experience as a legal tyro: When I entered on the practice of the law, the Judge of the court appointed me to defend a man who was charged with a penal offence. The trial came on. I had carefully cut and dried my speech, and invited all my friends to be present. My friends and even the Judge, pronounced my maiden effort an elegant and polished address. The jury took the case, but to the consternation of my friends, in a very few moments, returned a verdict of *guilty*. The Judge asked my client if he wished to offer any reason why the verdict should not stand. "Yes, may it please your honor," promptly returned the convicted man, "if I had had a lawyer to defend me, I would now be free."—*Southern Law Journal and Reporter*.