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THE consolidated rules which have been for some time past in preparation, do not appear to be yet ready for publication. Their operation has been stayed until the 1st March instant, but if any great changes have been effected, we trust their coming into force may be still further postponed, so as to give the profession some time between their publication and their coming into force to make themselves acquainted with the change.

WE regret to learn that Mr. Justice Proudfoot has been unwell lately. His Lordship's indisposition, we hear, has seriously affected his hearing, and rendered the satisfactory discharge of his judicial duties very difficult. It is rumoured that the learned judge has applied for leave of absence, and in the event of its being granted, the circuit assigned to him will be probably be divided between the other judges of the Chancery Division.

THE Chancellor, we understand, leaves for British Columbia on the 1st of March instant, to attend the sittings of the arbitration pending between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Dominion Government respecting a claim of the Company for compensation for the defective construction of a part of the line built for the Government by Onderdonk & Co., and subsequently taken over by the Railway Company on its formation. His Lordship has been appointed one of the arbitrators, and expects to be absent until about the middle of the month.

THE Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, have now been in force for three months, and still they are not ready for general distribution. This is bad management, and though we are quite prepared to admit that the work of revision is an extremely difficult task, and one involving a good deal more than the application of paste and scissors as some seem to imagine, yet we do think that the bringing of the Revised Statutes into operation, and their publication, ought to be coincident. The delay in publication is due, we believe, to the non-completion of the tables showing where the statutes consolidated are to be found in the Revised Statutes. It is a great pity that this part of the work has not been pushed with greater energy. Copies of the Statutes without these tables have been distributed for the use of the members of the Legislative Assembly. We are glad to see that an index accompanies each volume; it might, however, with advantage have been a more exhaustive one. The indexes to the Consolidated Statutes and Revised Statutes have been more or less wretched affairs.