

should exercise a general control over the whole waters of the inland sea. Certainly it not only seems reasonable that such a right should exist, but also that it should carry with it the right to possess whatever in the shape of property was included within it.

On some such principle the United States contended for the control of Behring Sea, but there the theory was clearly inadmissible, as Russia equally shares with the United States the littoral of that sea.

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#### THE LAW OF MASTER AND SERVANT.

The law on this subject has advanced greatly since the days when Lord Abinger so merrily flouted the claims of the poor butcher boy against his master on account of injuries received in his service: *Priestly v. Fowler* (1837), 3 M. & W. 1. Public opinion has, by degrees, brought about a change in the judicial interpretation of the Common Law, and the legislature has, by various statutes, come to the relief of injured employees. This branch of the law is now a difficult and complicated one. The relations of capital and labour are always becoming more delicate and more strained; and there is probably no subject on which the practising lawyer is more frequently consulted at the present day than this, and none in which he finds the necessity greater of having a compendium of the law always ready to hand.

It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we draw attention to the monumental work of Mr. Labatt on this subject\*; two portly volumes of which, containing 2639 pages, have been published; the third yet to come. The two volumes now ready are, however, complete in themselves, containing a full table of contents, an analytical index and a complete table of cases. The work is in truth more like an encyclopedia of the law on this subject than a commentary such as it modestly professes to be, the statute and case law of all Anglo-Saxon jurisdictions being summed up in it.

\* Commentaries on the law of Master and Servant by C. B. Labatt, B.A. (Cantab.), in three volumes: Vols. I and II, Employer's Liability; Vol. III, Relation, Hiring and Discharge, Compensation, Strikes, etc. Canadian Edition. Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. Canada Law Book Co. Toronto, Canada.