

relates entirely to commercial law, and the authorities cited are from the best English as well as French authors. This book, and indeed the whole Code, is well worth the attention and study of lawyers of the other Provinces of the Dominion, and yet more especially of legislators who wish to make the law uniform throughout Canada, as in commercial cases, at any rate, it ought certainly to be.

Schedule C, appended to Vol. II., contains a list of "Acts and parts of Acts repealed, so far as they constitute indictable offences, from and after a day when the proper Legislature makes provision for the punishment of the offence by fine or imprisonment or by both, under the British North America Act, 1867." This Schedule is founded on sub-section 15 of the 92nd section of the B.N.A. Act.

There are also appended to Vol. II.: "A Table of Acts passed prior to Confederation by the different Provinces now comprised in the Dominion of Canada, and of Acts of the Dominion of Canada, showing how much of each is in force, and how each has been dealt with;" and "A Table of Acts and parts of Acts consolidated, showing where each section, or part of a section, is consolidated." These two schedules embody a full and detailed account of the work done by the Commissioners, and enable the reader to judge of the care and labour bestowed upon it; and with the tables we have mentioned, and the full and detailed index repeated in each volume, afford every facility for using the work and testing its correctness; and though we have not been able to give to the examination of their work the time which the Joint Committees of the Senate and House of Commons were able to bestow upon it, yet we have given it no slight attention and consideration, and feel safe in saying with that Committee that "it has been well and carefully done." W.

HOW TO GET OUT OF A STEAMSHIP BERTH.—A variety of opinion appears to prevail among Her Majesty's judges, as evidenced by the case of *Andrew v. Little*, upon the grave question how to get out of a berth at sea. Mr. Justice Grove appears to think that one must get out anyhow, because he proposed to nonsuit a lady who complained that she was allowed only a chair to step upon. The Master of the Rolls and Mr. Justice Day appear to think that the right way to get

out is front foremost, while a learned judge, who is ex-president of the Alpine Club, and ought to know, declared that he should have hesitated long before deciding whether to get out forwards or backwards when the ship was rolling. The jury were for the lady, who had stepped out forwards on the top rail of a chair which the stewardess had put for her, and had fallen and hurt herself. The prevalent opinion on the bench shows how civilisation has blunted the prehensile faculty in man. We venture to say that there is not an omnibus conductor in London who will not affirm confidently that the right way to come down from the top of an omnibus is with the face inwards, and they have not abandoned this view since the very general substitution of a staircase for a ladder. The attitude is not dignified, and would be inadmissible on the Matterhorn, where the eyes have to be used; but it is favoured by arboreal apes, the schoolboy climbing trees and the hodman carrying loads. Whether a lady whose mode of leaving her berth is by stepping forwards on the top rail of a chair is entitled to recover damages from the owners of the steamboat, is one of those great questions which, like Mr. Jackson's thumb, seem specially reserved for the consideration of the House of Lords. It will then be for the Lords to say whether placing a chair beside a berth for a lady to step on is evidence of negligence proper to be left to a jury.—*Law Journal*.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, June 4.

Judicial Abandonments.

Napoléon Fauteux, St. Hyacinthe, May 27.

Joseph Parent, Quebec, May 5.

Andrew B. Sommerville, trader, Kinnear's Mills, May 31.

Curators Appointed.

Re Nathaniel Chaffee, hotel keeper, Montreal.—F. Jacobi, Montreal, curator, June 1.

Re Arline Filteau (Mrs. J. A. Thérien), Three Rivers.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, May 31.

Re Elie Dufresne, St. Barthelemy.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, June 1.

Re Fournier & Guertin, Danville.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, May 31.

Re George Washington Murray, Montreal.—C. Desmarreau, Montreal, curator, June 2.

Re Elie Dufresne, St. Barthelemy.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Dividends.

Re André Bourque, St. Clet.—Final dividend, payable June 25, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re George Dache, St. Matthias.—Dividend, payable June 25, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re C. E. Dion & Co., Tingwick.—First and final dividend, payable June 14, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re Melodie Leclaire (A. Amyot & Cie.), Berthierville.—First and final dividend, Henry Ward, Montreal, curator.

Re Olivier Lefebvre.—First and final dividend, payable June 20, J. O. Dion, St. Hyacinthe, curator.

Re Thomas Lavoie.—First and final dividend, payable June 15, L. N. Paquet, Rivière du Loup Station, curator.

Re L. O. Paradis, Sorel.—Dividend, payable June 25, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re Eutrope Rousseau, Quebec.—First and final dividend, payable June 14, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re M. R. Spinelli, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

APPOINTMENTS.

L. W. Sicotte, Montreal, advocate, to be Clerk of the Crown, and Clerk of the Peace and Sessions of the Peace, for the district of Montreal.