
Book Reviews.

Conveyancing and other Forms. A collection of precedents adapted to meet the present law; comprising forms in common use, with clauses applicable to special cases. Second edition, revised and enlarged, by A. H. O'Brien, M.A., of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, author of "Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale," "A Digest of the Game and Fishing Laws of Ontario;" Assistant Law Clerk of the House of Commons: Canada Law Book Company, Toronto, 1902.

For many years the Ontario practitioner was obliged, with more or less labour and thought, to draft any document required in his practice, or else was driven to adapt forms taken from English and American books on conveyancing, often unsuitable and inappropriate to the conveyancing usages of Ontario.

The first edition of Mr. O'Brien's book appeared in 1893. It was carefully and accurately compiled, and the forms given in it were such as most lawyers needed in the demands of their business; but this and all other books of conveyancing forms may now be said to be superseded by the work before us, which is a revised and enlarged edition of Mr. O'Brien's first book, yet so changed and so comprehensive as to be in fact a new work rather than a second edition.

A number of forms which had ceased to be of practical use are now omitted, and the forms remaining have been revised or re-written with care. The additions are numerous, and, as stated in the preface, are chiefly in relation to companies, banking, copyright, Crown lands, mining, bills and notes, and maritime law, many of which forms have become more necessary within the last few years. In addition to those of Manitoba, there have been added forms from British Columbia, North-West Territories and Nova Scotia, also an interesting sketch of the conveyancing practice of Quebec.

The company forms include those for by-laws, syndicate agreements for purchase and expropriation of property and many others. With the forms relating to copyrights and patents appear useful extracts from the statutes and Orders-in-Council giving the rules and regulations in regard to these matters. This information has not before been given in any book of forms or conveyancing and will save the necessity of corresponding with officials, or a study of the Revised Statutes of the Dominion from the last, and now antiquated, revision of 1886 to the present date, to ascertain what, if any, amendments were made, and whether Orders-in-Council have been from time to time passed dealing with the subject.

Throughout the book appear notes of cases and extracts from statutes, where these are valuable to explain the necessity of any particular clause in