

## Book Reviews.

*Leake on Contracts.* Sixth edition, with Canadian Notes. By THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RUSSELL. London: Stevens & Sons, Limited. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Limited.

The perusal of an advanced copy of this new edition of the standard work on the Law of Contracts shews that the English and Canadian cases have been carefully brought up to date, the former by Mr. A. E. Randall, of the English Bar, and the latter by the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, of Halifax, whose previous legal compilations have been favourably received by the Canadian Bar.

The first edition of *Leake on Contracts* appeared in 1867, and such has been the demand for the book that, notwithstanding the issue of large editions from time to time, the five editions which had previously been issued in England had become exhausted. The inclusion of Canadian Notes in the present edition adds much to its value in Canada, and makes it the first Canadian edition of any work on the law of Contracts having the scope of this book.

The usual subdivisions of the subject are followed and include the Formation of Contract, the Consideration, the Parties, the Promise, the Statute of Frauds, Contracts under Seal, Oral Contracts, Contracts in Writing, Breach of Contract, Assignment, Discharge and Performance. Under these general headings are included the principles as to accounts stated, Acknowledgment of debt, Arbitration, Auctions, Bailment, Building Contracts, Carrier's liability, Company's shares, Capacity of corporations, Covenants running with the land, Measure of damages, Misrepresentation and Fraud, Insurance, Limitations of actions, Contracts for personal service, Partnership, Suretyship, Agency, and Sale of Goods and of Lands.

This edition includes, without any abridgment, the whole of the English edition of over nine hundred pages, and is particularly to be commended because the principles of contract law are set forth in the text without undue recital of the circumstantial details of the decisions from which the principle is extracted. At the same time ample references have been given in the footnotes to all of the leading cases which can be cited in support of the principles stated in the text. The year of the decision