

of lawyers engaged in railway law practice, who find it necessary to refer constantly to the "Railway Act." The Act itself, 51 Vict. (D.), c. 29, has been amended seven times, and the resulting complication of enactments has made it difficult to readily ascertain what the statutory rights and liabilities may be without a guide such as the present index. The compiler's connection with the large railway corporation mentioned should be a sufficient guarantee of the accuracy of the index, and that the work has been completed in a manner which will be found satisfactory to all concerned in railway law.

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*The Elements of Mercantile Law*, by T. M. STEVENS, D.C.L., Barrister-at-Law. Second edition. London: Butterworth & Co., 7 Fleet st. 1897.

There is no better introduction to the study of the mercantile law than this book. It is largely used by students, and the style is easy and interesting, and the arrangement of that orderly character which enables the reader to more easily remember what is read. We should recommend this book as a useful addition to the Law School curriculum.

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*A Compendium of the Law Relating to Executors and Administrators*, by W. GREGORY WALKER, B.A., and EDGAR J. ELGOOD, B.C.L., M.A., both of Lincoln's Inn Barristers-at-Law. Third edition, by EDGAR J. Elgood, B.C.L., M.A. London: Stevens & Haynes, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1897, pp. 445. Price, \$5.25.

The previous edition was published in 1888, since which period a large number of cases bearing on the subject have been decided. This compendium is so well known, and is recognized as such a useful treatise on the law of executors, that it is unnecessary to say more than that this last edition fully keeps up the character of the previous ones, both as to the matter therein contained and as to the work of the printer and publisher.

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*The Law of Libel and Slander in Civil and Criminal cases*, by MARTIN L. NEWELL, counsellor at law. Second edition. Chicago: Callaghan & Co., 1898; pp. 1025. Price, \$6.

This is one of the standard books in the United States on this subject. New sections have been added upon the subjects of restraining the publication of libels by injunction, new trials for inadequacy of damages and the publication of libels by letters, telegrams, postal cards, etc. The construction of the work is to give definitions and propositions, illustrated by cases which form a full and well arranged digest of all the leading English and American authorities bearing upon the section. Not only are these cases largely cited, but many Ontario cases are also referred to. This arrangement of the matter is that which is now being largely adopted as being found the most useful to those who desire to ascertain the drift of the authorities with the least possible expenditure of time.

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*A treatise upon the Law affecting Solicitors of the Supreme Court*, with various appendices, by ARTHUR P. POLEY, B.A. of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-law. London: William Clowes & Sons, limited, 27 Fleet street. 1897; pp. 705. Price, \$5.25.

The author's preface is of the briefest. He has apparently confidence