

Held (1), that the right of escheat to the lands in question, or if the principle of escheat did not apply and the lands were to be treated as *bona vacantia*, then the right to them as such belonged to the Crown in right of the Dominion as *jura regalia*.

(2) That, in so far as rights of the Dominion Crown to escheated lands or *bona vacantia* in the province are concerned, the provisions of the Alberta statute, 5 Geo. V. ch. 5, sec. 1, purporting to vest the property of intestates dying without next-of-kin or other persons entitled thereto in the Crown in right of the province are to be regarded as *ultra vires*.

*Attorney-General of Ontario v. Mercer* (1883), 8 App. Cas. 767; *Church v. Blake*, 2 Q.L.R. 236; *The King v. Burrard Power Co.*, 12 Ex. C.R. 295; *Dyke v. Walford*, 5 Moo. P.C. 434, referred to.

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### Book Reviews.

*A treatise on the law relating to Canadian Commercial Corporations, with an Appendix containing the Dominion and Provincial Companies Acts and the Winding-up Acts.* By VICTOR E. MITCHELL, K.C. Montreal: Southam Press, Limited, Law Publishers. 1916.

Mr. Mitchell gives to the profession and to the business men of the Dominion a most useful compilation of the law affecting companies. It contains nearly 2,400 pages of closely printed matter. The first part discusses the principles of the Law of Corporations, followed by thirty-six chapters devoted to an examination of the law as it affects the numerous sub-divisions into which company law naturally falls. A multitude of authorities are given in support of the proposition advanced. An appendix gives the various Companies Acts of the Dominion and its several provinces.

The author, in the preface, calls attention to the differences in legislation as to company law in our various provinces. In Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia the system of incorporating by registration, as followed in England, has been adopted; whilst the Dominion Parliament and the legislatures of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick are under the system of incorporation by letters patent. He calls attention to the inconveniences occasioned by these different methods, and very properly urges that there should be a uniformity. Perhaps it would be best to adopt