

It must be a comfort to any writer to take up a subject which is new and largely self-contained. That may be said to be the case here. The author commences by a general definition of street railroads, and shews how the litigation connected with them necessarily differs from that which concerns general traffic railroads especially in that the right of the former in streets is subordinate to the right of the public therein, and subject to the regulations of the municipal authorities; the author dealing with matters wherein street railroads differ from railway transportation companies, the former being limited in their use to the carriage of passengers.

The work before us is to be commended more for its intelligent grouping of authorities, under appropriate heads, than for the discussion of difficult points; but the result is a useful summary of the cases bearing on a subject of growing importance. We could have wished that the Canadian cases had been more largely referred to. If legal authors in England and the United States paid more attention to this matter their books would find much larger sale in this country than they do.

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*The Laws of Insurance.* By JAMES BIGGS PORTER, Barrister-at-Law of Inner Temple. Fourth edition. London: Stevens and Haynes, law publishers, 8 Temple Bar, 1904.

In his first edition, published in 1884, the author undertook to treat in one volume of Life, Fire, Accident, and Guarantee Insurance. There apparently was good reason for thus grouping these together as we have now the fourth edition of the work before us. It embodies cases of the English, Scotch, Irish, American and Canadian Courts. The selection of authorities is necessarily limited, but Mr. Porter having made a careful and discriminating selection, the reader can have no cause for quarrel with him. The concise way in which the law is laid down and the intelligent arrangement of the subjects are features of this excellent book which have commended it to the profession.

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*Mason on Highways.* Containing the New York Highway Law. 3rd edition. By H. B. MASON, of the New York City Bar. Banks & Co., Albany, N.Y., 1904.

This book is peculiarly applicable to the State of New York, giving constitutional and statutory provisions relating to highways with the good roads laws and motor vehicle law with annotations and forms. As we in this country are beginning to pay more attention to good roads, and as that objectionable and unsightly vehicle known as the automobile has come to stay, those concerned will find some useful suggestions in Mr. Mason's book.