

negligence of the employer. In *Morgan v. Hutchins*, however, a distinct and unqualified enunciation on the subject has been delivered. "The governing principle, in my opinion," said Lord Coleridge, "is that when a machine is defective with reference to a danger, and such defect is within the knowledge of the employer, he is then liable."

And "within the knowledge of the employer," it must be, no doubt; for, though the sub-section says nothing as to this qualification, it should be remembered that *Walsh v. Whiteley* (*ubi supra*) decides that the sub-section must be read together with sub-section 1 of section 2, thereby adding the words "owing to the negligence of the employer, or of some person in the service of the employer and intrusted by him with the duty of seeing that the ways, works, machinery or plant were in proper condition." The court here, however, were not pressed by that decision, as the danger was clearly traceable to the employer, and indeed it was not suggested that it was not well within the defendant's knowledge. So that the learned Master of the Rolls was abundantly justified in observing, "it seems to me that unless we hold the defect complained of here to be one within the sub-section in question, the Act might as well never have been passed"—an Act passed with the intention of remedying the strictness of the common law on this subject, holding that the workman ran the risk, and could not recover for a defect in plant not known to him, though known to the employer.—*The Irish Law Times*.

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The Doctor in Canada—His Whereabouts, and the Laws which Govern Him.—A Ready Book of Reference. By Robert Wynyard Powell, M.D., Ottawa. Montreal: Gazette Printing Co., 1890.

This is a useful book of reference. It gives in Part I. all the legislation in the Dominion and various Provinces in reference to matters pertaining to the medical profession. Part II. deals with sanitary legislation. Part III. gives Licensing Bodies and Teaching Faculties of various Institutions in the different Provinces. Part IV. gives the medical appointments in the Hospitals, Asylums, etc. Part V. gives a list of medical journals. The remaining pages of the book contain lists of various officers and others connected with medical lines in various Provinces.