

*The Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Acts of the several Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, with Introduction and exhaustive Notes.* By JOHN A. BARRON, Barrister-at-Law. Second edition. Toronto: Carswell & Co.

The first edition of this book is so well known that it is scarcely necessary for us to do more than call attention to the fact that a second one has been issued. The portion of the work relating to the law of Ontario is based on R. S. O. 1887, c. 125, but it contains also some other Statutes of the Province, and of the Dominion, which affect bills of sale and chattel mortgages. The advantages of having this treatise brought down to the present date are manifest. The law of the other Provinces of Canada is also given. The annotations are exhaustive, and we are safe in saying that this edition will meet with even a more favourable reception from the profession than the former. The appendix of forms is a useful feature of the work.

Type, paper, printing, and general appearance reflect credit on the publishers.

*The Mechanics' Lien Act, being the Revised Statute of Ontario (1887), chapter 126. With Annotations and additional Forms of Proceedings thereunder.* By GEORGE SMITH HOLMESTED, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, and Registrar of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice for Ontario. Toronto, 1888, pp. xiii. 166.

Mr. Holmested has chosen an appropriate time for the publication of this compact and comprehensive little work on a difficult and important subject. Some years ago, when the Mechanics' Lien Act was of recent date, and had not been to any great extent illustrated by judicial decisions, he published a smaller work on the subject, which was found of considerable value by the profession, and has been frequently quoted with approval in the Reports. Since that time the Legislature has been busy in amending and extending the original legislation, the courts have been still busier in interpreting, not always to their own satisfaction or in harmony with each other, the complicated enactments by which our provincial Solons have endeavoured to safeguard the rights of labour which are so dear to them, and the result has been a state of things which rendered it highly desirable that a fresh attempt should be made to furnish the profession with "light and leading" in what are confessedly dark and thorny places. For such an attempt, the recent consolidation of the various statutes on this subject in one Act supplied a convenient basis, and Mr. Holmested has done wisely in deferring the publication of his work until such a basis could be secured. The form chosen by him is that which has been so much in vogue with our Canadian legal writers, viz., a reproduction of the Act with annotations following each section. Much labour and research have evidently been expended in these annotations, which are characterized by clearness of statement and fulness of reference, and if the reader is sometimes left in doubt as to the means of reconciling conflicting