

appropriate headings. It is evident that the author has expended much time and care in the preparation of the work. He has the great advantage of being not merely a barrister, but also a patent solicitor of nine years' experience, superadded to the practical knowledge acquired in his former profession of civil engineer. The author, it may be mentioned, had the distinction, in 1863, of appearing at the head of the list of all those who went up for examination at Her Majesty's Staff College, Sandhurst, the leading school of the British army for engineering, mathematics, and scientific learning, and open to the whole of the army. Lieut. J. G. Ridout, then of the 100th (Canadian) Regiment, was not only at the head of the list, but was more than 200 marks above the next man.

The compilation is very complete. The text of the Patent Act in the body of the work includes all amendments to date. Besides the Patent Office Rules and Forms, there are inserted a number of general forms relating to patents and to practice in the Exchequer Court of Canada, in *scirefacias* and other cases. Mr. Ridout must be complimented upon the ability with which he has executed the formidable task proposed to himself, and he has certainly earned the thanks of all who have occasion to examine any subject connected with this branch of law which is rapidly growing in importance. We can commend the work with confidence to the attention of our readers, and trust that it will have an extensive circulation throughout all the provinces of the Dominion.

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TABLES, for ascertaining the present value of vested and contingent rights of Dower, Curtesy, Annuities and of other life estates, Damages for death or injury by wrongful act, negligence or default. Computed and compiled by F. Giaque, A.M., and H. B. McClure, A.M., members of the Cincinnati Bar. Cincinnati, Robert Clarke & Co., publishers.

The tables comprised in this work are of great value, and give the results of long and intricate calculations. They are indispensable to accountants and solicitors who need to have at hand a trustworthy manual to which to refer on the subjects of annuity, life estates, etc. The work is very clearly printed and issued in a neat and substantial form.