
Book Reviews.

American Electrical Cases, Vol. VI. 1895-1897. Albany: Matthew Bender. Toronto: Canada Law Journal Co.

This latest volume of the above series gives a verbatim report of the important decisions in the State and Federal Courts of the United States in the past two years on subjects relating to the telegraph, the telephone, electric light and power, electric railway and all other practical uses of electricity. Valuable annotations edited by N. W. Morrill are added as notes to the principal cases, and in them the authorities are carefully summed up. The notes to the report of one of these cases are a valuable dissertation on the ever live subject of contributory negligence in electric street railway cases.

The Law of Mines and Mining. By D. M. BANINGER, A.M., LL.B., and J. S. ADAMS, A.B., LL.B., of the Philadelphia Bar. 1897. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.; Toronto: Canada Law Journal Co.

This very comprehensive work appears opportunely at a time when mining rights and interests are attracting much attention, both in Canada and the United States. It is not confined to the law applicable to any particular portion of the country, or to mines of any particular kind. Its aim is to give a complete and accurate statement of the rules of law governing the rights and duties of miners and mine owners, with citations of the authorities in support of the text. A most important feature is the introduction of an illustrated chapter, dealing with the geology and physical attributes of the subject matter in a manner by which the reader is readily familiarized with the practical and technical knowledge so necessary for the proper consideration of the legal questions.

The Shareholders and Directors Manual, by J. D. WARDE, of the Provincial Secretary's Department, Toronto; Fifth edition; Canada Railway News Company, Limited, 1898.

The fifth edition of this very useful compendium, contains the laws relating to joint stock companies, with practical information as to the steps to be taken, and the proofs to be furnished on applying for charters of incorporation not only under the Acts of the Dominion of Canada, but of various provinces, relating to the incorporation of joint stock companies by letters patent, together with much useful information respecting the organization and management of such companies, with suitable forms. This edition, which has been revised and enlarged, does not assume to be so much a disquisition upon the law of joint stock companies as a sketch of the general principles, with only a limited reference to case law, with practical suggestions of a useful character, which will make it valuable to the numerous class of lawyers and laymen who are now interested in this new development of the nineteenth century. The information contained would be more useful if the index had been more complete. The value of many works from a practical standpoint is marred by want of attention to this most essential particular.