

Reviews and Notices of Books.

The Amendments and Additions to the Public Statutes of Ontario Subsequent to the Revised Statutes, 1887. Arranged in a form suitable for consolidation or reference, with an index. By F. J. JOSEPH, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law. Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchison, 1889.

To the legal profession, when several years have passed since the last consolidation of the statutes, the arrival of a new revision and consolidation, embracing all public enactments since the last consolidation, is a welcome event. It seems but a very short time since the last revision of the Ontario Statutes was put into the hands of lawyers; yet, short as the time is, the legislative activity of the provincial law-makers during two sessions has made extensive inroads into the revised statutes, and has not only changed many of them, but has also made extensive additions thereto. It is troublesome to have so often to refer to these books to find what the legislature says on the topic of inquiry. Our author seeks to minimize that trouble, if not to wholly remove it.

The book before us contains all the amendments and additions of a public character made during the last two sessions. This book is printed on only one side of the paper, and in the margin, in bold-faced type, the chapter and section of the revised statutes after which the amendment could be most advantageously inserted, are indicated. The idea is that, if it be so desired, the book may be cut up into slips and pasted into the revised statutes at the proper places. In that way the nearest approach that can at present be made to a consolidation of the statutes up to the present time, is obtained. The idea is a capital one, and Mr. Joseph has carried it out with his usual care and ability. The table of contents of the revised statutes may be amended by means of the additional references prepared for that purpose, so that it will completely indicate not only the old enactments but also the changes and additions.

However, if one does not wish to cut up the book, he may use it as a separate volume, and for this purpose it has a very complete index. There is also a table showing where Acts and parts of Acts subsequent to the revised statutes have been placed. The book is admirably fitted to save time and trouble in the use of the statutes. We are pleased that it has been published.

Handy Book on the Dominion and Ontario Franchises, with Notes, etc. By THOMAS HODGINS, Q.C. 124 pp. Toronto: Carswell & Co., Law Publishers.

This is a very useful little work, containing as it does the Act of last session amending the Franchise Act with that Act itself; the Manhood Suffrage Act of last year, and an Act respecting oaths under the Manhood Suffrage Act.

Our readers are well acquainted with previous works of a similar character by Mr. Hodgins, and so we need only say that in this one he quite sustains his reputation as a careful and painstaking annotator.