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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY

Since the outbreak of the present European war a considerable number of cases have been decided in the English Courts and in the Colonies as regards the effect of war upon contracts. Great Britain has enjoyed peace for so long a time, save for the conflict with the late South African Republics some years ago, that there are not many cases to be found reported on this subject. Since the old wars of a hundred years ago forms of contracts have come into being that the commercial world of those days never contemplated, and so the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords have had to adjudicate upon many novel points since the present war began. It is intended in the ensuing chapters to collect together all the modern cases under appropriate principles of law common to Great Britain and her Colonies, so that it may be seen what the Courts are actually deciding nowadays, and to give both practitioner and merchant a handy work of reference to enable him to ascertain what effect war may have at law upon the contract with which he is concerned, and so avoid a long and roving inspection of the various law reports for the last two years, which now present a very substantial body of decisions.

Arrangement of Work

Collection of modern war cases

Under principles of law