

*The Criminal Code of Canada and the Canada Evidence Act, 1893*, with an extra appendix containing the Extradition Act, the Extradition Convention with the United States, the Fugitive Offenders' Act, and the House of Commons Debates on the Code, and an analytical index; by James Crankshaw, B.C.L., Barrister. Montreal: Whiteford & Theoret, Law Publishers, 1894.

The editor designs to give in this large and complete work of his (containing nearly one thousand pages) a full general view of our criminal law and criminal procedure, hoping that it may be of practical use to judges, magistrates, Crown officers, lawyers, and others concerned in the administration of justice.

We think he has succeeded. There are some features of this annotation which make it especially useful. We will refer shortly to some of them. The introduction points out the changes which have been effected in the law, the offences which have been abolished, the new offences created, and the alterations and amendments made in relation thereto. In addition to the usual references to the English, Canadian, and American authors in his report, Mr. Crankshaw gives copious illustrations of cases coming within the scope of the various cases. As examples of these, we might refer to pages 12 to 15, and 31 to 40. Again, those dealing with the Criminal Code realize the difficulty of finding all the provisions affecting one particular subject. This is met by the collection of, or reference to, the several provisions, in one place, affecting the same subject; as, for example, under the head of common assault on page 183. The author supplies also a number of useful forms. We would especially refer to the statements of the various offences in the Code for use in preparing indictments.

A very useful table, giving all offences indictable and non-indictable, states the number of the section, the nature of the offence, the extent of punishment, and the tribunal; whilst lists of the limitation of time for prosecuting offences appear at the end of each title of the Code. Another very useful table gives a list of offences triable summarily, showing the offences, the punishment, before whom triable, and the limitation of time for prosecuting the offence. An appendix contains the full text of the Canada Evidence Act of 1893, the Extradition Act, the Fugitive Offenders' Act, as also the debates of the House of Commons at the time of the introduction of the Criminal Code.

It seems rather strange that our two works on the Criminal Code are both edited by members of the Bench and Bar from our sister Province, and one naturally draws a comparison between the volume before us and that which preceded it by Mr. Justice Taschereau, and we cannot help thinking that Mr. Crankshaw's book will prove a formidable rival to its predecessor.