

Reviews and Notices of Books.

Real Property Statutes of Ontario. Being a selection of Acts of practical utility. By Alfred Tylour Hunter, LL.B., Barrister-at-Law. Toronto: The Carswell Co. (Ltd.), 1894.

About two years ago, we had pleasure in commending to the favourable notice of the profession a work by Mr. A. T. Hunter on "Power of Sale under Mortgages of Realty," which was, if we mistake not, the author's first venture in the field of legal authorship. We must congratulate him upon the promptitude with which he has brought out another work in the same line as his previous one, though of much wider scope, and involving much greater labour and research. This book on Real Property Statutes presents, as the author tells us, "the results of materials collected and of evenings spent during several years," and we feel sure that our readers will agree with us in thinking that these laborious evenings have been spent to good purpose, and in hoping that they may have a success commensurate with the toil and energy put forth in its preparation. It would be impossible, within our limits, to attempt an adequate review of a work containing over 700 pages, and dealing with whole statutes of such importance as those relating to "The Law and Transfer of Property," "Mortgages of Real Estate," the "Short Forms Acts," "Devolution of Estates," "Real Property Limitation," and the "Registry Act," besides others. We may say, however, that, judging from those portions of the work which we have been able to examine, it appears to be generally accurate and reliable, and to meet the real test of the value of a law book in furnishing a good, practical guide to the student or practitioner grappling with the intricacies of real property law. In this connection, we note with pleasure that the author has not been unmindful of what too many forget, the indispensable necessity of a good index. The table of contents which is prefixed to the work contains nearly forty pages, and is very full and well displayed, and the general index, which contains about ninety pages, is conveniently and logically arranged, and includes separate alphabetical indexes to the various statutes and sections of statutes cited. Matters of this sort may appear too unimportant for particular notice to some inexperienced persons, but without attention to them the most learned of law books is apt, in these busy days, to remain unvalued, unconsulted, and, worst fate of all, unbought.