
Book Reviews.

Canadian Criminal Cases, Annotated: edited by W. J. TREMEER, Barrister;
Toronto: Canada Law Journal Company, 1898.

The editor is to be congratulated upon the general approbation with which this work has been received by the profession. Parts 2 and 3, which are now before us, fully realize the expectations raised by the initial number. In no other department of law is the necessity for books of ready reference so much felt by the practitioner. This collection of decisions on the Criminal Code, pronounced in the various provinces, is a natural and necessary supplement to the legislation of 1892, and meets the want only partly filled by codification.

Conflict of Laws, by E. LAFLEUR, of the Montreal Bar, Professor of International Law in McGill University. Montreal: C. Theoret, Publishers, St. James St., 1898.

While this work professes to deal particularly with the Quebec law on the subject of Private International Law, yet there is much in it which will be found useful in all the Provinces. The arrangement of the subjects treated and the selection of cases to illustrate the points made are admirable. A perusal of the book recalls the curious rule as to proof of foreign law, namely, in the absence of proof to the contrary, the law of a foreign jurisdiction is presumed to be the same as ours, except as to statutory enactments, which are presumed to be different from the law of the forum.

The Science of Law and Law Making, being an introduction to law and general view of its forms and substance, and a discussion of the question of codification, by R. FLOYD CLARK, A.B. LL.B., of the New York Bar; New York: Macmillan & Co., 1898.

The object of the author in this book is to endeavour to make clear to the average reader some of the truths of law and jurisprudence and to introduce laymen to a true conception of the system of law under which they live. As the author states, it is a curious fact that no work exists in which the general outlines of legal systems are explained in popular terms, so as to be intelligible to the ordinary man not versed in technicalities. The book is, firstly, an introduction to the study of the law, and secondly, gives the groundwork on which to build up an argument on codification. It should, therefore, be helpful to those students of the law who desire to be lawyers and not merely practitioners. It exhibits much thought and research, and is written in an interesting style and clear in expression. There is entirely too little thought and time given to the study of foundational truths, such as are presented in this book, and the sooner the student is compelled to know more of the science of law and law making, the better for the profession.

The Living Age, Living Age Co., Boston, U.S.

With the first number for October, this weekly eclectic magazine which for more than fifty years has been a favourite with Canadian readers, begins a new series, and appears in a new and attractive dress. The familiar cover is to be retained, but it has been newly engraved and otherwise modernized. This is an excellent publication.