

BOOK REVIEWS.

Ontario Assignments Act, with notes, by R. S. CASSELS, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-law, second edition; Toronto, The Carswell Co. Ltd., Publishers, 1896.

This is the second edition of Mr. Cassels' excellent little book, containing various improvements on the former edition. We need add nothing to what we have already said in reference to this brief but accurate summary of the law treated of.

Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States, historical and judicial, with observations on the order of revisions of State Constitutions and a comparison with the Constitutions of other countries, by ROGER FOSTER, of the New York Bar. Vol. I.; Boston, the Boston Book Co. Toronto, The Carswell Co. Ltd., 1896.

This is one of the many books on a subject of much importance to those whom it immediately concerns, and is at the present time, of special interest to many in other countries who have invested their money in the United States, and who are beginning to think that it is about time to withdraw it, and not have it subject to the ever-changing and crude notions of those who seem to hold the largest influence in public affairs in that country. The Constitution of the United States is, of course, a written one, with many safeguards, but none too many, and it is well that a knowledge of them should be widespread. We doubt not the book before us, which seems to have been prepared with great care and by one thoroughly competent for the task, will be very useful, especially at this time, when, in view of the present political outlook, the best men and the most reliable journals are starting an educational crusade which cannot but be beneficial, and will, we trust, result in the sober thoughts of those who love their country and are not led away by popular clamour having due weight.

Commentaries on the Laws of Ontario, being Blackstone's Commentaries of the Laws of England, adapted to the Province of Ontario, by R. E. KINGSFORD, M.A., LL.B., formerly one of the Lecturers of the Law Society of Upper Canada, author of "A Manual of Evidence in Civil Cases," Deputy Police Magistrate, City of Toronto. Vol. I; Rights of Persons. The Carswell Co. (Ltd.), publishers, etc., 1896.

We are glad to know that Mr. Kingsford's valuable addition to the legal literature of Ontario has been placed on the curriculum of the Law School. This is in itself a sufficient recommendation to the profession and the public.

The object of the compiler has been to produce a book not intended for lawyers only, but for the general need. His references to case law are therefore limited. The book is more a compendium of our statute law, arranged after the manner of Blackstone. Historical references and illustrations by analogy from the civil law, and a variety of other matters, which are found in the volume which he took as a foundation, are properly left out. Mr. Kingsford has done his work well. In a word he has given to us a well written, in-