

*THE LAW OF MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE BY JOHN
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Mr. Falconbridge needs no introduction to the profession as a writer on legal topics, as his work on the Canadian Law of Banks and Banking, published in 1913, has become the recognized Canadian text book on that subject, and on the Law of Bills of Exchange.

The present treatise, however, marks a considerable advance upon his earlier work. Though based on "Bell and Dunn," published in 1899, it has been not only modernized but greatly enlarged, and completely rearranged. Not being in the form of notes upon the statutes, as in his earlier effort, the writer has had greater scope for shewing his mastery of the subject by laying out in advance the plan to be followed throughout the work, and not the least valuable feature of the book is the complete and well arranged "Table of Contents."

The student seeking an analysis of the Law of Mortgages, cannot do better than spend some time on this table; and the practitioner who wants a general account of some point under consideration will turn it up more readily if he will familiarize himself with the logical and careful method first thought out and then invariably adhered to by the writer.

The table of cases is also extensive, and an actual count of a number of pages shews that nearly one-half the decisions referred to are either Canadian or Privy Council judgments in Canadian cases. While Ontario cases are in the majority, there is a sufficiently copious selection from decisions of other Provinces.

Turning to the subject matter, we find that the practical and modern predominate, although there are occasional references to the history of the law and some older forms of mortgage in England, and also an interesting chapter devoted to Law and Equity in Upper Canada, in which that somewhat obscure topic in its relation to the Law of Mortgages is treated. The work is