

lessen the number of cases in which petty assaults and other trifling complaints, often much better allowed to die a natural death than be fomented and increased by a resort to the common expedient of "having the law of him." This course would to a great extent do away with the *fee* system; and we do not think that many of our readers, not even excepting our magisterial friends, would consider that any very great loss. Ugly stories have been told about this same system, which the large and respectable majority of the magistracy deplore as much as we do, and probably more, as any such irregularities are a direct reflection upon them as a body.

Enough, however, of the introduction. We are next given a practical sketch of the procedure of a magistrate's court, followed by a form of commission of the peace.

The statutes relating to the duties of magistrates with reference to indictable offences and to summary convictions (Con. Stat. U. C. caps. 102 & 103), are given in full, with explanatory notes on doubtful points.

The principal part of the "Manual," both with reference to the space it occupies and to the amount of information it contains, is the digest of the criminal law of Upper Canada. It is arranged on the principle of Burns' Justice, the matter being placed under the various heads in alphabetical order. A great mass of useful information is given in this way, which will make the work of great value to all desirous of ascertaining the law with reference to the whole criminal law of Upper Canada, as well as to magistrates. As an example of the style, we may notice the heading, "Cheating." It commences by giving, under the sub-head "False Pretences," the various sections of the statute, stating generally what those words signify, and the punishment awarded. Then, under the head, "Persons indicted for larceny may be found guilty of obtaining under false pretences," is given the section referring to that point, and then similarly the converse proposition. Then some general remarks on the subject of false pretences, and what is the legal meaning of the expression, "false pretences," with a reference to a case where the subject was elaborately discussed. Then, under the heads, "Offences within the statute," and "Offences not within the statute," short notes of decided cases as to what were and what were not considered as offences against the statute. It is not pretended, of course, in

this part of the work, to give a distinct heading for every point that a person might wish to refer to; for instance, there is no heading, "False pretences," as one might expect; but any difficulty of that kind is obviated by reference to the very full, complete and well arranged Index, which is given at the end of the book. We should have thought, as a matter of convenience, that it would have been better to have placed at the head of each page the name of the subject treated of in the page beneath, but the Index makes this a matter of no great consequence.

The Addenda contains further matter of information, on points not directly connected with the criminal law of the country, besides a chapter on evidence, which, though of necessity short, embraces all the principal points that a magistrate should be acquainted with in conducting an investigation.

Upon the whole we must congratulate Mr. McNab upon having produced a very useful book, and one, we doubt not, that will find a ready sale among magistrates and others concerned in the administration of justice. The experience of the author, in his office of County Attorney, must have been a great assistance in the preparation of the book, and would enable him to point out many things that might escape the attention of a merely professional man, however competent otherwise for the task.

The "Magistrate's Manual" is got up in Messrs. Chewett & Co.'s best style, the paper and binding being good and substantial, and the type evidently new. The price is \$4.

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