Practice before the Comptroller of Patents. By CARROLL ROMER, M.A., Barrister-at-law. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Limited, 3 Chancery Lane. 1911.

A book of 324 pages, giving information as to the details and precedents for practice connected with the English Patent Law. It will doubtless be of use to those who, in this country, are engaged in the same line of business.

Obituary.

MR. A. F. McLEAN.

We regret to record the death of the late Alexander Farquhar McLean, which took place suddenly at his residence in Toronto on the 31st day of January last. Mr. McLean was, at the time of his death one of the junior registrars of the High Court of Justice for Ontario. Mr. McLean entered the public service as a clerk in the registrar's office of the former Court of Chancery in 1866, and steadily worked himself up, until he attained the position of one of the registrars of the High Court. Mr. McLean has been so long and so favourably known to the profession as a faithful, diligent, and courteous officer that it would be here superfluous to recount his claims to the respect and esteem with which he was always regarded by the profession, and by whom his sudden death will be deeply regretted.

Mr. McLean came of an old loyalist stock and was the son of the late Col. McLean, of Cornwall, and was a nephew by marriage of the late Sir Oliver Mowat. Although Mr. McLean was neither a solicitor nor a member of the Bar his long training in the offices of the Court enabled him to discharge the duties

of his office with the utmost efficiency.

Bench and Bar.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

George Herbert Thompson of Cranbrook, B.C., barrister-atlaw, to be Judge of the County Court of East Kootenay, vice Peter Edmund Wilson, resigned. (January 29.)