

company were responsible by reason of the gross negligence proved against them, while the minority differed on the question of fact. It would have been more satisfactory to have a decision on the question of law, but when that comes to be decided it may be found that it does not give rise to very serious difficulty.

The serious illness of Sir Francis Johnson during the past month has been the cause of much anxiety to his friends. The learned Chief Justice of the Superior Court last year suffered during several months from a severe attack of influenza, and this second illness ensuing before he had regained his usual strength, has reduced him to a condition of extreme weakness, which is not without danger in view of his advanced age.

NEW PUBLICATION.

THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA, and the Canada Evidence Act, 1893, with an extra appendix containing the Extradition Act, etc., by James Crankshaw, Esq., B.C.L., Advocate etc, Montreal: Whiteford & Theoret, Publishers, 1894.

This work, the publication of which was briefly noticed in our last issue, is designed to give a complete general view of our criminal law and procedure, and is intended for the everyday use of judges, magistrates, advocates and others concerned in the administration of justice. The author states in his preface that to this end, in the preparation of the notes and comments, appropriate references have been made to, and extracts taken from the leading English, Canadian and American authors and reports, as well as from Imperial and Canadian statutes, and the English Draft Criminal Code with the report of the Royal Commissioners thereon. Forms of indictment,