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**Book Reviews.**

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*Law of Interpleader* as administered by the English, Irish, American and Australian Courts, with an appendix of Statutes, by Roderick James MacLennan, Barrister-at-Law, of Osgoode Hall. Toronto: The Carswell Co., 1902.

The literature on the subject of interpleader has hitherto been limited. This book is the most complete on the subject up to the present time, and is a very helpful addition to the lawyers' library. The author labours under the disadvantage of being the first to attempt an exhaustive treatment of the subject, and on that account deserves special consideration, and this fact largely disarms criticism. He begins with an interesting historical introduction which is followed by practical chapters dealing with The applicant for relief, The subject matter, Claimants, Independent liability, Procedure, Evidence, Costs, Appeals, etc. The appendix gives the interpleader statutes of Ontario, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, North-West Territories, England, India, Australia (though this is hard to find) and various States of the Union. The chapters have sub-heads in which appropriate cases are referred to. As may be supposed the citation of authorities covers a wide field, embracing pretty well all the countries where the English language is spoken. A collection such as this is an interesting feature of the book.

*Succession Duty in Canada*, by R. A. Bayley, LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, London, Ont. Toronto: The Carswell Co., 1902.

This is a collection of the Acts in force in various provinces of the Dominion as amended to June 1st, 1901, with notes on the Ontario Act and lists of Canadian, American and English cases, with forms and tables. The Succession Duty Act as originally framed was mainly taken from the New York and Pennsylvania Acts. Various amendments were made in 1896 with the special object of preventing evasion of the law and these sections were based mainly upon English Acts to the same effect. The subject is not one of very extended interest to the profession, but those desiring information upon it cannot do better than study Mr. Bayley's useful compendium.