

question of the validity of certain car trusts was raised. An interesting address on this subject was given before the American Bar Association in 1885, but few references are to be found in the text-books on the subject. The question of trusts generally is becoming more and more important on this continent, and any literature on this subject will always be helpful.

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*A Canadian Manual on the Procedure at Meetings of Municipal Councils, Shareholders and Directors of Companies, Synods, Conventions, Societies, and Public Bodies generally, with an introductory review of the Rules and Usages of Parliament that govern Public Assemblies in Canada.* By J. G. Bourinot, C.M.G., LL.D., D.C.L., D.L., Clerk of the House of Commons; author of "Parliamentary Procedure in Canada," "Manual of Canadian Constitutional History," "Federal Government in Canada," "Canadian Studies in Comparative Politics," etc. Toronto: The Carswell Co. (Ltd.), Law Publishers, etc., 1894.

The author's valuable work on "Parliamentary Procedure," some years ago, has apparently put the public in touch with him, and has produced many inquiries on various points of order that have arisen from time to time in municipal and other meetings. He has consequently seen the practical necessity for what he calls a "short treatise," directly applicable to the special wants of municipal councils, public meetings and conventions, religious conferences, shareholders' and directors' meetings, and societies in general. The present treatise is, in effect, a supplement to his larger work, which is exclusively devoted to parliamentary procedure and government.

The writer divides his work into (1) A statement of the leading rules and principles of parliamentary procedure which lie necessarily at the basis of the proceedings and deliberations of all public assemblies and societies of this country; and (2) An application of those rules and principles to the proceedings of public meetings, societies, conventions, church conferences and synods, companies' meetings, and municipal councils.

The work seems to be admirable in its arrangement, and will doubtless meet all the requirements likely to arise in relation to the subject treated of. It can scarcely be called a short treatise, inasmuch as it contains nearly four hundred and fifty large pages of matter. It is supplemented by a full index.