

Book Reviews.

The Yearly Abridgment of Reports of 1896, by ARTHUR T. MURRAY, B.A., Oxon.; of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-law, 1897, London: Butterworth & Co. Toronto: Canada Law Journal Company, Canadian agents.

The Yearly Abridgment forms one of the well known series of yearly legal practice books published by Butterworth which include Stone's "Justice's Manual" and Pitt-Lewis' "Yearly County Court Practice," and is a digest of the law of the year arranged alphabetically according to the name of the case instead of the subject matter; the latter being classified by a very complete index with references to the page of the abridgment, upon the same plan as an index to a text book. By this system cross-references are eliminated and all the points of a case are brought under one head. All cases cited on the argument of the case abridged are referred to in the Abridgment, thus making a convenient means of reference to previous decisions upon similar questions.

Grant's Law of Banking, fifth edition, by C. C. M. PLUMPTRE and J. K. MCKAY, of the Middle Temple, Barristers-at-law; 1897. London: Butterworth & Co. Toronto: Canada Law Journal Company.

Bankers and bank solicitors will welcome a new edition of this valuable standard work just from the press, under date of February, 1897. The necessary alterations and additions to the former text and an enlarged and improved index now make a volume of 800 pages, and the whole range of banking rights and liabilities is covered. Great care has evidently been given to the preparation of this edition, and the reported decisions in England and Scotland are brought down to the present year. We can heartily recommend the book to all mercantile lawyers.

The Law of Circumstantial Evidence, by ARTHUR P. WILL. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co. Canada Law Journal Company, Canadian agents, Toronto: November, 1896.

This is undoubtedly the best work extant on the law applicable to criminal cases. Not only is "circumstantial evidence" fully discussed in the technical meaning of the term, but the law as to "motive," "malice," "threats," "confessions," "expert testimony" and "presumptions," is fully gone into. The work embodies 500 pages, and is one which no lawyer practicing in the Criminal and Magistracy Courts of Canada can afford to be without, for the low price asked (\$5.50).

The Law of Receivership, as established and applied in the United States, Great Britain and her Colonies, by JOHN W. SMITH, of the Chicago Bar; 1897 (800 pages), Rochester, N.Y., the Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company. Canada Law Journal Company, Canadian agents.

The constant growth of remedial jurisprudence is well exemplified by the development of both theory and practice in regard to receivers. Its present extended application is largely a result of the great increase in the number of mercantile corporations in recent years. The volume gives evidence of careful research, and it is claimed that the citations, which cover 4,000 cases in England, the United States and Canada, are brought down to January 1st, 1897.