
Book Reviews.

Essay on the Devolution of Land upon the Personal Representative, by Edward Douglas Armour, K.C., LL.D. : Canada Law Book Company, Toronto, 1903.

We wonder that this book was not written long ago. No statute made such radical changes in the law relating to the devolution of real property as The Devolution of Estates Act, and at the same time no enactment in our statute books is so inconsistent in its amendments, and so complicated in its original sections. Those members of the profession whose practice has led them to attempt to interpret the many obscure provisions of that Act will accept this latest work of Mr. Armour's pen with the appreciation and interest that such a book deserves.

It is not a mere theoretical treatise on academic subjects, but a series of thoughtful essays on questions of everyday practice and importance, and cannot fail to find a ready place in the library of every progressive lawyer. The author has treated the subject exhaustively and at the same time concisely with his characteristic incisive analysis. What interests are, and are not within the Act are first ascertained, and then the land is followed, so to speak, from the death of the owner, through the executor or administrator in course of administration down to distribution. The various questions that arise in the devolution of real estate, are discussed and elucidated as far as possible, with authorities. Particularly useful will be found the chapters on Title under the Act, Cautions, Curtesy, Dower and Election, Powers under the Trustee Act. The book is complete with an appendix of statutes and a good index.

No practitioner, who hopes to succeed as a real property lawyer, can afford to be without this work, which not only reviews and consolidates various decisions that arise in the course of administration, but which also puts forward many convincing and excellent arguments on those questions upon which no judicial pronouncement has yet been given.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

I knew Baron Huddleston, who always referred to himself as "The Last of the Barons." He told me many interesting things, notably about a curious case tried at Limerick. A man was charged with robbery with violence, at that time a capital offence. While the trial was proceeding, a stranger called at a neighboring inn, apparently holiday-making. He inquired of the landlord if there were any interesting places to be visited in the neighborhood and the landlord, after considering, said there was the Assize Court handy, and, if his customer desired it, he, the landlord, would,