
Book Reviews.

The Drainage Acts of Ontario. By FRANK B. PROCTOR, LL.B.,
Barrister-at-law. Toronto: Arthur Poole & Co., Law Book
Sellers and Publishers. 1908. 373 pp. \$5.

After a short introductory chapter the author gives the Municipal Drainage Act of Ontario, appending to it notes to the various sections which have received judicial construction. He then gives the rules of practice under these Acts. Then follow the statutes of British Columbia and Manitoba on the same subject. The Ditches and Watercourses Act and the Stone and Timber Drainage Act of the Province of Ontario are also published. We have no doubt that this work will be found useful to those of the profession who need information on this subject.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

“The difficulty which I feel as a judge, and always felt at the Bar, is this: a defendant is entitled to put his back against the wall and to fight with every available point of advantage.”—
Kekewich, J., *Blank v. Footman & Co.* (1888) 57 L.J. (N.S.)
C.D. 914.

In a case recently before him in an English County Court Sir William Selfe decided that it was still the law in England that gowns and other wearing apparel given a wife by her husband remained the property of the husband. The proceeding grew out of an attempt to seize the wardrobe of a Chelsea woman for her debts, and it was held that the clothing could not be seized under process or otherwise disposed of without the husband's consent.