

Chap. 2.—Covers some twelve pages and makes the reader fully acquainted with the history of divorce in Canada, a most interesting and instructive chapter.

Chap. 3.—Treats of marriage, and presents very clearly the sacred character of the tie, and the function Parliament properly exercises in dissolving it.

Chap. 4.—Gives an account of the several Provincial Divorce Courts in Canada, and the time and mode of constitution of each, and their jurisdiction; and also shows what powers are exercised by the ordinary courts in connection with marriage in those Provinces in which no Divorce Courts are established.

Chap. 5.—Is confined to Parliamentary divorce in Canada, and fully covers the ground.

Chap. 6.—Discusses the question of equal rights of husband and wife to relief.

Chap. 7.—Is a chapter of great value, treating of the jurisdiction of Parliament under the B.N.A. Act, and gives some extended remarks in respect to domicile.

Chap. 8.—Is perhaps the most important to the practitioner, in it every one of the twenty-three new rules being carefully annotated and explained, in some cases at considerable length; for example, the notes on the rule as to the first reading of the bill and suggestions as to preparing it, fill four pages. The rule as to evidence, defences, and the intervention of the Minister of Justice, takes nineteen pages. The work is well done and much and valuable information brought together and conveniently arranged.

Chap. 9.—The Procedure in the House of Commons.

Chap. 10.—Gives a general outline of procedure on bills of divorce.

Chap. 11.—Deals with the effect of divorce as to marriage and property.

And then follows a tabulated statement and summary of the several cases before Parliament since Confederation.

The most cursory glance through the book will convince any one of the great labor bestowed upon it. Some of the topics discussed in the early chapters are very important and suggestive. We may be able at a future day to notice them more at length, but can now do no more than call attention to this valuable work, and can only say, speaking of it in a general way, that it shows careful and extended research by one who evidently understands his subject. To the general reader it throws a flood of light upon the history of divorce in Canada and elsewhere, and several moral and constitutional questions are discussed with much ability. To the practitioner and Parliamentary counsel it is simply invaluable. The whole is well written and in a good spirit. The author has evidently felt that marriage and the family are important social concerns, and a conscientious care in examination and treatment is manifest in every page. We hope Mr. Gemmill's book will bring to the author all the credit and advantage it so well deserves.