

the courts have given many decisions on their interpretation. As the mining industry grows older, and titles become more involved, the common law principles applicable to mining contracts become progressively more important, and the decisions setting them forth, whether of British or Canadian Courts, increase in vital import to investors. The author treats, therefore, of both the statute and the common law of Canada, and incorporates references to decisions which seem applicable in this country. The statutes of the Dominion and the provinces in which mining transactions are most active are set forth in an Appendix, and the text contains the author's digest of the scope and effect of these statutes. In discussing the common law as to contracts, and other subjects, Mr. Morine has purposely set forth the primary or fundamental principles to a degree which, for the use of an experienced counsel, might seem unnecessary, but the book is evidently written, and properly so, to aid an inexperienced practitioner, or even a layman, as well as to be of assistance to lawyers who are familiar with this branch of law.

In successive chapters the book treats of mining terms, laws in force, Crown titles, rights of owners, partnerships and corporations, contracts, licenses, profits à prendre, leases, taxation, registration, wrongful abstraction and criminal liability, and employers' liability. A glossary is added, and there is not only an index to each statute in the Appendix, but an unusually complete index to the contents of the whole book. We congratulate both the author and the publishers upon the book before us.

*Lawyers' Reports Annotated.* A digest of cases in these reports in new series, volumes 13 to 18, and a full index to the annotations in the whole of the new series to date, vols. 1 to 18. Rochester, U.S. 1909.

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*A Complete Guide to Solicitors' County Court Costs.* BY SAMUEL FREEMAN, Solicitor. London: Butterworth & Co., 11 and 12 Bell Yard.

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