

enacted (A. D. 1163) that no clergyman or monk should undertake any bloody operation. From that time the practice of surgery fell into the hands of the barbers and smiths who had previously been employed as assistants and dressers to the ecclesiastical operators. The smiths were soon superseded by the barbers who, in 1461, were incorporated under the name of "The Company of Barbers in London," and none were allowed to practise save those admitted by the company. In 1745 the barbers in turn were ousted by the surgeons. The decisions bearing upon the practice of medicine and surgery are more numerous than might be supposed; and Mr. Rogers does not profess to have exhausted the list. A great many interesting cases, however, may be found bearing upon fees, who should pay the doctor, who may practise, negligence and malpractice, criminal malpractice, expert evidence, defamation, relations of medical men with patients, dissection and resurrection. Even dentists are not forgotten, and they are instructed as to the consequences of pulling the wrong tooth, etc. The works of Mr. Rogers have usually come to us from the other side of the line, although he is a Canadian barrister. The present work, however, appears in a Canadian dress, and is from the well-known house of Carswell & Co. We have already expressed our appreciation of Mr. Rogers, who like the prophets, has less honour in his own country than abroad. We trust that the present venture will make him better known at home.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW REPORTS.

The Pacific Province has commenced the task of reporting its judicial decisions, and the work appears to be very creditably executed by Mr. P. A. E. Irving, barrister-at-law, formerly of Hamilton, Ont. The reports are published under the authority of the Law Society of British Columbia.

LORRAIN ON LEASE AND HIRE.

We are glad to notice a new book which will form a valuable addition to the too small collection of works on the law of this Province. Mr. Léon Lorrain's "Code des Locateurs et Locataires" (Montreal, 1885; A. Périard, publisher) contains a succinct, but sufficiently complete, exposition of the law of Quebec on the contract of lease and hire of things, including the lease of cattle on shares, and emphyteutic leases. The work is divided into chapters and sections on the plan of the well-known work by

Aubry and Rau, and the doctrines laid down are supported by citations of the Articles of the Civil Code and of the decisions of our courts. There are also references to the old French authors and to the commentators on the Code Napoléon; but the citations are commendably short, and the reader's attention is not drawn away from the subject by the lengthy and over-subtle discussion which often renders theoretical treatises of little use to the practitioner. At the same time, the difficulties of the subject do not appear to have been passed over. For instance, the perplexing question arising from the redaction of Article 1657, as to the termination of a verbal lease for a definite period, is well discussed. We also notice a careful treatment of the disputed question whether the expression "to assign his lease," in article 1638, means a cession or sale of the lessee's rights, or merely a subletting of the thing in its entirety.

We may add that the typographical part of the work has been very correctly and neatly done, and is highly creditable to the publisher.

CANADA GAZETTE NOTICES.

Henry B. Beard, Q.C., of Woodstock, Ont., has been appointed deputy judge of the county court of the county of Oxford.

The Union Bank of Lower Canada gives notice of a semi-annual dividend of two per cent.; the Standard Bank of Canada gives notice of a semi-annual dividend of three and a-half per cent.; the Bank of London in Canada of a semi-annual dividend of three and a-half per cent.; the Bank of Commerce of a semi-annual dividend of four per cent.; the Banque de St. Jean of a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.; and the Imperial Bank of Canada of a semi-annual dividend of four per cent.

Letters patent have been issued to "The English and Canadian Wire Fastening Company of Montreal, Canada (Limited)"; capital \$300,000; incorporating M. C. Mullarky, Jas. Leggett, A. T. Keegan, M. D. Barr, Louis Côté, and O. E. Lewis. Supplementary letters patent have been issued to the "Black Diamond Steamship Company of Montreal (Limited)," increasing the capital from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Notice is given of an application to incorporate the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada under the name of the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada"; to authorize the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association to insure against loss by fire the property of members of the Patrons of Husbandry; to authorize the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company to issue debentures, etc.