
Book Reviews.

The Canadian Annual Digest, 1898, by CHARLES H. MASTERS, barrister, Reporter of the Supreme Court; and CHARLES MORSE, barrister, Reporter of the Exchequer Court of Canada. Toronto: Canada Law Journal Company, 1899.

We have here the third volume of this new standard digest of Canadian cases. It was commenced in 1896, with some confidence that it would meet with encouragement. Time has proved that the compilers and publishers were right in their assumption of its need. Both these necessary parties for the production of a law book have done their part excellently well, and no expense has been spared in making the digest as complete and useful as possible. We notice that a selection of cases from the first volume of Canadian Criminal Cases appears in this issue.

The Law of Principal and Surety, by S. A. T. ROWLATT, M.A., late Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, barrister-at-law. London: Stevens & Haynes, law publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar, 1899.

The author is right in saying that the branch of law of which he treats is one which, from a practical as well as from a theoretical point of view, justifies separate treatment in a separate volume, as it possesses many interesting and important principles exclusively its own. The law is collected in a manner which indicates that the author has a clear conception of the problems to be solved. The subject is treated under the following heads--(1) Scope of the law of Principal and surety; (2) Consideration; (3) Statute of frauds; (4) Contract and effect of guarantees; (5) Misrepresentation and concealment; (6) The rights of a surety; (7) The release of the surety by dealings with the principal contract; (8) Laws of sureties and co-sureties; (9) Statute of limitations; (10) Bankruptcy. This book is not merely a digest of cases. The author is not afraid to state what he believes to be the result of them, and he has done his work with great intelligence. The index is full and complete and above the average in that respect.

Kelly's Draftsman, a collection of precedents and forms of conveyancing, third edition, by LEONARD H. WEST, LL.D., and WILLIAM AUSTIN, solicitors. London: Butterworth & Co., 7 Fleet Street, E.C.

This is the third edition of a useful book, valuable for the convenient arrangement, conciseness and correctness of its contents. Some of the forms which are new will be found useful in this country; some we have already in O'Brien's Conveyancer, and others are applicable only to English law. Nevertheless, the book will be a useful addition to any solicitor's library.