
Book Reviews.

The Criminal Code and the Law of Criminal Evidence in Canada. By W. J. TREMFEAR, of the Toronto Bar. Toronto: The Canada Law Book Company. \$10.

This is a very complete and particularly well indexed book on Canadian Criminal Law, annotating the Criminal Code and the Canada Evidence Act as amended to May, 1902. The work embraces 934 pages, in addition to the preliminary tables. One of its prominent features is the methodical classification of the annotations under each section, and the placing in the page headings of the "part" number and title, and the "section" number as well as the book paging.

The author is already well known to the profession as the editor of the Canadian Criminal Cases, a series of reports which is now indispensable in the field of criminal law, and it is needless to say that the heavy task of annotation has been done not only carefully and thoroughly, but with a high degree of erudition.

As the title indicates, special attention has been paid to the subject of evidence. Notes of the latest Canadian and English authorities relative to the evidence applicable to each offence appear under the section of the code which declares the offence. In most of the citations, particularly those of the last fifty years, which predominate throughout the book, the year of the decision is also given. The Canadian cases, both before and after the code, are thoroughly reviewed and classified. Common law crimes are discussed, and the distinctions between them and similar code offences pointed out, but without the unnecessary recital of obsolete cases from the English reports and text books which too often constitute the filling of criminal law books. Procedure upon indictments, speedy trials, summary trials, summary convictions and appeals, as well as the subjects of habeas corpus and certiorari, are thoroughly dealt with, and as a practice book it is the most satisfactory work that has yet been issued on Canadian criminal law. The printing and binding are both of the high order characteristic of this publishing house.

Life Insurance Contracts in Canada by FRANK EGERTON HODGINS, Barrister at law, Toronto; Canada Law Book Company, 1902.

We are here given a treatise on the scope, making, character and effect of the contract for the insurance of life in Canada, with special reference to insurances by which a trust is created.

The author takes the Ontario Act as the framework of his book. The various subjects treated of are divided into appropriate chapters; each commences with a statement of the subject matter to be discussed. This is