

way is not the work of the author) and are just as much entitled to be referred to by their names in the index as Dakota, Utah, etc., to which are given a "local habitation and a name." To find the Ontario statute reference must be had to the general heading of "Statutory Liability" (p. 2532); there under the sub-head of "English Employers' Liability Act of 1880, and the American, Canadian, and Australian Statutes modelled thereon" (p. 2533), we find a reference to "Ontario and the other Canadian Provinces." If the third volume is to be accompanied by an index covering the whole work, this defect might be cured. It is to be observed also that only fifteen sections of the Ontario Act, the most important ones to be sure, are given; the remaining sections are omitted as dealing "merely with details of local practice." It is no doubt for a similar reason that the statute 62 Vict. (2) c. 18, which permits claims for compensation to be tried by arbitration has been omitted.

No doubt both of these omissions are justified by the necessity for having some limit to the size of the work.

In any general index it would be an advantage to have a reference to the Fatal Accidents Act, and to the maxim *actio personalis moritur cum personâ*. We draw attention to these slight defects not in any carping spirit, nor with any desire to detract from the great excellence of the treatise, but in the hopes that a way may be found in the third volume to remove them.

Volume III. is to treat of Relation, Hiring and Discharge, Compensation, Strikes, etc. We look forward with interest to the completion of the work.

The bare outline above given of the contents of these volumes shews how complete and exhaustive the treatise will be, and justifies the statement that the name of Encyclopedia would not have been inappropriate. This work may well be classed as one of the great law books of the day; and though we may in a sense claim it as a Canadian contribution to legal literature, inasmuch as Mr. Labatt at present resides here, it is not confined in its usefulness to any one country. It covers the whole field of law, affecting the rights and liabilities of Master and Servant in all countries, the legal systems of which have been founded on the common law of England.

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