
Book Reviews.

MECHANICS' LIEN LAWS IN CANADA, by HIS HONOUR WILLIAM BERNARD WALLACE, LL.B., Judge of the County Court of Nova Scotia. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, 1905.

This book contains the Acts of Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the Ordinances of Alberta and Saskatchewan relating to mechanics' liens, with forms of procedure. There are given also the articles of the Quebec Civil Code and the sections of the New York and Massachusetts Acts in relation to the same subject.

The author has thought well, and the thought is a good one, to include in his work judicial interpretations of similar enactments in various States in the adjoining Republic. Some of these provisions are almost identical with our own.

Judge Wallace takes the parent statute of Ontario around which to group his collection of authorities on the various sections discussed, therein referring to the law in the other provinces. The first chapter is historical; the second deals with the nature and scope of mechanics' liens; chapter three with the construction of the Mechanics' Lien Act; chapter four deals with liens upon personality. We are given next the Ontario Act, which is taken up section by section; the authorities bearing thereon or applicable thereto being cited and discussed. Then follow a number of forms; and then the statutes of the other provinces.

The expectation raised by seeing a book on this subject from so good a lawyer and so careful a writer as Judge Wallace has not been disappointed, and we congratulate him upon his work. Whilst in some minor details of book-making we might find some points to criticise, we rather leave them to be remedied in a second edition, which, as the book is such a good one, we have no doubt will soon be called for.

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In addition to the usual editorial notes there are articles on the following subjects: Is International Law part of the law of England? by J. Westlake, K.C.; The Law Society on officialism, by Sir Howard W. Elphinstone; The false passports case; The origin and development of the Bengal School of Hindu law;