

present case, though not without some hesitation on the part of Britton, J., in the Divisional Court, and some hesitation on the part of Osler, J.A., in the Court of Appeal.

Their Lordships have come to the conclusion that the judgment under appeal ought not to be disturbed. The question is one in which the opinion of those familiar with the administration of justice in the Province is entitled to the greatest weight. Their Lordships are not satisfied that the decision of the Court of Appeal, which evidently has been most carefully considered, is in any respect erroneous.

Their Lordships will, therefore, humbly advise His Majesty that the appeal should be dismissed. The appellants will bear the cost of the appeal.

### Book Reviews.

*The Law Annual, 1906.* Edited by R. GEOFFREY ELLIS and MAR. A. ROBERTSON, Barristers-at-law. William Green & Sons, Edinburgh. Canada Law Book Company, Toronto.

As a "multum in parvo" we know of nothing which gives so much information in so small a compass as does this annual. Other editors may well look at the clever way in which the material is boiled down and enviously think of the bovine lament—"Alas, my poor brother!"

Part I. is devoted to Circuits of the judges—Stamp duties—Legacy and succession duties—Costs—Fees, etc.

Part II. gives a number of public statutes, revised to date, too many to enumerate, but all useful for reference, grouped under various headings such as Contract and commercial law—Company law—Master and servant—Criminal law—Solicitors' acts—Law of property, conveyancing, etc.

Part III. contains "Points of law"; being a condensed digest of cases, excellently arranged under appropriate headings, concluding with notes on Colonial law by Hon. Mr. Justice Wood-Renton, of Ceylon.

Let it not be supposed that this book is only of use in the British Isles: on the contrary it will be found invaluable to practitioners in this Dominion, giving, as it does, information which is so frequently necessary to the many who have business to do with the old country, or who, for a variety of reasons, require to know the very things that are readily found in this excellent compendium.