

Held, on appeal, IRVING, J.A., dissenting, that a witness claiming the right to affirm instead of taking the oath must make it clear to the court that he has conscientious scruples to the taking of an oath.

Aikman, for appellant. *Maclean*, K.C., for the Crown, contra.

Book Reviews.

Inquests and Investigations. A practical guide for the use of Coroners holding inquests in Ontario. By ARTHUR JUKES JOHNSTON, M.B., M.R.C.S., M.M.C., Chief Coroner for the city of Toronto. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Limited. 1911.

A very practical publication which should be in the hands of all coroners, as well as of the legal profession who are so often called upon to take part in investigations of the "Crown's quest" class. The author jumps into his subject without preface or introduction, and gives to the reader much valuable information and many useful forms, but with a somewhat inadequate index. The universally popular Dr. Johnston does most things very well indeed, but indexing is not his strong point. We wish him great success with his first venture in the medico-legal line.

The Law of Evidence. By S. J. PHIPSON, M.A., Barrister-at-law. 5th ed. London: Stevens & Haynes, law publishers, Bell Yard, Temple Bar. 1911.

The first edition of this work was published in 1892. Since then, it has been growing in size and reputation. The *raison d'être* of this edition is the fact that, since the previous one, a number of statutes dealing wholly or in part with the subject of evidence have been passed, the effect of which have been incorporated in the present edition. Over five hundred new cases have been added, which practically exhaust the English authorities of any value on the subject treated by the author. A feature of this book is the convenient arrangement in parallel columns of examples given of the various propositions stated under the headings, admissible or inadmissible.