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A new departure in law reporting is announced under the above title by the Canada Law Book Company, Limited, of Toronto. In the circular just issued by them, the main idea appears to be to standardize law reporting in Canada and to bring the reported decision of every province of the Federal Courts into one series.

The expansion of interprovincial trade and of corporation business has brought the provinces more closely together as regards the interpretation of the law. Although the confederation of the Canadian provinces had a statutory beginning in 1867, the real confederation has been developed since, not only as to trade and national spirit, but as to the various forms of local government in the provinces, and the reliance placed by the Courts of one province upon the decisions of the Courts of another.

What is aimed at in this new series is to systematize the reporting of all cases involving important points of law in Canada, and to furnish the profession with headnotes stating the principles of law for which the reported case can be cited as authority, and to follow the unabridged text of the delivered opinion of the judges, with annotations to the principal cases, briefing the leading cases on the same point in the other provinces and in England.

A sample report of an Ontario decision indicates the method which is to be followed, and no further recommendation is required than the high standard of the head notes and annotations contained in the sample report, which has been printed for free circulation. The profession has long endured the historical headnote which, not infrequently covers two pages of closely