

The author does not claim that his work is a complete treatise on railway law generally, but rather a useful hand book of the law, applicable to railway companies in this country, which he trusts may supply, in a practical and useful form, a felt want in that direction. Free use has been made of the English and American text writers on railway law. It would be manifestly impossible, in a work of some 680 pages, to refer to the immense mass of authorities to be found either in England or the States on this wide-spreading subject. The author apologizes to his brethren in the provinces other than Quebec for the omission of much case law to be found in their reports. This would, if strictly correct, be a serious detriment to the book, but the apology is, perhaps, only partially required, as the cases in the Ontario Reports have been freely quoted. Mr. Abbott has contributed a valuable addition to Canadian legal literature, whilst the publisher has done his part of the work excellently well.

Bill of Exchange Act, 1890, and amending Acts, with note and illustrations from Canadian, English and American decisions, etc., by J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Second Edition; Toronto, The Carswell Co., Limited, 1896.

The first edition having been out of print for nearly three years, and a second edition being called for, the author has added several new features to the present edition. He states in his preface that the Imperial Act of 1882 having been adopted by most of the Australasian colonies, a number of decisions in their courts have been inserted, some of them on points of interest that have not yet arisen elsewhere. This book also includes the two Dominion statutes of 1893 and 1894. The list of cases shows an addition of about 250, most of them being subsequent in date to the publication of the first edition. The useful work will doubtless find a ready sale, both amongst the profession and business men.

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