

Book Reviews.

The Canadian Annual Digest, 1909. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Limited.

This useful work, which is already in the hands of the profession, is a digest of all the cases reported in the official reports of the various courts of the Dominion including the Supreme and Exchequer Courts of Canada and the Canadian cases decided by the Privy Council during the year. It contains also a digest of cases selected from the Canadian Criminal Cases, the Canadian Railway Cases, and the Canada Law Journal.

The volume just issued maintains the high level of the series, logical in its divisions and arrangement, and accurate in its references. It is sure to find a place on the desk of every lawyer who pretends to be up to date.

A Treatise on Crimes and Misdemeanours. By SIR WILLIAM O. RUSSELL, late Chief Justice of Bengal. Seventh English edition. By W. FEILDEN CRIMES and LEONARD W. KERSHAW, both of the Inner Temple, Barristers-at-law. 3 vols. London: Stevens & Sons, Limited, and Sweet & Maxwell, Limited. Canadian Notes by the HON. A. B. MORINE, K.C. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Limited.

Among all the admirable books for lawyers which have been given to us by London publishers, "Russell on Crimes" deservedly holds a high place, and this new edition will establish its reputation more firmly than ever as the leading work on criminal law and practice. One of the defects of earlier editions has been its faulty arrangement. Thus, criminal libel and bigamy, as well as conspiracy and perjury, were treated with numerous other miscellaneous subjects under "Offences affecting the Government."

The outstanding feature of this new edition of "Russell on Crimes" is the rearrangement of the material of the old work in harmony with modern ideas. The new arrangement, which is logical and scientific, follows the main line of Stephens' Draft Code, and in the result we have now practically a new "Russell on Crimes," which is a distinct advance on all former editions.

The Canadian notes, which have been compiled in a painstaking and thorough manner by the Hon. A. B. Morine, K.C., have been added at the end of each chapter, and in its appropri-