
Book Reviews.

The Division Courts Act, by BICKNELL & SEAGER. Second edition, Toronto, Canada Law Book Co., 32 Toronto Street.

The above has just been issued from the press and will be welcomed by the profession. It will be referred to more at length hereafter.

The Law of Bailments, by EDWARD BEAL, B.A., Barrister-at-Law, with notes of Canadian cases by A. C. Forster Boulton, Inner Temple and Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Barrister-at-Law. London, Butterworth & Co., 12 Bell Yard, Temple Bar, Law Publishers, 1900.

This is a new book on a most important subject, embracing the law of bailments as to deposits, mandates, loans for use, pledges, hire, innkeepers and carriers. Its value to the Canadian lawyer is largely enhanced by the notes to Canadian cases contributed by Mr. Boulton, and it will be found to be one of the most useful law books of the year. Mr. Beal follows the same plan as pursued by him in his works of Cardinal Rules of Legal Interpretation, viz.: "That of supporting and elucidating general principles, doctrines, propositions and rules by giving, *ipsissimis verbis*, English judicial statements as reported, together with occasional extracts from well-known text-books." This method is an excellent one and the selections have been carefully made by the author. This of course saves a great deal of time and labour and gives to the reader the learning of other writers on the subject discussed without having to consult a number of authors. With a volume of 736 pages of such excellent material we have no cause perhaps to complain that some matters which would seem to come within the scope of the title of the book are not dealt with or only so to a limited extent, and the excellence of the work as a whole disarms criticism. It is gratifying as well as useful to notice the prominence given to Canadian authorities and trust that in future other books published in England may give us the same advantage. The printer and publisher have done their work excellently well.

The Principles of the Interpretation of Wills and Settlements, by ARTHUR UNDERHILL, M.A. and J. ANDREW STRAHAN, M.A., Barristers-at-Law, London: Butterworth & Co., 12 Bail Yard, Law Publishers, 1900.

This is a praiseworthy attempt to write a book on an almost impossible subject, inasmuch as it is almost impossible to lay down any rules except perhaps of the most elementary character. As the Master of the Rolls recently said: "When I see an intention clearly expressed in a will and find no rule of law opposed to giving effect to it I disregard previous cases," and we therefore see how little value are so-called "authorities;" and the editors themselves say that as to the interpretation of wills which are