

*NEW PUBLICATIONS.*

**BILLS, NOTES AND CHEQUES:**—The Bills of Exchange Act, 1890, and the Amending Act of 1891. By Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D.C.L., LL.D.—Publishers: The Carswell Co. (Ltd.), Toronto.

This is a work which was to have appeared earlier, but Mr. Maclaren having discovered certain inconsistencies and imperfections in the Act, submitted suggestions to the Minister of Justice, which were approved and embodied in the amending Act of 1891, and the present work was delayed in order that the amendments might be inserted in their proper places.

The previous works on the Act appeared with such rapidity that small opportunity was afforded for elaboration, and in taking up the present treatise the reader will naturally look for a more careful and methodical treatment of the subject. In this expectation we have reason to believe that he will not be disappointed. The arrangement seems to be as perfect as can be devised. The text of the Act is followed by explanatory paragraphs, with citations of cases, and these, again, by illustrations derived from the reports. Two thousand three hundred decisions are cited, besides nearly a thousand illustrations. As an example of the care which has been bestowed by the author, it may be mentioned that in every instance the year in which the case was decided is given within parentheses, and each group of cases is arranged in chronological order beginning with the oldest. The Canadian cases, of which nine hundred and fifty are cited, have been subdivided by provinces. The decisions cited are also brought down to January last. From the examination which we have been able to make of the work we believe it is worthy of the high reputation of the author, and that the profession will find in it a commentary which will fully satisfy their requirements.