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Many changes have been made in the laws affecting commerce in the United Kingdom within the last two or three years. The Companies Act of 1907, which affects every foreign corporation carrying on business in the country; the Merchants Shipping Acts, the Patent Act of 1907, and the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1900 are among the more important of these recent legislative enactments, and they possess many pitfalls for those only superficially acquainted with them. A brief and practical exposition of the subject has recently been published by Mr. Effingham Wilson, 54 Threadneedle Street, London, under the title "Laws relating to Foreigners and Foreign Corporations." It explains clearly what stand the foreign trader has in the United Kingdom, what liabilities he incurs by engaging in business there, what are his rights and how he may make use of various provisions of the law for his own advantage. The scope of the book has necessarily had to be strictly limited,

as the author, Mr. G. F. Emery of King's Bench Walk, points out, but the information that it contains will be found of very great service to those for whom it is specially intended.

The new Companies Act slightly increases the severity of the restrictions of the Act of 1900, and affects every bona fide foreign trading corporation which has a place of business in the United Kingdom. Until recently, any foreign company might carry on trade there without being under any official obligation whatever. But the advantages possessed by foreign companies are still greater than those formed in the country.

A new edition of the late Mr. Anthony Pulbrook's work on the English Companies Acts is also published by the same firm. This manual furnishes an exhaustive index to the Act, so that its many complicated provisions, entailing grave liabilities and responsibilities on



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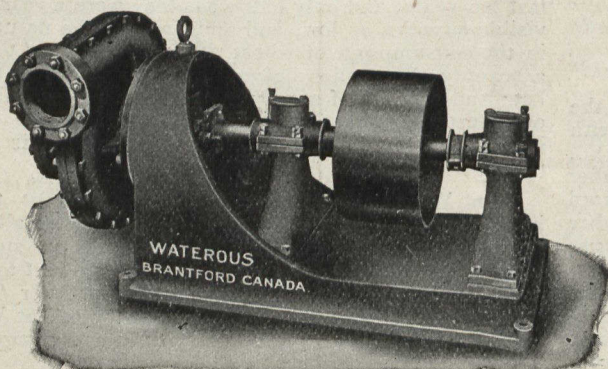
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