
Book Reviews.

Practical Statutes, being a collection of statutes of practical utility in force in Ontario, with notes on the construction and operation thereof, by JAMES BICKNELL, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, and ARTHUR JAMES KAPPELE, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, and of the British Columbia Bar. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Law Booksellers and Publishers, 1901.

This is a book of great practical utility, which can only be thoroughly appreciated by one who has used it for a considerable time in office practice. It has been submitted to the test and has not been found wanting.

The statutes included in the work consist of those which have been selected by the authorities of the Law School at Osgoode Hall as being worthy of the special attention of the students of that school. It is therefore a very convenient book for law students; but over and beyond that it is essentially a practitioner's hand book. No law office in this Province can afford to be without it.

It includes the greater portion of the Acts of practical importance which are comprised in the R.S.O. in addition to which it includes the British North America Act, the Canada Evidence Act, the Dominion Act limiting the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the Dominion Act relating to Bills of Lading, the Bill of Exchange Act, relating to Banks and Banking.

All of these statutes are judiciously annotated. The notes are full, in the sense that they contain numerous citations; they are concise and clear, and do not contain a trace of padding.

Books of the general character of this book are not uncommonly made with scissors and paste; this book is made with brains.

The Living Age, Boston, U. S.—This excellent publication comes as usual. The articles for the number issued on April 20th are of special interest, the leading one being from the *Fortnightly Review*, entitled "Queen Victoria as a statesman." From the *Pall Mall* is taken a dissertation on novel making in the nineteenth century. The "Making and reading of newspapers" from the *Contemporary Review* will, in these newspaper days, be read with interest. In lighter literature there is a continuation of Mr. Greer's "Warden of the Marches;" a story from the *Sunday Magazine*; Slang and its uses; Military dialogues, taken from *Punch*, etc. We are just as well pleased to see nothing from continental sources, and are glad that the rubbishy love-letters of an Englishwoman have come to an end. The subscription price is \$6.00 a year, and the publication being a weekly one more is given for the money than any other publication we know of.