

We are informed that the first volume will appear sometime next month. There will be not over 100 volumes altogether. The hope of the publishers is to complete from two to three volumes every month, which would result in the whole series being brought down to date within about three years.

This series marks a new era in law reporting. Hitherto the lawyer has had to be content with a bald report of the judgment and a summary of the finding of the court or judge. To be certain that a case which appears to be in point is still sound law, necessitates further search. The new system for reasons which must appeal to every practitioner has evidently come to stay, and the sooner members of the profession realise this the better it will be for them in the preparation of their briefs. It will also have a far reaching, and perhaps more important effect, viz., that of clarifying the legal atmosphere and facilitating the administration of justice.

THE LAW'S DEBT TO ANNOTATED CASES.

The value of intelligent and more or less exhaustive annotations on current cases of importance, such as in Canada one finds in the "Dominion Law Reports," is emphasized in an article which recently appeared in *Case and Comment*. This article, we notice, was copied into the *Law Times*, recognized as one of the leading authorities in Great Britain in such matters. Its appearance there is some indication of the approval by that journal of the annotation system; a system which is already popular with the profession on this side of the Atlantic, and which must soon be adopted in more conservative England for the benefit of the profession there. We give this article to our readers in extenso as follows:—

"Against the many acknowledged virtues of the common-law system of law deduced from reported precedent, virtues such as adaptability, flexibility, and capacity for self-development and growth, have continually been set the alleged demerits that it