

an event not common with Canadian authors, though, doubtless, it will be more so as time goes on.

The former editions were intended for use in the Province of Ontario only, but Judge Boys has adapted this to all the Dominion at large, and the colony of Newfoundland. He adds a new chapter, containing a programme of the ordinary proceedings at an inquest in consecutive order, with forms required as the inquest proceeds. This will be a convenient addition to the book, and enable coroners more readily and accurately to perform their duties.

The author apologizes for devoting a chapter to such matters as would be usually found in works on medical jurisprudence. We have no doubt, however, that this chapter, dealing with poisons, antidotes, wounds, and bruises, and hydrostatic and blood tests, will be found of great use where medical works are not obtainable.

This edition is dedicated to Hon. J. R. Gowan, C.M.G., Senator, to whom, twenty-nine years previously, the first edition of the work was dedicated.

*The Principles of the Law of Evidence.* With elementary rules for conducting the examination and cross-examination of witnesses. By W. M. Best, A.M., LL.B. Eighth edition. With a collection of leading propositions by J. M. Lely, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, editor of Woodfall's Law of Landlord and Tenant, etc. With notes to American and Canadian Cases by Charles F. Chamberlayne, Esq., of the Boston Bar. London: Sweet & Maxwell (Ltd.). Boston: The Boston Book Co., 1893.

The original work was published in 1849, and, together with the second, third, and fourth editions, was the work of Mr. Best himself. The fifth and sixth editions were brought out, after the author's death, by Mr. Russell, in 1870-75. Various changes were made in these editions, from time to time, in the direction of making the work more practical and less theoretical, reducing the illustrations, and leaving out other matters which increased the size of the book without adding much to its usefulness.

As the author states, the main feature of this edition is the introduction of notes on American cases, and having "the Canadian, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia cases added," a some-