

sider whether the communication was privileged at common law or under N.W.T. Act, 869. *Regina v. Fiennell*, 7 Q.B.D. 147, *Regina v. Romp*, 17 O.R. 567, and *Regina v. Thompson*, 5 Reports, Q.B.D. 393 cited in support.

*Held* further, that the conviction should be quashed, and the prisoner discharged as to this offence.

RICHARDSON, ROULEAU and MCGUIRE, JJ. concurred.

*Rimmer*, for accused and Department of Indian Affairs. *Johnstone*, for Attorney-General of Canada.

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## Book Reviews.

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*American Negligence Reports* (Current Series). New York, 1897: Remick & Schilling. Canadian agents: Canada Law Journal Co.

This is a new publication, issued first in monthly numbers, and afterwards in permanent form to include all the current state and federal decisions, beginning January, 1897, relating to the subject of "Negligence." The monthly numbers are advance sheets only, not intended for binding, and for which no extra charge is made. The first permanent volume is now complete, including notes of English cases, and annotations, and is supplied, binding and expressage included, for \$5.50. One of the current numbers gives a full report of the decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in *Donahue v. Kelly*, in which the principle laid down in the famous "Squib" case, 2 W. Bl. 892, 1 Smith's Leading Cases, 9th ed., 737, was extended so as to absolve from liability a person who picked up a flaming gasoline lamp for the purpose of throwing it into the street, but before he could reach the door the flames burned him, and he threw it instinctively towards the door, causing thereby an explosion which injured the plaintiff. The series will be found of inestimable value by lawyers conducting cases which come under this branch of the law.

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## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

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The time has not yet arrived when men have beaten their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. But at least there are many who think with General Sherman that "war is hell," and who are endeavouring to impress this fact upon the thoughtless and the jingoes who rave so loudly about the glory of the shambles that they cannot hear the shrieks of the tortured, or the heart-broken wails of the widow and the orphan. Amongst those who are doing a good work in this connection is the editor of *The Pen or Sword*, 686 Madison street, Chicago, a paper which has just been started in the interest of peace and international arbitration. We are not surprised to