

helpfully be referred to by those seeking light on the various sections of the Act, or the rules of Court.

The author has prepared a very useful statement, designated "a key," for determining questions of jurisdiction under the Supreme Court Act. As a matter of convenience it would have been better if this instructive table had appeared in more extended form and larger type. This book well fills a vacant place.

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*The Law of Probate*, including Administration, Guardianship, Contentious proceedings, Custody of infants, Succession duty, etc., by A. WEIR, B.A., LL.B., author of the Law of Assessment. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Limited, 1907.

With characteristic modesty the author gives the reader no preface; but, what is of much more importance, he gives an excellent book on a subject with which he is evidently very familiar. It is over twelve years since we had a book on the subject of probate. It is unnecessary, therefore, to dilate upon the need of something up to date on this most important subject.

Mr. Weir has written a concise and comprehensive treatise on the practice relating to all matters within the jurisdiction of the Surrogate and Probate Courts. Each step in these proceedings is commented upon and practical directions given and supplemented with appropriate forms.

This book may be said to go even beyond the law of probate. It touches upon the requisites of valid testamentary dispositions, testamentary capacity, undue influence, etc. It also deals with the revocation and revival of wills and survivorship, and various other matters which are not readily accessible elsewhere. The much discussed and little understood Devolution of Estates Act and its amendments have received careful attention. The Succession Duty Act, which has proved so important a source of revenue to the country receives due attention in its exposition.

The forms are numerous, as they should be in a book of practice, and seem to have been carefully selected and revised, and the index is unusually complete and well arranged. We really have nothing but commendation for this, Mr. Weir's second effort at book making, and we shall hope to hear from him again in some other branch of law or practice.