

Book Reviews

Principles of Contract: A treatise on the general principles concerning the validity of agreements in the law of England. By The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, Bt., K.C., D.C.L., of Lincoln's Inn; correspondent of the Institute of France; Associate of the Royal Academy of Belgium; Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Corpus Christi College, Oxford; Honorary Doctor of Laws in the Universities of Paris, Edinburgh, Dublin, Harvard and Christiania. Ninth Edition. 1921. London: Stevens and Sons, Limited, 119 and 120 Chancery Lane; Canada Law Book Company, 84 Bay Street, Toronto, Sole Agents for Canada.

A. the author says in his preface, many changes will be found in this edition; and this is an expected event on account of the late war. This remark applies with special force in connection with the impossibility of performance of contracts. The cases are collected in the index under the heading "Frustration"; a somewhat new word in this connection, but singularly appropriate in these days of destruction and negation. This subject is referred to at some length in the preface as well as in various places in the body of the work. A study of it is a new source of interest to those who keep track of developments in the law of contracts.

Anything from the pen of this great jurist, Sir Frederick Pollock, is of recognized weight and importance in all circles interested in the interpretation of the law; and in this volume every help is given to the reader in the shape of an interesting Preface, a full Table of Contents and of Cases Cited and that most necessary thing, a copious, comprehensive and scientific Index.