

Imperial Commissioners on the draft Code of 1879 ; the English and Provincial cases brought down to the latest date ; a reference to the Imperial statutory enactments applying to Canada, as well as the English statutes now in force ; extracts from the leading English works on criminal law ; forms of indictments adapted to recent changes ; and italicized references to changes, extensions, or additions to the law. The preface also contains a synopsis of the principal parts of the new statute, to which the attention of the practitioner should be more especially called, though it does not claim to give anything like the amendments that have been introduced. He also gives a table of regnal years for convenience of reference to English statutes and Law Reports.

As a large portion of the Code is new law, the profession have, of course, no decisions to guide them in construing these new sections, and therefore the construction placed upon the passages by the judicial mind of the learned author will prove of great benefit to the struggling practitioner, who would otherwise have nothing to rely upon but his own brain, and research as to the consideration of analogous provisions. It is of course well known that Mr. Justice Taschereau saw many defects which existed in the new Code, and thought he saw some which did not exist, and he took his own way of pointing them out to the Minister of Justice, who had the preparation of the Code in hand. The author has, however, omitted any mention of this fact in his work, and makes his comments on the different sections in an unimpassioned and impartial manner, which cannot help but be satisfactory to his reader.

He has taken the Code section by section, and analyzed it, and added thereto his comments and a review of the leading cases bearing on the point, both English and Canadian, down to the latest date. An important and useful part of the book is comprised in the forms of indictments adapted to the law as changed by the Code, and this in itself will be of great advantage to those whose duty it is to frame these difficult and intricate instruments.

The index is a copious and excellent one, and is the handiwork of Mr. C. H. Masters, of the New Brunswick Bar, and Assistant Reporter of the Supreme Court.

The work of the publishers and printers seems to be well and carefully done.