
Reviews and Notices of Books.

The School Law of Ontario. Comprising the Education Department Act, 1891; The Public Schools Act, 1891; The Act Respecting Truancy and Compulsory School Attendance; The High School Act, 1891, and the amending Acts of 1892 and 1893; with notes of cases bearing thereon, the Regulations of the Education Department, Forms, etc. By William Barclay McMurrich, M.A., one of Her Majesty's counsel, and Henry Newbolt Roberts, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law. Toronto: The Goodwin Law Book and Publishing Company (Limited), 1894.

This book comes to us very opportunely. The want of a thoroughly indexed compilation of the School Acts affecting this province has long been felt, and it is now supplied by the editors. The contents are as above set forth, concluding with a very full and apparently well-arranged index.

Trustees and others connected with the administration of the School Law will receive great assistance from this publication. As they well know, the duties imposed upon them are to be found not only in the Public Schools Act, but are scattered through various other statutes in relation thereto, such as the Public Health Act, Free Library Act, etc. Hence the need of a careful gathering of the various provisions affecting our Public School system. The author has carefully brought together and consolidated these, and has provided cross references from one to the other, so as to admit of easy consultation; whilst the forms and the general arrangement of the work are such as to meet the wants of school officers, teachers, Boards of Trustees, giving them a practical book for everyday use.

We notice that the editors express their obligation to the Minister of Education for revising the proof sheets and for many valuable suggestions as to the work.

This is the only compilation of our School Law since the establishment of the system in force in this country, with the exception of the lectures of Dr. J. George Hodgins, which, however, were not intended to and did not meet the need that has been supplied in the present volume. The typography of the book is of the very best description, and reflects great credit upon the publishers as well as the editors.