

Book Reviews.

Commentaries on the Law of Master and Servant. Including the modern laws on Workmen's Compensation, Arbitration, Employer's Liability, etc. By C. B. LABATT, B.A. (Cantab), M.A., Toronto, of the Bar of San Francisco. In eight volumes. The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Co. 1913. 2nd edition. Agents for Canada, Carswell Co., Toronto.

The title, "Commentaries on the Law of Master and Servant" scarcely indicates the extent and immensity of the author's production, for these volumes contain an exhaustive treatise on the law of master and servant, including workmen's compensation, employer's liability, interference with service, labour unions, use of union labels, strikes, boycotts, arbitration, statutes, the constitutionality of statutes, and every other variety of subject incidental to the relation of master and servant which has come up for adjudication or would be likely to arise. One can therefore readily understand that eight large volumes were required to deal with such a collection of subjects.

The entire mass of information in connection with the relationship of master and servant and its ramifications has been so conveniently and clearly arranged, tabulated and indexed that one seeking information finds available what might not unreasonably be described as an exhaustive code of law on each and every branch. The work also deals exhaustively with the history, principles, doctrines and judicial and statutory authorities from which it has been deduced, together with the rights and remedies incidental thereto.

The text is based on the decisions of the Courts of Great Britain, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and indeed of all countries where the law of England is the basis of jurisprudence. The differences in the law of these various jurisprudences are ably contrasted, so that the work is equally useful wherever the law of England prevails, even though varied by custom or practice according to locality.

Such is the comprehensiveness and thoroughness of this great law book that none other on the subject of master and servant need be consulted; and its utility is apparent over any work which contains the law as decided in one country only, as the seeker for information has had collected for him cases which have been decided on the great variety of questions that would necessarily arise throughout the large extent of territory over which the range and authority of English law extends. And