

Chap. I. deals with crown title to lands, mines and minerals, in the various provinces and territories. Chap. II. is a preliminary discussion of the meaning of certain mining terms. Chapters III. to XIII. contain compendious statements of legal principles and rules of more frequent application to mining matters, arranged under such topics as contracts, leases, licenses, workings, aliens and foreign corporations, grants, water, support, taxation, wrongful abstraction, and criminal offences. Chapters XIV. to XIX., inclusive, reproduce the various Provincial and Dominion statutes and regulations in regard to mines and minerals, with notes and comments on the decided cases thereunder, dealing with a selection from the English, American and Australian authorities, wherever analogy would permit of that course being adopted. The notes on the mining laws of the various Provinces appear, from the preface, to have been revised by eminent counsel in each Province, and may therefore be regarded as able and accurate expositions of the laws dealt with.

The appendices, of which there are three, contain the text of a considerable number of statutory enactments not dealt with directly in the text of the work, and apparently completely covering the wide field of subjects kindred to that of mining. They likewise contain a comprehensive list of forms, and a useful glossary of mining terms. The index is particularly well arranged, and very exhaustive, and adds largely to the practical utility of the work.

Taking into consideration the intricacy of the subjects dealt with, the multiplicity, under diverse systems of jurisprudence, of the decisions commented on, and the complicated character of the legislation, Imperial, Dominion and Provincial, discussed, it may be that some criticism will be offered after a more minute examination, but it may safely be said that the authors and publishers have done their work in a highly creditable manner, and have given us a complete and authentic treatise on a subject which touches a great and growing industry.

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*The Laws of Insurance*, by JAMES BIGGS PORTER, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-law, etc., assisted by W. F. CRAIES, M.A., and T. S. LITTLE, M.A., Barrister-at-law; Third Edition. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Temple Bar, 1898.

The aim of the author was to produce a book of moderate size, containing in one volume the whole law of insurance (except marine), viz., life, fire, accident and guarantee insurance. The success which the first and second editions met with has proved the value of this work. A third edition has now been called for, which contains about 200 new cases, with some alterations in the text. This work is well known and appreciated in this country, and especially so as, in addition to English, Scotch, Irish and American authorities, it contains a number of cases in our Canadian Courts. We would, however, suggest to the reader to note on p. 213 the recent decision of *Darling v. Insurance Companies*, 33 C.L.J. 439, which collects and very intelligently discusses the authorities as to price of stock in trade, and how the insurers' liability is affected by their loss by fire after contract made to sell them at retail prices.