
Book Reviews.

Canadian Annual Digest (1897), by CHARLES H. MASTERS, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Reporter of the Supreme Court of Canada, and CHARLES MORSE, Esq., LL.B., Barrister-at-Law, Reporter of the Exchequer Court of Canada: Toronto, 1898. Canada Law Journal Company.

The second annual digest, by the authors above named, will need no recommendation with those who have tested the usefulness of the volume for 1896. To others we would say that it covers all the reported cases of the year in the Dominion and Provincial Courts, and that the arrangement of the cases are most satisfactory. The work should be found in the office of every practising lawyer. A valuable feature is the table of cases affirmed, reversed and specially considered, and there is included in the digest the cases published in the CANADA LAW JOURNAL, *Canadian Law Times*, and *La Revue de Jurisprudence*, not officially reported.

Canadian Criminal Cases (Annotated); a series of reports of criminal and quasi-criminal cases in the Courts of Canada and of the provinces thereof. Edited by W. J. TREMEAR, of the Toronto Bar. Toronto, 1898. Canada Law Journal Company.

The first number of the above series has just been published, and a perusal of its 128 pages shows its great utility, and gives promise of the volumes of the series becoming the standard work of reference for Canadian practitioners on the branch of law to which it pertains. The annotations show great care and accuracy in their compilation, and reflect a large measure of credit upon the editor, a well known member of the Toronto Bar. The concise arrangement of the head-notes in numbered paragraphs, setting forth the points of law decided, without the repetition from the case itself of the statement of facts, is a marked improvement upon the method in vogue in many of the provinces. These reports, covering as they do the criminal decisions throughout the whole Dominion, whether officially reported or not, will be exceedingly valuable alike to judges, lawyers and magistrates, and it is hoped that this publication may assist in forwarding the ever growing movement towards the formation of a uniform Canadian jurisprudence, by collecting together the many cases which would remain practically unknown, except in the locality or province in which they arose. The typographical part of the work is of the very best.

A Treatise on the Law of Indirect and Collateral Evidence, by JOHN H. GILLET, Judge Thirty-first Judicial Circuit of Indiana; Indianapolis and Kansas City. The Bowen-Merrill Co., 1897.

The *raison d'être* of this book is not very evident. The preface does not much help us; it is there claimed to be a work of original investigation, but we have no further assistance in this regard, except that it is stated that the chapter on Collateral Evidence is a contribution to a subject which has never received systematic discussion, and that it has been the author's endeavour to