

Book Reviews.

The Civil Code of Lower Canada, and the Bill of Exchange Act, 1890, with all statutory amendments verified, collated and indexed, by ROBERT STANLEY WEIR, D.C.L., of the Montreal Bar: Montreal, C. Theoret, Law Publisher, 11 and 13 St. James Street, 1893.

The publisher claims that this is the most accurate English edition of the Code yet published. The concordance of the Code of Civil Procedure and the Code of Napoleon, is to be found at the foot of each article. This compilation will no doubt be of great use to our professional brethren in the Province of Quebec, as well as to those in other provinces who are interested in codified law. This again brings to one's mind the wish that there might be one law for every province of this Dominion.

The Principles of Equity, by EDMUND H. T. SNELL, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law; 12th Edition, by ARCHIBALD BROWNE, M.A., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law: London, Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Temple Bar, 1898

This book is stated to be "for the use of students and the profession." It is not necessary to introduce it to either one or the other in this country. Students have now, and for many years have had to study it in the Law School, or for the Bar examination, and a leader of the Bar recently remarked "I must have it, as I like to read it occasionally." The mere fact that it is in its 12th edition is sufficient evidence of its value. We scarcely join with the author in his regret that the size of the book has been materially increased. We presume his sorrow arises from a desire to keep the work within the smallest possible compass. That he has presented the subject in the most simple and condensed form in this edition as in previous ones, may be taken for granted.

Living Age.—In its issue for May 28, the *Living Age* will begin the publication of the most striking English serial of the year, "John Splendid," by Neil Munro, now in course of publication in Blackwood's Magazine. The *Living Age* has bought the right to print this story from the owners of the American copyright, and will continue its publication in weekly instalments until it is completed.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

NEGLIGENCE—OBSTRUCTION IN STREET.—A foot passenger in a city is not limited to travelling on the sidewalks or crosswalks. He may, while exercising due care in so doing, walk along or across a street, and may leave the sidewalk at such points as suits his convenience; and he has a right to presume, and act upon the presumption, that the street is reasonably safe and free from dangers to travellers for its entire width. (*Heckman v. Evenson* [N. Dak.], 73 N.W. Rep. 427.)