

Digest of Insurance Cases, embracing the Decisions of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the United States and the Supreme Courts of the various States and Foreign Countries upon Disputed Points in Fire, Life, Marine, Accident, and Assessment Insurance, and Fraternal Benefit Orders, together with a Reference to Annotated Insurance Cases in Editorials in Law Journals on Insurance cases for the year ending October 1st, 1888. v JOHN A. FINCH. Indianapolis: Rough Notes Publishing Company.

This publication is of value to the profession, and will be more so if continued with regularity. One would hardly suppose that all the cases contained in the reports referred to in the title page could be included in a volume of 100 pages. We presume, however, that it is as stated. An index at the end of the volume gives the arrangement of the subjects, and an appendix gives the Law Periodical from which the cases are taken.

The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada from 1791 to the Present Time.
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We can readily believe that, as the author says in the opening sentence of the preface, writing the lives of the Judges have been to him a work of love as well as of duty. Our author's well-known interest in the early history of the Province led him to publish sketches of the lives of some half-dozen of the early Judges in *The Magazine of Western History* and the accounts thus begun readily expanded into the present handsome volume. It is fortunate that the labor of recording so many interesting and valuable facts as are contained in the work before us, fell to the lot of one to whom it was so congenial, and whose experience and patient industry so well qualified him for it.

The introductory chapter deals with the period from the Conquest to the Constitutional Act, and narrates the changes that were made in the law and its administration during that time. But it is with the lives of successive Judges in their judicial capacity, and as public men influencing the progress of the Province, that the book has mostly to do. Of the Judges as men in private life little is said. A natural curiosity based on that human sympathy which leads everybody to take an interest in his fellow-beings, would cause most readers to wish that the occasional glimpses furnished them of the man beneath the Judge's robes had been more numerous. The array of facts collected and arranged here, relating to the early days of the Province, and to some of those most active in giving form to its institutions and guiding its course, is a valuable contribution to our historical knowledge. Few Canadians can read this book without making extensive additions to their knowledge of the history of the most important Province of their country. We venture the opinion, however, that many lay readers would willingly forego some few of the many accounts of important trials in which