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printed matter; and again on turning to the Rules, we find on page 630 *et seq.*, a short but comprehensive and compact *resumé* of the law respecting security for costs—and these are only a few out of many instances that could be referred to under this head.

As to the merits of the work itself it is scarcely necessary for us to add our meed of praise to that accorded to the first edition by all parties who have had occasion either to criticise or to use it, but we can say that the present edition is in every respect superior to the first, as well as to the number of acts annotated, as to the number of decisions collected and analysed and the mode of arranging them, the compactness of the information given and the correctness of the citations and authorities, the number of which is immense, there being no less than over 8,500 cases referred to throughout the work. Of one thing the editor may well feel no little gratification, namely, that when in the prior edition he hazarded an opinion as to what the decision would be likely to be on any doubtful point, or suggested an interpretation of any clause in the act, the views expressed have in every instance within our knowledge been borne out by judicial authority.

The contents are: The Common Law Procedure Act (Con. Stat. U. C. cap. 22); Writs of Mandamus and Injunction (Con. Stat. U. C. cap. 23); Absconding Debtors (Con. Stat. U. C. cap. 25); Ejectment (Con. Stat. U. C. cap. 27); The Common Law Procedure Amendment Acts (Stat. Can. 29, 30 Vic. cap. 42, and Stat. Ont. 31 Vic. cap. 24); Executions against Goods and Lands (Stat. Ont. 31 Vic. cap. 25). The Law Reform Act (Stat. Ont. 32 Vic. cap. 6); The Law Reform Amendment Acts (Stat. Ont. 33 Vic. cap. 7, and Stat. Ont. 33 Vic. cap. 8); *Regulæ Generales* (as to Attorneys, Practice, Pleadings, and Miscellaneous). We should have been glad if the act respecting arrest and imprisonment for debt had been within the limits prescribed to himself by the Editor, so that we might have had the benefit of his learning and industry in respect to an important act not hitherto annotated, but when we have so much it is scarcely fair to expect more, and though it would have made the work more complete, it does not form part of the original Common Law Procedure Act, as annotated by Mr. Harrison in his first edition.

The above observations suggest the question

—Why do not some other members of the profession, especially among the juniors, take up this or some other act and collect and arrange the cases bearing upon it. Young men in England bring themselves into notice by such a useful and beneficial occupation of their spare time as this; and now that the profession is filling up so fast, and the competition becoming greater, the industrious and the ambitious will in this, as in other ways, come to the front.

A table that precedes the work gives each section of the English Common Law Procedure Acts and the corresponding section of the Canadian Act. This will be of much use as well to English as to Canadian Subscribers, and adds much to the completeness of the volume.

The Editor in the preface acknowledges the assistance received from Mr. F. J. Joseph, who superintended the passing of the work through the press, and who verified all the cases to which reference is made in the notes; and this has been done with the most commendable care, patience and exactitude. The preparation of the Index was entrusted to Mr. Wethey, and is full and reliable.

This is but a short notice of the second edition of a book of the practical importance that this is to the profession here, but it is really unnecessary to say more, or further to examine the contents of the volume, when it is already in the hands of the bulk of our readers; if any have it not, it is because their business is not sufficient to make it of importance to have the proper material to carry it on with ease or safety; but the workers amongst us have for some years been looking for and hoping soon to see the work now before them, and though expecting much have not been disappointed.

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The contents of this number are as follows: The North Eastern Fisheries; Expert Testimony; The Bar Association of the City of New York; Digest of the English Law Reports; Selected Digest of State Reports; Digest of Cases in Bankruptcy; Book Notices; List of Law Books Published in England and America since January, 1871; Summary of Events; Correspondence, &c.