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PUBLICATIONS.

LE CODE CIVIL ANNOTÉ, by E. Lef. de Bellefeuille, Esq., Advocate. Beauchemin & Valois, publishers, Montreal.

The new edition which Mr. De Bellefeuille has prepared of his work upon the Civil Code, comes before the public vouched for by authority so high that the members of the profession will not require any further commendation of it to induce them to accept it as a valuable aid in their labors. The author adopted the plan of communicating advance sheets of his work to the judges, and to several leading members of the profession, and these gentlemen unite in bearing testimony in emphatic terms to the general excellence of the plan, and to the ability with which it has been carried out. However, for the benefit of those who may not have seen these letters, it may be desirable to notice briefly the contents of the work.

The plan followed by Mr. De Bellefeuille is to give first the text of the Code, with the amendments made by the legislature; then to reproduce such statutes as modify any of the articles. To the text of each article is appended a reference to the authorities that treat of the respective subjects. Lastly, the decisions of the courts interpreting or bearing upon each article are collated and stated in concise terms. This plan entailed no inconsiderable labor upon the author, especially when executed with the fidelity and accuracy which are apparent throughout the work, and which are eulogized by the learned chief justice of the Queen's Bench in the following terms: "Je puis lui rendre ce témoignage que tout l'ouvrage me paraît fait avec le plus grand soin, et que les citations, en autant qu'il m'a été possible de les vérifier, sont justes et applicables aux différents articles qu'elles servent à expliquer." Besides the references to reported decisions, Mr. De Bellefeuille has taken the trouble to include in his book a considerable number of unreported cases, from notes communicated to him by the Chief Justice and others,—a feature which adds materially to the value of the compilation.

The system of citation followed in this province has been somewhat irregular, and we cannot say that we like the mode adopted by Mr. Bellefeuille of indicating the number of the volume by Roman letters. VIII L.C.R. for 8 L.C.R.; III R.L. for 3 R.L., &c., seems to be clumsy as well as unnecessary, and if the punctuation is not carefully observed, might lead to confusion. The common mode of putting the number of the volume before the contraction of the title, and the number of the page after it, with both numbers expressed in figures, involves no obscurity, and is much more easily written. However this is a small detail in no way affecting the value of the work which Mr. De Bellefeuille has presented to the profession, at the cost of much labor and time—a sacrifice which under the circumstances affecting legal authorship in this province, can meet with but scant reward.

THE CRIMINAL LAW MAGAZINE; F. D. Linn & Co., Jersey City.

The March number of this new magazine is fully on a par with the excellence of its predecessor, and justifies its claim to a place in the front rank of legal literature. We remark especially the Digest of recent criminal cases, drawn from many sources, and comprising forty-one pages. This alone is worth more than the subscription to every lawyer with business in the criminal courts.

NOTES OF CASES.

SUPERIOR COURT.

MONTREAL, March 20, 1880.

LOVETT V. THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY CO.
OF CANADA.

Railway—Accident at street crossing—Contributory negligence—Burden of proof.

MAOKAY, J., said that this was an action of damages against the Grand Trunk Company, resulting from an accident which occurred on the line at the crossing on Ann Street, in the city of Montreal. The plaintiff while driving across the track was struck by a locomotive and severely injured. The case was very similar to an action brought by one *Rolland* some time ago against the same company. *Rolland*