

## PUBLICATIONS.

LE DROIT CIVIL CANADIEN.—By P. B. MIGNAULT, Esq., Q.C.; publisher, C. Theoret, Montreal. Vol. 2.

The appearance of the second volume of Mr. Mignault's work recalls attention to its general scope and plan. For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the first volume it may be stated that it is a treatise on the civil law of this province, based on the text of Moulton's *Répétitions Ecrites sur le Code Civil* as far as that is applicable, but it also contains a large amount of original matter—probably one third of the whole being new. The formidable nature of the undertaking will be appreciated when it is remembered that with the exception of the unfinished work of the late Judge T. J. J. Loranger, there is no general treatise on the civil law of this province. Under the circumstances it was necessary to enter upon ground almost unexplored and to make extensive researches into the origin and history of the law.

The first volume opens with an introduction of 57 pages, in which special attention is given to the sources of French and Canadian law, and to the preparation of our civil code. Then follows the Preliminary Title, and the first five Titles of Book I, concluding with marriage. The Titles comprised in the second volume are from the 6th to the 11th of the first book, and the first three Titles of the second book. The subjects treated are separation from bed and board; filiation; paternal authority; minority, tutorship and emancipation; majority, interdiction, curatorship and judicial advisers; and corporations. And in the second book of the Code the subjects discussed are: The distinction of things; ownership and usufruct, use and habitation. The work, as already stated, is based on the *Répétitions Ecrites* of Frederic Moulton, but considerable modifications and additions have been made, and some of the titles, such as that on corporations, are wholly original. The commentary on the subject of separation from bed and board is in great part new. A number of important decisions bearing on this branch of the law have been rendered by our courts, and these are noted and analyzed. The title of filiation also presents a number of interesting questions, and the reader will find the latest cases—such as *Lahay v. Lahay*—noticed and discussed. Paternal authority is a subject which has not yet given rise to a large number of controversies in our courts; nevertheless, several interesting cases have arisen,