

person cannot be both a witness and a judge in a cause which is on trial before him; and that in this case the coroner was a necessary witness. In delivering judgment the judge said: "In this case there is a dangerous precedent to be avoided. A physician, who is at the same time a coroner, in order to avoid prosecution for malpractice, would have only to call a jury and hold an inquest on the body of his victim and the law would be powerless to prevent him."

Ordered granted for writ of prohibition.

The following cases were referred to in the judgment: *Queen v. Farrant*, 57 L.J.M.C. 17; *Greenleaf on Evidence*, 14th ed., s. 369; *Reg. v. Sproule*, 14 O.R. 375; *Reg. v. Brown*, 16 O.R. 41; *People v. Miller*, 2 Park. Crim. Rep. 197; *People v. Dohring*, 59 N.Y. 374.

James Muir, Q.C., for applicant. *R. B. Bennett* for coroner.

Book Reviews.

The Rating of Mines and Quarries, by ARCHIBALD BROWN, M.A., of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law. London: Butterworth & Company, 7 Fleet street, Law Publishers, 1898.

This is a short summing up of the law of rating generally, and it has special application to mines, iron works and quarries. It has special application to the law as it stands in Great Britain, but the instances and illustrations will occasionally be found applicable in this country, and there are now many in this country, which is showing signs of being the greatest mining country in the world, who desire all information attainable in these matters.

The Law of Meetings, by GEORGE BLACKWELL, LL.B., Inner Temple, barrister-at-law. London, Butterworth & Company, 7 Fleet street, Law Publishers, 1898.

This little book relates to meetings convened for social, political and other purposes, by persons under no legal liability to hold such meetings, and meetings convened by corporate bodies, to discharge their statutory or common law duties. The profession are largely familiar with the law contained in this book, so far as it is of general application.

Outlines of Law of Torts, by RICHARD RINGWOOD, M.A., of the Middle Temple, barrister-at-law, &c. Third edition. London: Stevens & Haynes, Law Publishers, Temple Bar. 1898. 289 pp.

The first edition of this book was based upon a course of lectures on the law of torts delivered by Mr. Ringwood when lecturer on Common Law for the Council of the Incorporated Law Society. In the present edition many fresh cases of importance have been added, and the recent judgment of the House of Lords in *Allen v. Flood* (1898), App. Cas. 1, is discussed. The writer also deals with Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, and notes the decisions on the Employer's Liability Act, 1880.