

We notice that a book is now in the press on Company Law in Canada by Mr. Masten of the Ontario Bar, which is to contain the various Dominion and Provincial statutes governing companies, with references to the corresponding provisions in the Imperial acts; Notes of the Canadian and some of the leading English and American decisions on the more important branches of company law, with a number of practical forms. We have received some of the advance sheets from the publishers, the Canada Law Book Company, and the appearance of them augurs well for the usefulness of the work.

We have much pleasure in acceding to the request of the Secretary of the American Bar Association to refer to the resolution adopted at their annual meeting on August 29, as to the late Lord Russell. It speaks of his brilliant career and the high office which he so worthily filled, and recalls "the noble address which he delivered to this Association in August, 1896," and expresses the sympathy of the members of the Association with the Bench and Bar of England in so great a loss to the profession. Another minute of the same Association adopted at the same meeting refers to the banquet given in London in the ancient Hall of the Middle Temple by the Bench and Bar of England to their brethren of the Bench and Bar of the United States, and places upon record the Association's hearty acknowledgment of this fraternal act and a cordial reciprocation of the sentiment which prompted it.

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The Police Magistrate of the City of Toronto has recently from his seat on the Bench delivered himself of some very remarkable utterances. It is not a pleasant duty to criticise adversely one who holds a judicial position, especially when he is an esteemed friend and a worthy and useful citizen; but, as he deals with the legal profession in a manner which we conceive to be wholly unfair, a duty seems to be cast upon us to take up the gauntlet.

It appears that a client of a solicitor made a charge against the latter of theft, on the ground that he had retained for costs a large portion of a sum of money which she said he had received on her account. It is surprising how such a matter could ever have come before a criminal tribunal, and this in itself would seem to be an abuse of the process of the Court; but however that may be, the