

three miles of the coast of that province or in any arms of the sea and estuaries of the rivers, such right being a public right with regard to which the Dominion Parliament has exclusive legislative authority.

*Sir Robert Finlay, K.C., Lafleur, K.C., Geoffrion, K.C., and Geoffrey Lawrence, for appellants. Newcombe, K.C., Bateson, K.C., Stuart Moore, and Raymond Asquith, for respondent.*

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### Book Reviews.

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*A Commentary on the Canadian Law of Simple Contracts, with additional chapters on the Rules governing Canadian Appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and the Supreme Court of Canada.* By W. WYATT PAINE, Barrister-at-law. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Ltd., 19 Duncan Street. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Ltd., 3, Chancery Lane. 1914.

The author of the above, which claims to be the first Canadian treatise on the law on Contracts, is already favourably known to the profession as the author of a Commentary on the Law of Bailments, etc., and as the editor of the 15th and 16th editions of Chitty on Contracts and of the 3rd edition of Clerk and Lindsell on Torts. It is noteworthy that we should have to go to England for someone to write a treatise on Canadian law; but we are glad that it is so, for the work seems to be excellently well done, and the book will be found a most useful addition to our legal literature in the Dominion of Canada. It must not be forgotten, however, in this connection, that the last edition of Leake on Contracts, which is in the front rank in the elucidation of Company Law, came to us in 1912 with a Collection of Canadian Cases annotated by Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, making it in effect, though not in name, a Canadian treatise.

The author states that his principal object in the preparation of this work has been to select and exhaustively treat those matters in connection with simple contracts which are of common occurrence in business. An interesting, and, we may add, a very helpful feature of this book is that it is designed to be a companion volume to Chitty's Treatise on the Law of Contracts, and it is linked to that well known work by marginal references to those pages in the latest edition of Chitty, in which a similar point has been discussed.

The difficulties of law-book making which exist in the United States come before us in this country in the work before us.