

Book Reviews.

Negligence in Law. Third edition. (Canadian edition.) By THOMAS BEVEN, of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-law. London: Stevens & Haynes. Toronto: Canada Law Book Company, Limited, 1908.

The latest edition of Beven's great work on the law of Negligence, which has been in preparation for the last three or four years, has just issued from the press.

A special feature of this edition is that reference is made to all the important Canadian cases. The learned author has systematically gone through all our Reports, and they have been treated on the same footing as the English Reports. For example, *Blain v. Canadian Pacific Railway Co.*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 74, is cited and fully considered as to the extent of the duty of carriers to afford protection to passengers on their trains, and *Canada Woollen Mills v. Traplin*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 424, is cited as to a master's duty to his servant to prevent injury from defective appliances.

It also contains the more important American cases, which serve to illustrate not only the sharp differences which, on particular points, exist between English and American decisions, but also to shew that the broad, general principles of the law, as declared by the judges of both countries, are identical. In the author's own words, American cases must "always have a place in English treatises ambitious of excellence." Special reference is made to American authorities on points not covered by English decisions. Over 1,400 new cases have been cited and considered in this edition.

The fame and authority of Beven on the law of Negligence are such as to need no commendation. His masterly grasp and acute analysis of legal principles is not excelled by any jurist of our time. He is not content to be a mere compiler of cases and to state the law as the reports state it for him, but he has compared case with case, with a view to bringing out the principle involved, and has boldly criticised decisions which he deems to be fundamentally unsound.