

the hands of students and clerks without fear of mistakes. If not accurate to this extent, and if the forms should be found to require careful perusal and study on the part of the solicitor, the value of the work would be much impaired. Under these circumstances, it has been felt necessary to scan closely and to take time to examine the forms given by the compiler of the volume now before us.

Careful conveyancers very properly shrink from departing from well-established precedents, and the author has made himself secure in this particular by taking nearly all his forms either from Mr. Rordans' *Canadian Conveyancer*, now out of print, and largely out of date, but which was found useful in its day, or from the very complete and valuable American work of Mr. L. A. Jones. In some instances, however, Mr. Hunter has allowed errors in the forms so copied to reappear in his work, and he has not made changes which have been rendered necessary by altered circumstances. For example, the form of Bill of Sale of a Vessel, which has, apparently, been copied from Rordans', is now useless, as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, gives a form the use of which is imperative, and none other can be registered.

Again, in preparing the note on page 1 as to affidavits and declarations, the writer seems to have overlooked the Criminal Code, 1892, by which a "misdemeanour" becomes an "indictable offence." This is not material, so far as the forms are concerned; but it must further be noticed that, owing to recent legislation, the forms of declarations given in the book on pages 1, 7, and 420 are no longer correct, and they must be carefully revised before being followed, as will be seen by reference to 56 Vict., 31 (D.), assented to April 1st, 1893. Statutory declarations may now be taken before a notary public or mayor, as well as before the functionaries mentioned in Mr. Hunter's note on page 7. The forms of Articles of Clerkship and of Assignment of such articles are also defective, and do not follow the forms required by the Law Society.

There are some other matters which cannot be overlooked in the criticism of Mr. Hunter's useful book. We would refer, amongst other things, to the following:

The passing of the Act respecting the Law and Transfer of Property, R.S.O., 1887, c. 100, renders the old-fashioned verbiage describing appurtenances to lands (see Form 336) unneces-