


A great deal of detail business was transacted, and, at the close of the session, the members present were entertained at luncheon at the Rideau Club by the President of the Association. In addition to the members of the Council, the President had as his guests many of the members of the Dominion Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Judges of the Exchequer Court, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., and some of the leading members of the Ottawa Bar. There were no formal speeches, but the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, K.C., M.P., proposed the health of the President, and, after alluding to the eminent services which Sir James Aikins had rendered to the profession and to the country through his interest in the Association, remarked that one of the most gratifying features of his post as Minister of Justice was the fact that he was, by virtue of his office, the Honorary President of The Canadian Bar Association, an organization which, he asserted, had become part of our national life.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

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The Renaissance of International Law. (The Grotius Society Publications, No. 3.) By Manfred Nathan, K.C., LL.D. London: Sweet & Maxwell, Limited, 1925. Pp. 218 + IX.

Dr. Nathan explains in his preface that he was prompted to write this apologia for International Law by reason of "the period of decline" into which its observance or enforcement has fallen in our time. In Part I, the author makes a learned survey of the origin in the middle age, and subsequent growth, of a body of recognized standards of conduct *inter gentes* fairly answering to the character of legal rules, not omitting to note "phases of reaction and even of retrogression" in its history. In Part II, Dr. Nathan discusses the prospect of International Law surviving its late deposition from the seat of authority it had slowly reached at the close of the nineteenth century, and indicates the means and measures which he deems requisite for its effective restoration. He tells the world that it must hasten to profit by a study of what the principles of International Law had done for civilisation before the debacle of the Great War descended upon it, if civilisation itself is to prevail and prosper longer. The author is not without hope that the renaissance he advocates will ensue upon the present distress of nations; but he confesses that "the journey to the goal is not easy, and there are lions in the path."

Famous Canadian Trials. By Albert R. Hassard, B.C.L. Toronto: The Carswell Company, Limited, 1924.

On reading in the book before us Mr. Hassard's story of the famous *Hyams Case*, under the title of "When an Elevator Weight Caused Trouble," we are forcibly reminded of the truth of Dickens's epigram that "If there were no bad people there would be no good lawyers." The book deals wholly with a number of *causes celebres* of a criminal nature which have occurred within the Province of Ontario and its territorial waters. One who likes this sort of literature will find small cause to grumble at the manner in which the author presents the seamy side of life for his entertainment. On the other hand those who have no stomach for such things cannot assert that there is no justification for making a permanent record of them. Does not Voltaire say: "L'histoire n'est que le tableau des crimes et des malheurs" ?

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The Law of Partnership. By the Rt. Hon. Lord Lindley—ninth edition—Sweet & Maxwell Company, Limited, London: The Carswell Company, Limited, Toronto.

The recent appearance of a ninth edition of Lindley on Partnership was of course welcomed by the profession. The present edition is edited by the Hon. Walter B. Lindley, assisted by Mr. J. S. P. Mellor, and brings down to date a work which is practically essential to any active practitioner on the law.

In its original form, this work was a treatise on the Law of Partnership as applied to Companies, as well as on the law dealing with partnerships composed of individuals. It first appeared in 1860, and as the situation developed, the learned author found it necessary to divide it into two parts, one dealing with the Law of Partnership proper, and the other dealing with the Law of Companies. After the passing of The Partnership Act (1890) in England, it was thought proper to issue a new edition devoted to the Law of Partnership proper alone, and the subsequent editions have been developments of this. The adoption of the English Partnership Act by all the Provinces in Canada, excepting of course Quebec, adds to the usefulness of the work.

Appropos of a discussion which has recently been taking place as to the relative value of law books published in England and those published elsewhere, it is interesting to note the very thorough way in which this work has been prepared. As to the author himself, the deserved reputation of his book is in line with the reputation which he has achieved as a Judge. The Editor is gifted with inherited ability, and is assisted by a specialist in the work. Another specialist has prepared the Index, and still another the Table of Cases. The result is naturally for good.

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