

Introduction

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THIS IS THE FOURTH in a series dedicated to Manitoba law since the publication of the first volume in 1990¹. As in the previous three volumes, this one contains works on contemporary issues, historical perspectives, and critical commentaries on the case law and legislation of Manitoba.

Once again, Peter McCormick has submitted two articles containing a statistical analysis of Manitoba courts. The first article is a statistical analysis of the citation practices of provincial appellate courts. It expands on his articles in earlier versions of the *Law Annual* to include a study of Canadian citation practices, by examining citations to authority in the reported decisions of all ten Canadian provincial courts of appeal for the calendar year 1987. His second article is another valuable analysis of the caseload and output of the Manitoba Court of Appeal for the 1991 calendar year.

Three articles were submitted by members of the Faculty of Law, Robson Hall, University of Manitoba. Professor Lee Stuesser has written a critical analysis of four Manitoba insurance cases which were argued at the Supreme Court of Canada in the 1990s. These cases concern the following areas: liability of insurance agents, the doctrine of reasonable expectations, definition of an "accident," and good faith for insurers. Professor C.H.C. Edwards has given a review of an important practice area in his discussion of recent trust cases decided in 1993. Professor Philip Osborne has followed up on his 1988 and 1989 reviews of Manitoba tort law, by covering the wider time-frame of 1990-93.

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is hopeful that even more scholars and researchers will contribute in the future.

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