

En conclusion on peut dire du volume du professeur Dussault qu'il sera pour le droit administratif canadien et québécois ce que fut et demeure encore l'ouvrage du professeur de Smith pour le droit administratif anglais.

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CASES AND MATERIALS ON COMPANY LAW

By E. E. Palmer and D. D. Prentice; (Butterworths: Toronto), 1969; 765 pp., and (Table of Cases and Index) 16 pp.

At the outset let me express my delight with this new publication. This book, together with "Studies in Canadian Company Law" edited by Jacob S. Ziegel and the excellent new edition of Gower's "The Principles of Modern Company Law" make for a unique trilogy of teaching materials. Each is useful in its own way; "Gower", with its academic overview of the entire area of company law, "Ziegel", with its more detailed analysis of specific areas of company law, and now "Palmer and Prentice" with its judiciously selected and edited series of cases, comments and references.

The book covers all the main areas of company law in a logically sequential manner and has a nice blend of English and Canadian authorities together with a sprinkling of the leading cases from Australia and the United States. It might be my imagination, but just as the new "Gower" has been greatly influenced by Professor K. W. Wedderburn, likewise the area of corporate management and shareholder rights in this book appear to have been beneficially affected by his writing and teaching. This makes the book an even more valuable companion to Gower's new text.

I have looked at the book from a point of view of the selection of cases, editing of cases, relevance of the notes, subject matter covered, sequence of subject matter, supplementary materials, usefulness of index, quality of printing and proof reading and, except for certain personal biases as to emphasis (e.g. — I would like to have seen a few more cases dealing with the effect of an "ultra vires" transaction) the book emerges as a first rate publication.

No attempt has been made to compare this book with the original La Brie and Palmer "Cases and Materials on Company Law" because, as the authors state in the preface "the present book is, however, not merely an updating of that text . . . the structure is in most respects materially

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different and new types of material have been introduced . . .". It is therefore not a new edition but is indeed an entirely new book. Suffice it to say, I find this effort superior.

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DUTT ON THE INDIAN CONTRACT ACT, 4th Edition

By B. C. Mitra; (Eastern Law House: Calcutta). 1969, 1156 pp.

The legal classic written by Sir Dinshaw Mulla P.C., that doyen of the Bombay solicitors, on the Indian Contract Act remains the leading textbook and commentary on this topic after half a century. However, the fourth edition of A. C. Dutt's work on this subject will prove a useful volume in view of the large number of cases decided every year by the High Courts of the various states in India and the variations between the decisions in different states since 1951.

This book was originally written to provide a comparative commentary on the development of contract law in the light of Indian decisions as contrasted to cases decided by the Courts in England according to the concepts of common law in the nineteenth century. The author's original aim has been preserved by the editor of the current edition. In view of the rapidly changing circumstances in post-Independence India, and in view of twentieth century developments in the common law in England, the provisions of the Indian Contract Act would have become fossilized law were it not for the flexible interpretation given by the High Courts of different states to suit the more 'Indian' conditions prevailing in commerce today.

The editor of this edition of the book is to be complimented on his thorough research, sound study and clear presentation of all the major decisions in all the state High Courts and the Supreme Court in the past eighteen years. This book is valuable not only for its scholarly depth but also for its practical presentation of the material. The book contains ten chapters which divide the 266 sections of the Indian Contract Act into suitable topics. Each section is discussed lucidly in the light of recent judicial developments and differences in interpretation between the High Courts of various states and Supreme Court decisions. The presentation of material is particularly helpful for practicing lawyers, with the commentary in large clear type and easy to read footnotes on every page listing

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