

MILLIGAN'S CORRELATED CRIMINAL CODE & SELECTED FEDERAL STATUTES

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Milligan's Correlated Criminal Code and Selected Federal Statutes has the potential to become an invaluable tool to almost any student or practitioner wishing to learn or practice criminal law in Canada. In one volume, the user has the benefits of both a *Code* which is fully cross-referenced to other relevant and related federal statutes, and a full text of those other statutes. These other statutes — which also include references back to the *Code* — are the following: the *Interpretation Act*, the *Canadian Bill of Rights*, the *Identification of Criminals Act*, the *Canada Evidence Act*, the *Juvenile Delinquents Act*, the *Narcotic Control Act*, the *Food and Drug Act* and the *War Measures Act*.

It is readily apparent that convenience is the prime asset of this work. The skilled practitioner has a wealth of pertinent statutory material at his finger tips. The student is able to more readily perceive the conceptual and practical interrelationships of the various statutes comprising the body of Canadian criminal law. Milligan has deliberately avoided embellishing the *Code* with references to the voluminous case law in the area in order to keep the statutory focus of the work in the forefront. For this reason the book is merely an aid, albeit a very good aid, to the study and practice of criminal law; it does not eliminate the requirement of learning and understanding the judicial interpretation of these various enactments.

In addition to the actual texts of the above-named statutes, the book also contains highlighted statutory definitions of a variety of terms used throughout the various statutes, cross-references to related sections of the same, and of the other, statutes, a "System of Classification of Criminal Offences" (eg. summary conviction, dual procedure), the various schedules and forms pertinent to the *Code*, a full index of the *Code* and several blank pages throughout the book for recording hand-written notes.

Perhaps the only noticeable drawback of the book is that its size — approximately 8" x 10" — makes it somewhat awkward to handle, to carry and to shelve. I feel that this awkwardness could be rectified, without sacrificing readability or utility, by simply scaling down the work to a thicker volume measuring about 6" x 9".

Notwithstanding this very minor criticism, I feel that *Milligan's Correlated Criminal Code* has content and features which would make it a bargain even at a considerably higher price. It ranks among the very few law books whose price reflects its true value and it would be a welcome addition to virtually any law library.

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