

CHARLESWORTH'S MERCANTILE LAW, 10th Ed. By Clive M. Schmitthoff and David A. Godwin Sarre. [London: Stevens. 1963. xli + 390 pp. (incl. index). 18s. 6d. (wrapped), £1 10s. 0d. (bound).]

This useful, well-known student's text book on Mercantile Law, which last appeared in 1960, has been brought up to date by the inclusion of references to new decisions of the English Courts and to English Statutes enacted since the last edition. The aim of the book is to explain how principles of law are applied to problems that arise in the conduct of business.

A large part of the book is concerned with the law of contract. In this section the authors have not merely contended themselves with the addition of cases and statutes, but have rearranged and re-written many chapters. New chapters on Hire Purchase and Restrictive Trade Practices have been added. At the same time, obsolete material has been removed.

The subject matter is treated in a concise manner which clearly illustrates the main principles. Often cases, with the relevant facts, are added to explain the principles. This method, which may be of use to beginners, is inadequate for more advanced students. Difficulties — as in the case of exemption clauses — are inevitably obscured in this process. The authors have always intended this book to be an introduction to Commercial Law. Law students wishing to further their interest in this field will no doubt need to go on to more advanced works. However, other students, such as those sitting for examinations in accountancy, who need to have a knowledge of Mercantile Law may find in this book all that they may want to know.