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Cases on the Law of Admiralty (American Case Book Series).

By George deForest Lord and George C. Sprague. West Publishing Company, St. Paul. 1926. pp. xxxi, 837. Price \$5.50.

This is a new case book in a field of the law where no significant collection of cases has been published since the basic work, *Cases on the Law of Admiralty* by Dean Ames, which was published in 1901. This case book by Dean Ames in turn was the first significant collection of cases on the subject at the time it was published and has remained so to this day. Not only are Ames' cases more than twenty-five years old at this time; but, divided in three parts, the total volume contained only 341 pages without detailed references to articles in legal periodicals or detailed analyses of other important cases not included in full in the case book. This new case book by Professors Lord and Sprague, however, is a much more considerable work containing 837 pages. The advantage here is not only in the added number of cases given but in the fact that the foot-notes are far more elaborate than in Ames' case book and they contain detailed references to other decisions and other work of legal writers in periodicals as well as treatises. These references are largely to cases and legal writings that have occurred since the publication of the case book by Dean Ames. The whole field of the conflict between the scope of admiralty jurisdiction and the development of common law jurisdiction in the borderland cases where the action might be brought in either admiralty or

common law courts has developed for the most part since 1900 and is now of the first importance. These cases are of interest not only to the admiralty lawyer in his actual practice but to the constitutional lawyer and to the student of the development of the system of the common law (Knickerbocker Ice Co. v. Stewart, 253 U. S. 149; Southern Pacific Co. v. Jensen, 244 U. S. 205).

This case book is divided into twelve chapters dealing with Jurisdiction, Maritime Means, Right of Maritime Workers, Carriage of Goods, Charter Parties, Salvage, General Average, Marine Insurance, Pilotage, Towage, Collision, Limitation and Liability. One of the most significant parts of the volume is the appendix which covers nearly 100 pages and which contains a number of charts, maritime and comparative tables of great practical and pedagogical value. It is roughly estimated that a good deal more than half of these cases have been decided since 1901, and the date of Dean Ames' case book. The foot-notes with references to current discussions in legal periodicals are extensive. Comment upon the plan of the book and the value of the cases selected will have to be deferred to a *review* at a later time.