BOOK REVIEWS

AN INDEX-DIGEST OF DECISIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL SAFETY APPLI-
ANCE ACTS. TOGETHER WITH RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM OTHER
CASES IN WHICH THE ACTS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUED. PREPARED BY
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It is stated in the preface that the volume was prepared by direction
of the Interstate Commerce Commission "as a handbook for the con-
venience of government officials and others engaged or interested in
the administration of the so-called "Safety-Appliance Acts." The
cases arising under the Acts have been digested and placed under the
various alphabetical headings in the index. In an appendix there are
given copies of the Acts, together with unreported cases arising there-
der.

The index is, for the most part, well-arranged, the numerous cross-
references adding to its completeness. One feature, however, seems of
doubtful value, namely, placing in alphabetical order under the head-
ing "Safety Appliance Acts," brief statements of the points of law
decided thereunder. A great number of the statements begin with the
word "Act" so that as a ready reference to authorities the long list
is impracticable, while to thus give the points of law decided is but
repetition of what is given in a more complete manner in other por-
tions of the work. It would seem also that the digest of a decision
would be more valuable if given in connection with a short statement
of the facts before the Court; it may be said, however, that the
excerpts are usually of such a character as to convey a clear idea of
the points of law involved, and it may be that this is sufficient in a
"Digest of Decisions," intended not to be voluminous.

The "Index-Digest" shows evidences of careful, intelligent prepara-
tion on the part of the author, and should prove of great value not
only to those having peculiar interest in the application of the Acts, but
to the legal profession in general.

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