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I should like to thank our reviewers for their contributions to the Papers; but opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Bibliographical Society of Canada.

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The appearance of the new edition of Reynald Boulé's bibliography was eagerly awaited by anyone engaged in Canadian legal research. Since the publication of the first edition of his work in 1966, there has been no comprehensive bibliographical source available to the Canadian lawyer, law student, or librarian. Happily that gap is now filled.

One can only admire the immenseness of Mr. Boulé's undertaking. His new edition
contains some 11,000 entries — nearly double the number which appeared in his earlier work. It includes primary and secondary materials, in both official languages, from the common law jurisdictions and Quebec civil law. Under each subject heading, there are separate listings of monographs and journal articles.

It is, perhaps, in the subject approach that the Boult bibliography displays its greatest weakness. Many areas of law are grouped under general headings with no further subdivision; for example, under the topic 'Criminal and Penal Law', the researcher is faced with 63 pages of material, arranged by author, through which he must sift in order to locate relevant references. This arrangement would pose no major difficulty if the quality of the subject index were higher. Unfortunately, the coverage there is often sporadic. There are, for example, references made to articles dealing with 'sentencing' and 'writs of assistance', but no mention is made of topics such as 'insanity' or 'intoxication'. (Admittedly, the subject index is proffered as simply a guide, and one is directed to consult the analytical table of contents; but even this additional step does not aid greatly in approaching the bibliography by subject. )

The author index is generally quite good except for the fact that, in several instances, variant forms of name are used. An author with whose work I am familiar is listed twice: once as Cooper, K.D. and once as Cooper, Ken. The fact that Professor Cooper has recently been publishing under the surname Cooper-Stephenson will only add to the researcher's confusion.

Despite these criticisms, Mr. Boult's work remains an invaluable tool. It should be included in any collection that contains Canadian legal materials.

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This unwieldy and incomprehensible volume is a bibliographical junkyard. It, together with the NCC's volume The Wrights, also reviewed in this issue of the Papers, are the finest evidence this observer has yet seen favouring stringent government spending controls over such quasi-governmental bodies as the NCC or over anyone else who pours the public monies into such misguided, wasteful publications.

This volume attempts to be all things to all persons and bears the additional burden of a slavish adherence to bilingualism or, when the occasion calls, unilingualism, out of obvious political necessity. It runs needless and ineffective competition with the Union List of Manuscripts in Canadian Repositories and with any number of concise, annotated bibliographies and library and archival finding aids of whatever description (which exist in great numbers in the NCC area), as well as with certain aspects of the National Union Catalogue.