

## New References

The following new references were received by L.R.C.s since January 1978:

Q.L.R.C.: *Privacy*.

S.A.L.R.C.: *Conversion and Detinue*.

: *Evidence: Compellability and Competence of Spouse*.

V.C.J.C.: *Sale of Land on Deferred Terms*.

V.L.R.C.: *Criminal Law: Duress, Coercion and Necessity*.

## A.L.R.C. Public Hearings

### Lands Acquisition

*Adelaide*: 10 a.m., Tuesday, 18 April, 1978, Conference Room, Department of Health, 9th Floor, A.M.P. Building, 1 King William Street; *Perth*: 10 a.m., Thursday, 20 April, 1978, Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Australian Government Centre, St. Georges Terrace; *Darwin*: 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 27 April, 1978, Courtroom, Block 5, Mitchell Street; *Canberra*: 10 a.m., Monday, 1 May, 1978, Conference Room, 4th Floor, National Library of Australia; *Sydney*: 10 a.m., Wednesday, 3 May, 1978, Conference Room, 7th Floor, 99 Elizabeth Street; *Melbourne*: 10 a.m., Thursday, 4 May, 1978. Venue to be determined; *Brisbane*: 10 a.m., Monday, 22 May, 1978. Conference Room, Lower Ground Floor, Block A, Australian Government Centre, Ann Street. Persons or Organisations wishing to put views or make suggestions on this subject are invited to attend the hearings.

## Personalia

### Mr. J. Q. Ewens, C.M.G., C.B.E.

Appointed a Commissioner of the A.L.R.C. (part-time) for two years, Mr. Ewens brings with him an unrivalled knowledge of Commonwealth laws. He was educated at the University of Adelaide. He moved to Canberra in 1933 and began a career, during which he was First Parliamentary Counsel, Acting Solicitor-General and Acting Head of the Attorney-General's Department. He led an Australian Delegation to an International Conference on Industrial Property and took a leading part in the Woodhouse Inquiry into National Compensation and Rehabilitation in Australia. Appointed at the same time, as a part-time Member for one year, was Mr. M. R. Wilcox Q.C. See [1978] *Reform* 20.

### Mr. F. C. Muldoon, Q.C.

Mr. Francis Muldoon Q.C., of Winnipeg, has taken up duties as Vice-Chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Canada. Graduating from the University of Manitoba, Mr. Muldoon practised in Winnipeg from 1956 until 1970, when he was appointed Chairman of the Manitoba L.R.C. His special interests are criminal justice, constitutional law, and insurance law.

### Mr. W. A. B. Forbes, Q.C.

Mr. William Forbes has been appointed a Law Commissioner for England and Wales. Educated at St. Andrews and Oxford, he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1953. He was a tenant of chambers headed at one time by Lord Scarman. He was prosecuting counsel in a number of company matters. His appointment is for a term of five years to succeed Mr. Justice Hodgson. In January 1978 he was appointed a member of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure (see p. 29).

### Mr. Neville Crago

The new Chairman of the W.A.L.R.C. is Mr. N. H. Crago, a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Western Australia. He succeeded, on 17 February 1978, Mr. E. G. Freeman, whose term as Chairman expired. Born in Victoria, Mr. Crago holds the degrees B.A., LL.M.(Melb.), LL.M.(Yale). He was a Stirling Fellow at Yale University. He moved to Western Australia in 1966 and is editor of the *Uni.W.A. Law Review*.

### University Reformers

Sir Oliver Gillard, Chairman of the V.C.J.C., was, on 8 March 1978, elected Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. He has been a Supreme Court Judge since 1962. Professor J. D. Heydon completed his term as a Commissioner of the N.S.W.L.R.C. on 31 January. He has returned to the Sydney University Law School as Dean, from 1 February. Professor Heydon continues to assist the N.S.W.L.R.C. in completing important projects on evidence reform. Professor Colin Howard has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne. Author of leading texts on constitutional and criminal law, he is a consultant to the A.L.R.C. in several projects.

### Staff Changes

Mr. Daryl Gunter has been seconded to the A.L.R.C. by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Canberra. He holds the degrees LL.B.(Syd.), LL.M.(Lond.). His initial period of secondment is six months and he is working on the Aboriginal Customary Laws reference. Miss Susanne Tongue has been appointed to a vacancy as Senior Law Reform Officer. She holds the degrees B.A., LL.B.(A.N.U.) with first-class honours in law. She is working on the Insurance Contracts Reference. Miss Susan Pattison has been appointed as Associate to the A.L.R.C. Chairman. She holds the degrees B.A.(Syd.), LL.B.(N.S.W.). Her training in anthropology will be used in a number of the A.L.R.C. references. The new Secretary of the N.S.W.L.R.C. is Mr. Bruce Buchanan, who has been appointed in the place of Mr. Fentin McEvoy. Correspondence to the N.S.W.L.R.C. should be addressed to Mr. Buchanan.

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