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This is a symposium issue on mechanics' liens. The original California statutes underwent wholesale revision in 1911. Since 1911 there have been amendments almost yearly to meet the changing conditions of the expanding building industry. As a result of constant amendment the mechanics' lien laws have become a labyrinth for even the most competent specialists.

One of the most confusing areas is the problem of priorities between mechanics' lien holders and other claimants. John J. Hopkins discusses this area and points out many interesting problems.

Robert B. Bottomley has done a detailed analysis of mechanics' lien notice requirements. Mr. Bottomley has not only analyzed the problems and suggested solutions, but he has also drawn up suggested statutes which are contrasted with existing statutes.

The third article deals with the limitation of the owner's liability. In this well reasoned article, John H. Barnard has proposed solutions which will be helpful to the practitioner and legislator.

The California Supreme Court's decision in *A-1 Door & Materials Co. v. Fresno Guar. Sav. & Loan Ass'n* is discussed by Dimitri K. Ilyin. Mr. Ilyin goes into the potentially far-reaching ramifications of the case.

Following the lead articles are student comments and notes on mechanics' liens and miscellaneous case notes. And finally we have an incisive book review by Albert Shults.

The issue editor extends his thanks to those members of the legal profession and the Law Journal Staff who have made the issue on the dynamic field of mechanics' liens possible.

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