

PREFACE.

IN the course of a very extensive business in the collection of past due debts, extending over the last ten years, the necessity has been constantly apparent to us for a work of the character herewith presented. In the daily experience of every Merchant and Manufacturer, legal questions arise, which, though of hardly sufficient importance to justify the consultation with a professional adviser, nevertheless possess interest enough to induce the constant need of some authority in which satisfactory answers can be found. The volume herewith presented is designed to meet that end. It has been the object of the compilers, while giving the fullest information in detail, on the vital points of Commercial Law, to avoid technicalities, and otherwise it is believed that the work, as presented, will not only be found useful, but interesting.

Mr. J. W. Rooklidge, for many years connected with the Collection Department of the Mercantile Agency, has designed and published the work, under our sanction. In the compilation, he was indebted to the following legal gentlemen for their respective portions of the work, who have certainly acquitted themselves in a manner highly creditable to their professional and literary skill: C. B. Price, LL. B., of Britton & Price, Kingston; John Popham, Montreal; and Messrs. Palmer & McLeod, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

If the work meets with the encouragement anticipated, it is the intention of the Publisher to issue, periodically, a new edition, containing all the amendments to the Laws which may be, from time to time, made, and such other additions as may be deemed appropriate.

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