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NOTICE.

THE materials from which the following Index is compiled, were collected in the course of the revision and classification of the Statutes of Canada, with a view to their subsequent consolidation, in cases where consolidation might be found desirable. The classification is indeed carried out in the Index, and the result of the revision is also given as far as *whole Acts* are concerned. The Statutes upon each particular subject, and those relating to each class of subjects are indicated; and with regard to each Act, it is also shewn whether it affects the whole Province, or Upper Canada or Lower Canada, only, or any particular locality in either, or is personal or private, whether it is in force or not, and if in force, whether it is permanent or temporary: even if a very large portion is not in force though some part is, this fact is indicated.

I had intended in the second part to note the effect of the later on the earlier Acts more fully, and to mention every section or provision repealed or altered, in the form I adopted in the Tables relative to the Statutes of Lower Canada, and had the materials in great part ready; but having lost a large portion of the manuscript by the fire on the 1st February last, I was unable to do this by the opening of the present Session; and knowing the want of an Index to be urgent, I determined, with the permission of the Government to print the work at once in its present form. As regards the Local, Personal and Private Acts, which form more than two thirds of the whole, it contains all that the Index to the Revised Statutes of Upper or Lower Canada contain with reference to similar Acts. To the Public General Acts in force, a fuller Index, like those to similar Acts in the Revised Statutes, is desirable, and will be made. But as the same necessity exists for reprinting the Acts themselves, which existed at the time of the Union for reprinting those in the Revised Statutes, and as each Division of them, that is, those affecting the whole Province, those affecting Upper, and those affecting Lower Canada, could be put into a volume of an average of 800 pages, instead of being scattered through the Acts of eleven Sessions, the whole of which very few persons possess, it will perhaps be deemed advisable to reprint them, and the Index to each Volume will then come in its proper place, and refer to the pages of the reprint instead of referring to those of the present ten volumes, or citing the provisions awkwardly by Reign, Chapter and Section. The Revised Statutes in force, if not included in the reprint, could easily be referred to in the Index.

I have had to superintend the printing of the work during the hurry of a Session, and claim indulgence if any errors of the press have passed uncorrected. The work will probably be re-printed after the Session, and shall be happy to receive notice of and to correct any error which may be found in it.

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