

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

The passing of the Consolidated Municipal Institutions Act by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario last year, rendered it necessary for the Editor to issue a New Edition of the Municipal Manual.

He devoted his vacation of last year to the preparation of the Edition which is now submitted to the Profession and the Public.

He has done his best to make the notes of decided cases full and complete. A comparison of this with the former Editions of the Manual will show that most of the notes have been re-written. The best use possible has been made of all decided cases bearing on the construction of the sections annotated. Two hundred decided cases were noted in the First Edition, published in 1859. Six hundred cases were noted in the Second Edition, published in 1867. And no less than three thousand seven hundred cases have been noted in this the Third Edition.

One feature of the present Edition of the Manual which distinguishes it from the preceding Editions is the copious reference to the decisions of the Courts of the several States of the United States of America. For this the Editor is mainly indebted to the able Treatise on the Law of Municipal Corporations published by Hon. John F. Dillon, LL.D., the Circuit Judge of the United States for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. This Treatise opened up to the Editor such a mine of Municipal wealth that he has not hesitated, with the full permission of Judge Dillon, to avail himself of such of the United States' decisions as appeared to be of interest in this Province. The Editor has given to Judge Dillon a similar privilege so far, as the Canadian decisions annotated in this Edition of the Manual are concerned.

In the preparation of this and the former Editions of the Municipal Manual the Editor has acquired considerable experience in Municipal law. This, added to the knowledge acquired in Municipal cases in