

PREFACE.

THE present edition of the Index of the Statutes is intended as a supplement to the edition of 1874. It embraces all the Dominion Statutes subsequent to 1873, and all Orders in Council, Imperial Acts, Treaties, &c., which have been published with the Statutes; all the Statutes of the Ontario Legislature from 1874 to the Revised Statutes; and all the Statutes of the Quebec Legislature between the years 1872 and 1876. The Index has been published with the conviction that the difficulty in dealing with the Statutes principally lay in the impossibility of recollecting in which, of the great number of, volumes any desired Statute might be found. The difficulty was not in turning to any enactment in the Consolidated Statutes, but in ascertaining whether there had not been some amendment of that enactment, and, if so, where it could be found. For this reason, the former editions did not contain any reference to Statutes in the Consolidations, and for a similar reason the present volume, so far as the Ontario Statutes are concerned, stops short of the Revised Statutes. It is believed that, with an Index of all the Statutes between the Consolidated and Revised Statutes, the Practitioner will have all that is necessary or desirable. It is still important that these Statutes should have one general Index, because of the vast number of them which find no place in the volumes of the Revised Statutes. In addition to all the Acts relating to Incorporations (Banks, Railways, Loan Companies, &c., &c.,) there are many of a more general character which have not been consolidated. A statement of them may be found in Appendix C to the second volume of the Revised Statutes.

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