

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

The necessity for a new edition of this book within five years after the last edition was issued, has been caused principally by the many changes in the Rules and the sections of the Judicature Act which apply particularly to county courts, as well as by amendments to the County Courts Act itself. These changes have rendered many parts of the former edition, not only useless, but misleading. For instance, section 21 of the Act of 1910, and all Rules and sections of the Judicature Act providing for trials of supreme court actions in county courts, and of county court actions in the supreme court, were swept away in the last revision. This necessitated the omission of pages 61 to 66, and rendered several of the former forms obsolete.

By section 48 of the "County Courts Act," as it was drafted by the revisers in 1910, and as it was read a first and second time during the session of that year, sections 9, 10 and 11 of "The Unorganized Territory Act," which gave certain additional jurisdiction to district courts, were to be repealed, but on the third reading, this repeal was struck out. Subsequently, however, this repeal was effected by section 46 of the "Statute Amendment Act" of the same session, thus making the jurisdiction of the county and district courts exactly similar, as was intended by the revisers. It was only after the issue of the second edition that this latter legislation came to the knowledge of the author, and this has necessitated the cancelling of pages 98 to 102 of that edition.

The amendments made by 2 Geo. V. c. 17, s. 11 (4) to section 40 of the County Courts Act of 1910, on the lines suggested by the author's notes at page 140 of the second edition, necessitated the remodelling of pages 139 to 146 of that edition, and the omission of some of the decisions and references therein contained. The repeal