

authorities, had undergone no revision. The type, according to the contract with the printers, had been kept standing, some portions of it for years, and had, therefore, been subject to the dangers, of meddling and of accident, which occur in course of time, even in the most regularly conducted printing houses, including, in this instance, a removal of the matter from Quebec to Ottawa. For this reason, the present edition will be found free from many errors contained in the French pocket edition, in which the authorities are taken from the Second Edition of the Reports.

It must not be supposed that all these authorities are in support of the text; some are directly opposed to the articles above them. As already stated, they are the authorities consulted by the Commissioners, and nothing more. In this edition, moreover, authorities given in the Reports under articles of old law, have been in many instances transferred to the corresponding articles of new law, (contained between brackets), whenever it was considered that they might be of use, by saving the trouble of a reference to the reports themselves.

It will be well also to notice that many authorities, from statutes for instance, although law at the date of the reports containing them, were no longer so when the Code came into force; and that others are no longer applicable by reason of the articles having been modified or changed by the Legislature. Their application may however be traced by referring to the article as it is drafted in the Reports.

#### THE SYNOPSIS

is a revised edition of the one already published by the writer, and which constitutes the main portion of the *Précis* published in the French edition already alluded to.

#### THE REFERENCES TO THE REPORTS

at the foot of each article, apply to the Second Edition of these Reports, which was published in three numbers or volumes. The Roman numerals indicate the volume, and the figures are those of the page in which the article will be found.