

Plans of various City properties—the Market Block, St. Lawrence Arcade, St. Lawrence Market, Exhibition Grounds, Water Lots, etc., were given in the former volume, but new ones have been prepared for the present edition, bringing down the information therein contained to the date of this Consolidation.

A feature of the present Consolidation to which reference may here be made is the insertion at pp. lxvii to lxii of a list of the special Statutes affecting the City of Toronto, omitting, of course, those Statutes which affect our City in common with the rest of the Province. This list includes those Acts of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper and Lower Canada, and Canada after the Union, and of the Province of Ontario, which relate especially to the Town of York and the City of Toronto. It was felt that such a list would be an appropriate and valuable introduction to the body of the By-laws in force, as exhibiting in a compendious form the statutory authority for much of our municipal legislation, and also as a means of ready reference to enactments which should be read in connection with the By-laws, in order properly to understand the circumstances under which many of the latter were passed, and to obtain a general idea of the successive phases of our civic history and progress.

In one other important particular the present Consolidation differs from that of 1866-70, viz., in the omission from the body of the work of the titles of all repealed By-laws, and the text of what are known as "Local Improvement By-laws," viz., those passed under sections 464-7 of 36 Vict. cap. 48, or the corresponding sections of 29-30 Vict. chap. 51.

These By-laws, 105 in number, are in nearly every case for the construction of sewers, the cost of which is to be repaid to the City Treasury by an annual special rate in the dollar upon the property "to be immediately benefited" by the proposed work. They are all drawn according to one set form, and by a somewhat arbitrary rule the "property to be immediately benefited," has been assumed to be in nearly every