

that nothing but that Order would have justified my attempting to do in so short a period. Had I not been partly prepared before with a view to revision in another form, I should not have dared to attempt it.

The rule I have adopted in framing the Index, is to refer to all the sections of each Public General Act which are in force, under some one title, making that title the *most special* which would embrace all the provisions; and to cite any of them which come properly under other titles, either by repeating them under such titles, or by reference to that embracing the whole Act, as might seem best; and it will be found very useful to bear this in mind in using the work. Thus the title "Administration of Justice" does not contain those Acts the whole scope of which could be included under a more special title, as "Prerogative Writs," &c., but only such as embraced too many subjects to be included under any smaller title; and every provision connected with the Administration of Justice can only be found by reference to the classification of titles in the Supplement. In an Index referring to so many volumes I held it highly desirable to mention every section in force, and to make the work much fuller than I should have done if it had been annexed to a volume containing the Acts referred to, in which case I should also have reversed the plan, making the reference to the titles including whole Acts short, and giving the details under the incidental titles. As regards the Local and Private Acts, the references are, as in the Index to the Revised Statutes of Upper Canada, to the Acts only, and not to their provisions. To have done more than this would have been impossible in the time, while it would have swelled the work to inordinate dimensions; nor did the Order of the House require or justify more.

The Classification is carried out in the Supplement, and will, I think, be found very useful, not only by those who wish to find *all* the Statute Law on any of the larger subjects; but also as a help in various other ways. There are many Acts which no two persons would enter under the same title—but the class to which they belong can scarcely be mistaken, nor the right title among those in that class. The classification also binds the titles of the Index together and completes them: every provision bearing upon a subject cannot (as I have above remarked) always be entered under one title, and from my being compelled to give part of the work to the printer before the whole could be finally revised, it may sometimes happen that a provision omitted under a title under which it would have been strictly right to refer to it, has been entered under another either of the same import or nearly related to it; and I strongly advise those who wish to find the whole law upon any subject, to look at least at the titles nearly connected with it in the same class. A classification might have been devised more logically correct and more special—thus the titles relating to "Procedure" might be divided into "before trial"—"at trial"—"after trial"—and so of the rest: but I found that the Acts themselves (and therefore the titles referring to them) generally embraced too many matters for this arrangement, and that practically the best division I could devise was that which I have adopted.

Under the class of Criminal or Penal Law I have included those titles where the main object of the provisions referred to is to prevent the doing of some act which is contrary to the public good; although the punishment imposed, is only a pecuniary penalty; but I have not included those where the penalty is merely incidental, as in the title "Militia" for instance.

The second part of the Supplement contains an Index to the Acts (not the provisions) which have for any reason been omitted in the main Index. Where the Act is a public general one, its insertion in this part indicates that it is either expressly or impliedly repealed or superseded, or has expired. But local and personal or private Acts, which have not been expressly repealed, have generally been referred to briefly in the main Index; and though many of them may be virtually superseded by others or effete by the accomplishment of their object, yet they may still affect some title, claim or right; and their insertion is merely