

into further details. An Act, the special purpose of which is confined to Lower Canada, is omitted in the Index, and merely referred to in the Tables by the words "Lower Canada" opposite the number of its chapter.

A later Act upon the same subject as a former one is considered as amending it, although it may merely make additional provisions upon the subject without actually repealing any thing in the prior Act: and it has been deemed convenient under the first Act upon any subject, to refer to all the Acts relating specially to the same subject.

Acts repealed by permanent Acts which have themselves been afterwards repealed, are treated as not revived by such repeal, although the usual form of words for preventing doubts as to the revival may have been omitted, unless there is something to shew the intention of the Legislature that the repealed Act should revive.

As regards Acts supposed to be "EFFETE" because nothing more remains to be done under them, the remarks in the Notice prefixed to the Index are applicable; the word merely expresses an opinion that such is in all probability the case.

When no part of an Act is deemed to be in force, this opinion is expressed and the reason assigned; but for greater facility of reference, the subject (or some part of it) of an Act supposed to be wholly or partly in force, is printed in Capitals, and the Chapter in Roman Numerals. The date of the Royal Assent is given after the subject, except where it is the same as that of the next preceding chapter or chapters, in which case it is not repeated.

It would now be an easy task to collect together and reprint the enactments in force upon any subject, if this were thought advisable in view of the complete work in progress in the hands of the Revising Commissioners. Their labours and future legislation must soon impair the utility of my work, but it will, I hope, always remain useful as shewing how the Statute Law stood in 1856, as the Revised Statutes will do, as a memorial of what it was in 1841.

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