

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

In the three years that have elapsed since the last edition, the statute law has greatly changed, and many new Orders-in-Council been passed. The present Digest contains an increased number of headings as well as many additional cross-references, and it is believed that the existing law is complete within these pages.

The case which was submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada, for decision upon the respective rights of the Dominion and Provincial authorities to make laws regulating fishing, was decided by that court mainly in favor of the Province. An appeal, however, was taken to the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council, where the case was argued, and is now standing for judgment. The decision of the Judicial Committee will define the rights to be exercised by the Dominion Parliament and the Provincial Legislature respectively, in the navigable and non-navigable waters of this Province.

At the last session of the Ontario Legislature an Act (60 Vict. c. 9) was passed, to come into force by proclamation. This Act regulates fishing in Ontario, and will be proclaimed law should the decision of the Judicial Committee be in favor of the Province. Until the Act above mentioned is proclaimed to be in force the law must be gathered from various Statutes and Orders-in-Council, both of the Dominion and the Province, and is as comprised within the pages of this Digest.

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