

like kind, promiscuously scattered through the twenty-two volumes containing the Provincial Statutes. Beginning at the first Act, he selected in chronological order such acts as from their nature a person would expect to find in a Municipal Manual, until he reached the last Act of the kind now in force. The result is a large collection of Acts and parts of Acts, added to the end of the Consolidated Municipal Act.

One great difficulty which the Editor experienced from first to last, was, to publish all Acts at all of use to Municipalities, and yet to keep his book in a single volume of moderate dimensions. To accomplish this, Acts have been abbreviated by the omission of mere formal matter, Acts of a private nature and so of little public utility have been in some places abridged by the statement of substance only, and in others nothing has been given except the title or heading, when expressive of the object. Other Acts, such as those regulating the inspection of Beef, Pork, Ashes, and the incorporation of Road and other Companies, have, because of their great length, and, comparatively speaking, little general utility, been entirely excluded. So have the Common School and Grammar School Acts. The reason of the exclusion of the latter is, that they are contained in "The Education Manual," a small work within the reach of all, and it is presumed in the possession of all engaged in the execution of those statutes.

The arrangement adopted has been the chronological, in preference to the analytical; the reason being that by such an arrangement the growth of the law is opened to public view, while for convenience of reference the addition of a very full Analytical Index imparts to the work all the benefits of analysis. Thus, under Toronto, Kingston, Hamilton, &c., in the Index will be found references to Acts applying specially to these Cities, though published in different parts of the volume. To make the chronological arrangement still more effective, the Editor has, as a rule, in the margin of each statute wherever it is altered or affected by a subsequent statute, made a reference to the subsequent statute. The object of this is, to guard against reading any one provision as the only or whole law on the subject, wherever there are others which ought to be read in connection with it.

For the convenience of the Legal Profession as well as for the information of all concerned, the Rules of Court governing contested Municipal