

In so brief a compass a summary of the salient features only of the various constitutional changes which have resulted in the present very liberal parliamentary system of Canada could be given. The author has also added, in the same chapter, a digest of the decisions of the judicial committee of the Privy Council and of the Supreme Court of Canada which bear upon the important question of the relative jurisdictions of the Parliament and the local legislatures. While the work was passing through the press, other decisions were given which rendered a supplementary chapter necessary, and, consequently, the twenty-second chapter will be more conveniently considered immediately after the first, or introductory chapter. These decisions have necessarily been cited without remark, as facts to be taken into account by those who are engaged in the practical work of legislation.

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