

Canadian cases on the Statutes, the task of searching for English cases is further complicated by it being necessary to find out whether or not there is any corresponding Imperial Statute, which (except in the case of some well known Statutes) is often a very troublesome thing to do.

Where annotated editions of Statutes have been published which, for example, is the case with the Municipal Act, the Assessment Act, the Mechanics' Lien Act, and the Workmen's Compensation Act, I have not attempted to cite all the cases bearing on the Statute, but have contented myself with a reference to late cases, most of which will not be found in the annotated editions of those Acts.

This Index is, to a certain extent, an experiment. The bulk of it is not very large, but the labour involved in gathering together the cases included therein has been considerable, and has extended over many years, and though I am not bold enough to think that it will be found to be altogether faultless, yet I am hopeful that its imperfections, if any, will in no wise mar its usefulness.

It may here be mentioned that where a reported case is subsequently reported in the Supreme Court, it has not been thought necessary to add the name by which it has been styled in the Supreme Court, where it differs from that under which it was originally reported in the Court below. The practice of changing the styles of causes in the Supreme Court makes it sometimes difficult to identify cases, and I have therefore thought it of more practical advantage not to make two citations of apparently separate cases, but to refer to a case in all its stages by the same name.

To those professional friends who kindly replied to my circular announcing the publication of this work I tender my sincere thanks.

A word as to the mode of using the Index. In the beginning of the book will be found a Table of all the sections noted. I suggest that this Table should be first examined, because in some instances