

further legislative experiments will in the future be desisted from, these Acts being, as the learned Chief Justice has observed, "the most complete and most perfect codes of the kind of which he has any knowledge."

I make no claim to whatever merit may be attributed to this Edition of THE MANUAL. The annotations to the Third Edition have been retained with but trivial alterations, and the new matter has been compiled almost entirely from notes handed to me by the Chief Justice. Having had the further advantage of his invaluable suggestions and careful supervision—every page of the work having passed under his eye—it is now submitted to the favourable consideration of the Legal Profession, Municipal Corporations, their Officers, and the Public.

To Trevelyan Ridout, Esq., Barrister-at-law, I am indebted for the Calendar and carefully compiled Index. He has spared no labour in making the latter as exhaustive and complete as possible. I have further to thank Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Student-at-law, for his kind and valuable assistance in the passing of the work through the press.

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Toronto, 20th October, 1878.

P. S.—Since the above was written the country has had to lament the loss of the able and gifted Chief Justice of this Province—the original editor of this work. As a sound lawyer, an able advocate and upright Judge, his memory will be long revered and his place will with difficulty be filled. I can only repeat that all that may be found valuable in this volume is due entirely to him, and the interest he took in my efforts was evidenced by suggestions relating to its concluding pages, during the last days of his illness. His kind and generous disposition, will be often recalled by many. His loss, few can deplore more than myself—it severed a strong, and uninterrupted friendship extending over a period of twenty years.

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