

## PREFACE

---

The subject treated in this volume is one to which no class of readers in the Dominion of Canada can be indifferent. Every man should be acquainted with those laws with which he is immediately concerned. No man can properly discharge the duties he owes to the public, or to himself or to his family, without in some degree possessing a definite knowledge of the laws by which all are bound and the obligations resting upon each as an individual.

This SUMMARY OF CANADIAN COMMERCIAL LAW is the pith of many volumes covering the different branches of the laws, arranged to meet the needs particularly of the school-room and college and the busy man of affairs. Although everything not absolutely essential to the object for which this work is prepared has been rigidly excluded, still the chapters on Contract, Negotiable Paper, Indorsement, Statute of Limitations, Master and Servant, Chattel Mortgages, Mortgages, Personal and Real Property, Landlord and Tenant, Partnership, and Joint Stock Companies are minutely treated because they are of supreme importance, for they belong to every-day life as much as does the knowledge of the qualities and values of goods and commodities.

The short analysis at the head of each chapter may be found convenient for the use of the teacher in the class-room, and also for students in review work.

Technical and foreign terms have been almost entirely excluded from the body of the work; but the Glossary contains a list of the legal terms in common use, with their literal and technical meaning concisely given.