

PREFACE

To the Amendment and Consolidation, 1882.

For several years past the want of a properly codified collection of the Town By-laws has been decidedly felt. Frequent violations of their provisions occurred, and these not so much in defiance of their requirements, as from the want of a proper knowledge of their contents. With the view of meeting the want the Council of 1881, upon the motion of D. M. Cameron, reeve, authorized Jas. M. Campbell to copy and consolidate the whole of the by-laws passed since 1860. This being satisfactorily completed, it was then found that many of the by-laws were *ultra vires*, either in whole or in part of their provisions, and being so, it became evident that it would be unwise to issue them as the Town's By-Laws. In 1882, on motion of the Reeve, the subject was placed in the hands of the Printing Committee with power to act. The Committee at once proceeded to carry out their instructions, and they considered it, first, necessary to have the by-laws entirely revised, from reasons already given, and from the additional fact that many powers given by the Municipal Act were not taken advantage of. In order to complete the work, the Committee authorized James Noble, P. M. to revise and prepare a code of by-laws to be submitted to the Council for their approval at as early a date as possible. Of the manner in which that duty intrusted to them has been performed by your Committee, the work now submitted, approved and passed by the Council, will itself be the best criterion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WRIGHT,

Chairman of Committee.

Strathroy, November, 1882.