

P R E F A C E .

This Edition of *The Civil Code of Lower Canada* has been undertaken with the view of supplying a want felt by the Profession, and of rendering a general knowledge of our Laws more easily accessible to the public at large.

A few remarks are needed to complete the usefulness of the different parts of this publication, and, after these, it will not be out of place to give a short statistical account of the formation and labours of the Codification Commission.

THE AUTHORITIES.

It is important that the members of the legal profession should know in what manner, and to what extent, the authorities given at the foot of each article may be of service to them. First, it must be remarked that they are merely notes of the passages consulted in preparing each article. They were furnished, in compliance with the law, to enable the Judges, and the law officers of the Government, to see upon what authority the articles were based, and were never intended for permanent publication as part of the Code. It was therefore not deemed advisable to incur the labor and delay which would have been involved in verifying and correcting them. In their present condensed form, they have been reprinted with great care from the First Edition of the Reports, which, in this particular, is far more correct than the Second. In the latter edition the text alone had been revised, while the