

contained in it have been made in their proper places, and the text of the By-laws printed as they are now in force. References have been added at the end of each section, showing the number of the original By-law and section, together with the number and section of every By-law by which it has been amended.

By the seventh section of By-law 752 power was given to the Committee "to simplify and improve the language of the old By-laws, titles and preambles, by leaving out unnecessary words and altering the references to repealed or superseded Statutes, so as to apply to those now in force, provided the legal effect of the By-laws is not altered." This power has been sparingly and, it is hoped, judiciously exercised, and, as it was felt to be inexpedient to alter further than might be absolutely necessary the text of the By-laws themselves, the references from *effete*, superseded or repealed Statutes have usually been made by side-notes indicating the corresponding enactments now in force. Similar notes have also been inserted wherever it was practicable, pointing to the statutory authority for the By-law, and to other cognate By-laws.

Near the end of the volume will be found a tabular statement extending from page 470 to page 536, which gives the number and title of every By-law passed from the incorporation of the City of Toronto, in 1834, to the 30th September, 1876, with the date of its passing, the page on which it will be found if still in force, and how it has been reported by the Committee, *e. g.*, as *effete*, repealed, superseded by subsequent legislation, &c.

This tabular statement is followed by an index prepared upon the basis of that which was appended to the Consolidation of 1866-70, but nearly twice as long, owing to the great number of new subjects to be dealt with.

The prefatory lists of officers and members of Council and other civic officials, follow the idea suggested in the former Consolidation, the lists in question, and the alphabetical index at pp. 601 to 615, being made complete to the end of the present year.