

PROCEEDINGS

TO BE ADOPTED IN CONDUCTING

PRIVATE BILLS

THROUGH THE

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA,

[WITH NOTES APPLICABLE TO THE PRACTICE IN THE LEGISLATURE OF
QUEBEC.]

1.—PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

The distinction between Public and Private Bills is one that has been recognized and acted upon by the Parliament of the Mother Country from a very early period, and the mode of proceeding upon the two classes of bills has also differed in some important particulars. In passing Private Bills, while Parliament still exercises its legislative functions, its proceedings also partake also of a judicial character; the parties interested in such bills appear as suitors, while those who apprehend injury are admitted as adverse parties to the suit.

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Much of the formality of a Court of Justice is