

ask only that the design of the undertaking be not forgotten. Though the intention was to furnish a compilation of Practical Statutes such as already defined, there may be found in it a few Statutes not strictly coming within the meaning of the definition. Wherever there were Statutes of real intrinsic importance, but of small dimensions, though perhaps not relating exclusively to the practice of the Courts, the Editor has ventured to insert them. But upon the whole, the design of the compilation has been steadily kept in view, and the limits intended, as far as reasonable, observed. The extension of the limits in this respect is a loss to the publishers, but a gain to the profession.

The Insolvent Debtors' Act of 1845; the Extension Act of 1856; and the Repealing Act, of 1857, will be found in this publication. It has been deemed expedient to give these several Acts, because of the uncertain state in which the rights of persons affected by them must for some time remain.

It will be noticed, that the Statutes are brought together in chronological order; but with the aid of an Analytical Index, it is believed, the volume will be found as useful as if the subjects were classified in the body of the work.

The Editor desires in this place to acknowledge the assistance which he has received from a very useful little volume, intitled, "Table of the Provincial Statutes in force, or which have been in force, in Upper Canada;" prepared by order of the Legislative Assembly, by G. W. W. Wicksteed, Esq., Q. C., Law Clerk of the House, whose ability and accuracy are well known, both in Upper and in Lower Canada.