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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

The difficulty of ascertaining the law from the network of original and amended statutes, both of the Dominion and the Ontario Legislatures, and from the various Orders-in-Council suspended and re-enacted, is the reason for the issue of this Digest.

With regard to game, the Dominion Parliament has not, nor does it claim, jurisdiction, but with regard to fish both governments now lay claim over all waters within this Province; at the time, however, of the passing of many of the Acts referred to herein, the Legislature of Ontario claimed jurisdiction over non-navigable and inland waters only, and the Dominion Parliament similarly over navigable streams and the greater lakes.

This Digest is a synopsis of the whole law, so far as it relates to the various animals, birds and fish protected by it, and is intended both as a handbook for the guidance and protection of sportsmen, and also as a book of reference for those whose duty or privilege it is to enforce the laws for the protection of the stock of game in this Province already so much depleted.

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