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partly by reason of the pressing engagements of the three Gentlemen above mentioned, and partly because it was undesirable to begin the work while important legislation was in actual progress. The Schedule mentioned in the Report of the Upper Canada Commissioners, and printed with it, was prepared as early as possible after the end of the Session, and after due consideration and revision, was finally settled and agreed to by the members of both Commissions, and the work was divided between them, the Lower Canada Commissioners undertaking the first portion down to the end of the Inspection Laws, (chapters 1 to 53,) and the Upper Canada Commissioners the remainder. (Chapters 54 to 111).

The great importance of the Revision of the Public General Statutes applying to all Canada, which had been assigned to the two Commissions jointly, was so evident, that the Lower Canada Commissioners did not hesitate to give it the preference over that portion of their work which applied exclusively to Lower Canada, when they found that the late period at which they were appointed and enabled to commence their work, and the additional labour thrown on them by its having to be done in two languages, would make it impossible for them to have their share of the joint work and also the exclusively Lower Canada work ready by the time when the Upper Canada Commissioners expected to complete both the Upper Canada Statutes, and that portion of the Statutes applying to all Canada which they had undertaken.

The Consolidated Statutes common to the whole Province are not only absolutely necessary to make the work of Revision complete either for Upper or Lower Canada, but they are also in themselves of paramount importance ; and the Commissioners deemed it better to complete part of their work and submit it to Your Excellency in time to be considered by the Legislature during the present Session, than to deprive Upper Canada of the benefit of the Revision until the Lower Canada Statutes should be also ready. The advantages which Lower Canada will derive from the Consolidation of the Statutes affecting Lower equally with Upper Canada will be very considerable, and there seems to be no good reason why they should be postponed until the whole work is completed.

We have, accordingly, now the honor to submit to Your Excellency the Consolidated Statutes for the whole Province of Canada, comprising one hundred and eleven chapters, and forming a Volume of 1221 printed pages, of which six hundred copies have been struck off for the use of the Government and the Legislature.