

PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

It was at the request of the Chief Justice of Ontario, shortly after his appointment to the Bench that I undertook to issue a new Edition of THE MUNICIPAL MANUAL, which was rendered necessary not only from the fact that the last edition had been out of print for some years, but that the several Acts contained therein had been recast in the new Revised Statutes of Ontario.

No pains have been spared to make this Edition not only as accurate and complete as possible, but worthy of the reputation the work has hitherto enjoyed. It contains all the recent decisions of our own Courts and a few additional English and United States cases which it is hoped may be found useful in the elucidation of the several Acts annotated. It must, however, be borne in mind that many of these foreign cases have been decided upon the construction of local legislative enactments, and in applying them, care must be taken to see that they accord with the Statute law of this Province.

In addition to "The Municipal Act" and "The Assessment Act," I have annotated "The Liquor License Act," and purposed also to give the cases decided under the several Temperance Acts of the Dominion and this Province, but finding that the work had considerably exceeded the size of the volume represented to my publishers, and fearing that subsequent legislation would render much of my labour useless, the Statutes bearing on that subject have been omitted.

A Session of the Legislature having passed with but slight amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts, it may now be hoped that the law upon these subjects is settled, and that