

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

IN the course of his work upon the Act of 1890 the writer found that in a number of instances where our Parliament had not followed the Imperial Act, the changes had not been carried into other sections where this was necessary in order to make the Act consistent with itself. The absence of any general rule for unprovided for cases, it was also thought, would interfere with the uniformity of the law in the different provinces, which was one of the main objects of the Act. The Minister of Justice signified his approval of these changes, and the amending Act of 1891 was introduced and passed.

The present work was delayed in order that these amendments might be embodied in their proper places. Meantime the notes and illustrations were extended beyond the limits originally contemplated. The references to cases, statutes and other authorities in the work number nearly four thousand. The number of separate decisions cited is two thousand three hundred, and the number of illustrations nearly a thousand. The decisions are brought down to January, 1892.

Where a summary of the law is given for any country it is taken as a rule from the latest edition of one of the leading text writers. Thus, for a summary of the law in England reference is usually made to Byles on Bills, 15th ed., 1891, or to Chalmers, 4th ed., 1891. For the United States, Daniel on Negotiable Instruments, 4th ed., 1891, and Randolph on Commercial Paper have been selected. For the old French law, Pothier, *Contrat de Change*, is usually cited; and for the modern French law, the *Code de Commerce*, and Nonguier, *Lettres de Change*, 4th ed., 1875.