

## PREFACE.

This collection of cases presents over one hundred judicial discussions of important topics of municipal law dealing amongst others with ultra vires, compulsory purchase, compensation, franchises, misfeasance, nonfeasance, assessment, rates, taxation, tax sales, borrowing, procedure at meetings, contracts, responsibility of members of councils, scrutines and ballots.

In addition to these purely municipal subjects a few cases are given dealing with officers of general government such as policemen and health inspectors, in respect of whom, though they are appointed by municipal authorities, the doctrine of *respondet superior* does not apply.

Cases have also been included dealing with the statutory duties of a water company, the liability of an exhibition association in respect of unsafe premises, and the responsibility of a railway company for acts of a policeman employed by them.

While the cases have not been selected with a view to illustrating matters of practice, it will be found that the collection throws a great deal of light on such matters as *quo warranto*, quashing by-laws, injunction, mandamus and actions by the Attorney-General and by ratepayers.

Some of the cases included possibly cannot be termed leading cases. Clear expositions of principles have been sought for rather than cases in which principles have been first laid down.

Not the least interesting feature of the cases is the opportunity they afford of examining side by side the considered work of the representative English and Canadian Judges.

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