

## PREFACE.

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The recent changes in the laws affecting the Electoral Franchise in Ontario,—by which the right of suffrage for Legislative Elections has been extended to nearly all male persons of full age,—have rendered necessary the publication of a second edition of the Editor's "Manual on Voters' Lists."

But while the Franchise for Legislative Elections has been generally approaching "Manhood Suffrage," the Municipal Franchise has remained at the qualifications fixed in 1873 (36 Vic. cap. 48) supplemented by the addition, in 1874, of Income Voters (37 Vic. cap. 3) and, in 1877, of Farmers' Sons (40 Vic. cap. 9.)

The titles of the two classes of Voters—for Legislative and Municipal Elections,—are not uniform, as may be seen by an examination of the annexed table. And the statutory directions given to Municipal Clerks in preparing the Voters' Lists have been framed more in harmony with the rules governing the Legislative, rather than the Municipal, Franchise. (See notes pp. 10-15.)

The registration of Voters for Legislative and Municipal Elections being inseparable, and being required to be incorporated in the one Voters' List, the notes appended to this Edition have been written with the view of assisting Municipal Clerks and others engaged in the preparation and revision of Voters' Lists, in the labor of harmonizing the divergent titles and qualifications prescribed for each Franchise.

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