

## PREFACE.

It will not be necessary to state at length the reasons for undertaking the present compilation and consolidation of the By-Laws of these United Counties. When it is considered that some five hundred and fifty By-Laws have been passed by the Council since the year 1850, that some of them have not been printed and can only be referred to in manuscript, that many have been repealed and amended, but owing to their not having been printed and numbered it is difficult to trace such amendments and repeals, that in many instances By-Laws neither distinctly repealing nor amending have created inconsistencies, and that there is no such thing as an analytical index or digest to call attention to such repeals or amendments, it will be seen at once how necessary was the step taken by the Council at its June Session.

No such collection or consolidation has been made since the year 1848 during the time of the Eastern District Municipal Council.

After due deliberation the only feasible course in the opinion of the Committee was to print all the By-Laws, first having consolidated all those relating to the same subjects, amending where necessary, so as to exhibit and record the unbroken course of legislation, under the Municipal Acts in these United Counties, by giving the series of both numbers and titles from the establishment of Municipal authority therein, with the sole distinction of printing at length only those By-Laws still in force.

It was also thought by the Committee that inasmuch as the material collected was to form a Record, an appropriate introduction to the same would be a Schedule of the names of the members of the Council and County Officials, thus rendering it a matter of easy reference to ascertain on the one hand the names of the members of the Council at the time any By-Law was passed, and to preserve on the other hand a record of useful and for the most part gratuitous service rendered to the United Counties by their representatives and officials, many of whom have already passed away.

The Committee have had prepared a By-Law number 552 in the series, containing a list of all repealed and amended By-Laws, with amendments at length, and have inserted the amendments in their places in the different By-Laws without further reference or comment.

The consolidation of the numerous By-Laws referring to similar subjects has been made with a careful endeavor to preserve as far as possible both the wording and the intention of the original By-Laws, which consolidated By-Laws have been submitted to the Council and have been re-adopted.

In addition to the marginal notes the index has been made as full and complete as possible.

The Committee under the resolution of Council employed Robert B. Carman, Esquire, of the firm of Carman & Leitch, Barristers, &c., Cornwall, to make the present compilation and consolidation of the By-Laws.

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Chairman of Committee.

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