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The Educational Manual, owes its origin to the same cause that first prompted the publication of the Municipal Manual, viz., the necessity of supplying the various parties employed in carrying into successful operation the Municipal and Common School organization of Canada, with such a manual of reference on these subjects as might enable them creditably to discharge the duties devolving upon them.

In preparing for the press the fifth edition of the Municipal Manual, the attention of the editor was drawn to the fact, that although the Common Schools were in some measure connected with the Municipalities, still the Educational System of the Province might justly be considered as an entirely independent structure, and entitled as such to separate notice, he therefore excluded from the Municipal Manual all matter appertaining to Schools, determining to supplement that work with one exclusively devoted to the subject of Education, the Educational Manual is the result.

The Editor cannot submit the work to the public, without (as in justice bound) acknowledging his great obligations to MR. THOMAS HODGINS of the Educational Office, to whom he is indebted for the Explanatory Notes to the School Acts, &c., for the Digest of the Decisions in the Courts of Law, and generally for a liberal devotion of his time and attention to the work in every part.

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The Editor trusts that the Educational Manual will now be found all that it professes to be, and instrumental in promoting still further the universal spread of *Education* in the Province.

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