

P R E F A C E



ON the 8th September, 1841, an Order was passed by the Legislative Assembly, directing "a General Index to be made to the Journals of the House of Assembly of the late Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada." In accordance with the above Order, this Index (to the Journals of Upper Canada) was prepared; But it appearing that there was no complete set of the Journals prior to 1825, in consequence of the destruction of the Parliament House, and most of the Parliamentary Records, by fire, the Compiler has deemed it advisable to include, in the present Work, the series of *printed Journals only* (which commence with that year); and should it be thought desirable to have an Index made to the incomplete set of the M.S. Journals prior to that date, it may form a separate volume.

The nature of the Work, and the method of its arrangement, cannot be better described than by quoting the following from the Preface to the last Index-Volume of the Commons' Journals, which was directed to be used by the Compiler, as a model in the preparation of the present Work:

"The object of an Index of the Journals of the House of Commons is Twofold: To exhibit, as briefly as is consistent with useful information, all the matters which have been brought under the notice of the House; and secondly, To shew the manner and form of all the Proceedings of the House upon those matters. Under the First description, the various *Accounts and Papers* presented to the House, *Addresses* presented by the House, *Committees* appointed by the House, and indeed all Transactions and Motions whatever, are included; whilst under the Second description, or DIGEST, are to be classed, instances of the various Authorities for presenting *Accounts and Papers* to the House, the Modes of so doing, and the various Orders, Resolutions, and Incidental Proceedings relative to *Accounts and Papers*: and in like manner with regard to *Addresses, Committees*, and the other large Titles which occur in the Alphabetical arrangement."

Under the head of "Supply" will be found a Table, shewing the sums voted by the House in each Session; and, inasmuch as the system that obtained in the Legislature of Upper Canada, of introducing a separate Bill for each grant (instead of including all grants in a general Bill of Supply, as is now the custom), rendered the same liable, in passing through the various stages of the Bill, to alteration or rejection, it was found necessary to examine the Statutes, to ascertain the amount