

"of legislation is doubtful, or has been doubted, and which, in consequence, have not been consolidated; also Acts of a public nature which, for other reasons, have not been considered proper Acts to be consolidated." The Commissioners were, by their commission, directed to "note the enactments of the old Provincial Statutes which have been repealed or altered; and also to classify all unrepealed enactments according to their subjects, care being taken to distinguish those applying to one or more Provinces only;" and they did so, and ascertained what enactments in the said statutes were clearly in force and related to subjects now under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, or as to which the jurisdiction was doubtful; and we stated that when such Provincial enactments related to matters forming the subject of a chapter of the Revised Statutes, they were printed with such chapter but were made separate sections, and the Province or Provinces to which alone they apply were distinctly indicated; but if they related to matters with respect to which there was no chapter in the Revised Statutes, or the question of jurisdiction was doubtful, they were not printed in that work as then distributed, but only referred to in Schedule B, annexed to it, and left to be printed with the others referred to in the heading to that schedule, in a third and separate volume, which is now printed and distributed, and is that of which the title forms the heading of this article. It contains all the Provincial Acts or enactments on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, or as to which its jurisdiction or that of a Provincial Legislature is doubtful, or has been questioned, which are still in force in the Provinces by the Legislatures whereof they were respectively enacted (including those of the Civil Code of Lower Canada, now the Province of Quebec), except such as are incorporated as above mentioned in the Revised Statutes vols. 1 and 2, in the chapters on the subjects to which they relate.

This third volume is, in some respects, the one which was most needed. Every lawyer, and indeed every man of business in the Dominion, requires occasionally to know

not only the statute law in force in the whole of the Dominion, but that in force in some one or more Provinces. That applying to the whole Dominion was to be found in its statutes, of which most lawyers have a complete copy, while few have copies of the statutes of all the Provinces. Yet lawyers, bankers, merchants and men of business in any Province are constantly becoming interested in questions affected by the statute law of other Provinces, as, for instance, those relating to bills of exchange, carriage of goods on inland waters, and many other subjects. These Provincial enactments will now be found in one or other of the three volumes prepared by the Commissioners. And still more important will be the volume now before us to the legislator wishing to amend and consolidate the law on any subject, and make it uniform throughout the Dominion. The third volume contains also the Public General Acts of the Dominion Parliament in force at the time of the publication of the Revised Statutes, but which, as being of a temporary nature, or for other reasons, were not considered proper Acts for consolidation.

Some idea of the extent, value and efficiency of the work performed by the Commissioners may be formed from the following brief summary of the contents of the volume now before us, viz.:-

Acts of the late Province of Canada (Upper and Lower Canada united) prior to the Consolidated Statutes of 1859—13 Acts, 87 pages.

Acts forming part of the Consolidated Statutes of the Province of Canada—8 Acts, 92 pages.

Acts forming part of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada—13 Acts, 68 pages.

Acts forming part of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada—9 Acts, 51 pages.

Acts of the late Province of Canada, after the Consolidated Statutes of 1859, including parts of the Civil Code of Lower Canada—25 Acts, 155 pages.

Acts of Nova Scotia, Revised Statutes, third series—15 Acts, 40 pages.

Act of Nova Scotia prior to the Revised Statutes, third series—1 Act, 5 pages.