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FOREWORD

In bringing out this Edition of the Civil Code of the Province of Quebec I am conscious that it contains no novelty of presentation, but follows the general scheme and format of previous pocket editions. The usual cross-references are given, to the Code Napoleon, our Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure; and a special effort has been made to render the citations of statutes helpful, if not complete. The amendments of the last session of the Legislature are included. When commencing the work, my ambition was to follow the method of the small *Code Civil* published by Librairie Dalloz in the *Petite Collection Dalloz*. But the reasons which made the realization of that ambition impossible are those which have delayed so long the publication of this volume—the greatly increased cost of production in war time, the reluctance of publishers to undertake the work unless a large number of subscriptions were first obtained, and the necessarily small number of possible purchasers. I offer my apologies to the many members of the profession and others who subscribed for the Code many months ago in the belief that it would be shortly in their hands. Causes of delay, quite beyond my control, have constantly arrested progress.

No effort has been spared to produce an accurate copy of the official version of our codified law and its amendments. Continual comparison of texts and two thorough readings of the proof have been made with that in view.

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